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We believe that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man, regardless of race, color or creed, his human and equal rights. Having no race, fearing no man, the Colored Press strives to help every man in the firm belief that all are hurt so long as anyone is held back.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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.

Should we have a colored councilmanic district?

Asked what he thought of proposals made this week to create a new councilmanic district out of that section of northwest and south Baltimore where the residents are principally colored, William L. Fitzgerald had an answer.

"I am for anything that will give us representation in the council again," he said.

"When we had two colored councilmen—one from the 17th and one from the 14th wards—the district was gerrymandered so that we could not elect another one.

"After some 15 years in which we have been deprived of council representation to which one-fourth of the city's population is entitled, I am favor of another redistricting that will give it back."

Mr. Fitzgerald, at 82, is entitled to be heard on this subject.

He is the only living ex-colored Baltimore city councilman.

The older generation recalls that colored men like Warner McGuinn, Harry Cummings, Hiram Watty, Walter Emerson and Dr. Marcus Cargill represented their wards and the city council with intelligence and often with distinction.

We dislike gerrymanders, but we hate more the uncivilized race prejudice which has so long deprived so large a portion of this city of political representation in the council.

A scheme in disguise

Taking a page advertisement in one of the local dailies, a group of organizations urges the area surrounding the 5th Regiment Armory as the best site for the new State Office Building.

It gives four reasons.

First, that it is centrally located, not too far from the Pennsylvania Railroad the Greyhound Bus, and the B. and O. Railroad stations.

Also that is is close to the Richmond Market, the Maryland General Hospital, and Woman's Hospital.

Second, it permits city redevelopment and will transform a blighted area into a model neighborhood.

Third, it will increase the taxable value of the surrounding area.

Fourth, since slum clearance will be connected with the redevelopment, the project will be eligible for federal funds.

All of these arguments overlook certain facts which seem to us pertinent:

1. Downtown traffic now is choked to capacity. On many busy days, the traffic is blocked on through streets for four and five blocks. Parking is virtually impossible.

Erection of the new State Office Building near the 5th Regiment Armory simply means increasing downtown congestion and filling up an additional number of residential streets with cars that are parked, bumper to bumper.

2. While the immediate area of Richmond Market will be improved, other adjoining areas, because of traffic and parking, will rapidly become depreciated.

3. The state of Maryland, which on occasion likes to assume the title of the free state and frown upon large handouts from the federal government, is now seeking to make a grab of federal funds by asking the government to do for this city what it ought to do for itself.

In none of its arguments does this group of associates take into account that a site farther away from the central part of the city would be cheaper for the state and more desirable for that reason.

Nor is anything said about what shall be done with the 1,000 families who own or rent their property in the area which they propose to condemn.

Nor is there one whit of testimony to the effect that anybody who is compelled to move from that area would be permitted to return and live in the public housing thus developed.

In fact, the whole scheme is a thinly disguised segregation project to get rid of the colored people now living in that area.

They propose to do it by the subterfuge of having the city and state condemn the land then turn some portion of it over to private developers, who would rent to white people only.

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MARINES COLLECT TOYS

This week starts the annual Marine Corps Reserve "Toys For Totos" collection in this area. From now until Dec. 19 over 400 members of Marine Corps Reserve Units at Fort McHenry will gather toys from all sections of the city for distribution to needy children at Christmas time.

Gov. McKeldin's banquet speech

Governor McKeldin, speaking at the testimonial Tuesday night honoring Clarence M. Miles of the Orioles told a story to point out that players on Baltimore's major league baseball team should be selected on their ability rather than their color.

The story the governor used dealt with the University of Maryland's football coach, Jim Tatum, and gave an alleged experience the southern - born coach had with a colored football player at Columbia University.

The illustration used by the governor started the AFRO's switchboard ringing with calls from the radio and television audience, the majority of them expressing indignation.

Our feeling in the matter is that Governor McKeldin was making the laudable point that management of the Baltimore Orioles would do well to hire players on the basis of their ability, not their color.

If anyone was depicted in a bad light by use of the illustration, it was Coach Tatum, not Governor McKeldin.

Peculiar antics in Bladensburg

With juvenile delinquency taking the spotlight hereabout, the behavior of Mayor-Otis L. Stevens of Bladensburg last week was, to say the least, peculiar.

A Prince Georges county jury last Monday found Police Chief Bryan M. Dorsey and Pvt. Elmer Thompson of Bladensburg guilty of beating a 13-year-old youth in their custody last August.

The Bladensburg town council had declined to suspend the officers when they were charged, and even after they were convicted and sentenced, Mayor Stevens still tried to keep them on duty.

They stayed on duty until last Friday night, when, over Mayor Stevens' objections, the council finally forced them to resign.

It was high time.

What kind of respect for law and order does the good mayor think we can teach youth, if city officials like himself have strayed so far from the path set to uphold men who break the very laws they are sworn to defend?

POET'S NOOK

To One I Loved

I see her looking through my garden
A little maid of three,
With the biggest, broadest, dearest smile
Especially for me.
Dressed in her mother's high-heeled shoes
A hat of tremendous size,
A skirt that trails upon the ground—
And love in her soft brown eyes.
Just then the naughty breezes pass
Two small brown hands reach high,—
And grasp the hat before it sails
Way off into the sky.
Those little hands were folded now
Upon her gentle breast,
Her feet have found the Golden Stairs
To the Islands of the Blessed.
—ANITA S. HOFFMAN

A Short Prayer

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all Thy mercies and make us mindful of the needs of others.

POLITICS:

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

Whether the City Council should be prodded to create a Republican district is a justified political question of the moment.

It goes without saying that none of the persons who sponsored this proposal want to foster or promote the evils of segregation.

Rather it is evident that they seek to integrate the personnel of the legislative body.

The sole question appears to be, "Is this sound and necessary?

It is undoubtedly true that the city needs to be redistricted so that the registered vote is equitably distributed.

It is equally true that wherever the plan under consideration, it should take into account our political interests and ability to elect our own.

However, we should be alert to avoid taking any unnecessary step that may realize an immediate aim which at the same time stifles our political growth and maturity.

Question Elementary

The question resolves itself very simply as to whether or not we can insure colored representation as the city is presently constituted.

It is true that in no single district of the city does the colored voters out number the white; it comes closer to an equation in the Fourth, where there are 25,324 colored to approximately 28,21 white voters.

It is significant to note that in this district there are over 22,500 eligible but unregistered colored voters, whereas the white vote is registered to 86 per cent.

In the Second district there are only 11,470 colored to 25,884 white voters.

Again here it is worthy to note that there are about 20,012 eligible but unregistered colored voters.

In the Sixth district there are 34,893 white to 11,032 colored voters with some 20,414 eligible but unregistered

From this picture, it is reasonable to assume that as presently constituted, we can, with minimum effort, insure the election of three colored candidates in the Fourth councilmanic district and with a little more "level-pushing" create the potential to elect in the Second and Sixth districts also.

Two or 3 Council Seats

It is also reasonable to assume that any new colored district would have two, certainly no more than three, seats in the council.

To so confine our potential strength in one restricted area, as proposed, may be the means to keep us from achieving maximum political influence, more over it is contrary to our quest to achieve full and capable integration.

If this seems unacceptable, it would be far wiser to propose a plan to create 20 councilmanic districts.

This latter plan would give assurance to our own representation and at the same time, allow us to increase its size as we fan out into new areas.

Reporters' Report To The People

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

If Hailee Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia could see his grandson now he probably be fit to be tied.

While the notorious ruler is gayly romping through his palace wooing the charms of fair-skinned beauties, claiming himself to be a descendant of the white Aryan race, denying his racial connections with the colored people, his grandson is here in America doing the exact opposite.

During my visit to New York over the past week end, met the royal - blooded youth. Offhand, to look at him, I never would have guessed him to be a probable heir to the Ethiopian throne.

Calls Self Sampson

He's known to his American friends as Sampson. (I never learned his real name, though understand it's quite a tongue tickler.)

He's 20 years old, has been in the country three years, speaks perfect English and at present is studying business administration at Columbia University.

To look at him, I would think him to be a Harlem "zoot-suiter," what with his natural straight black hair laden with grease, and his flare for draped suits.

The dark brown-skinned youth has also mastered the smooth talk of the Harlem wolves and hipsters. Conversing in a gathering, is surrounded by more girls, both white and colored, than Billy Eckstine.

Enjoys Colored Americans

And to top it all, he is perfectly happy in the company of American colored people, the same persons who gladly contributed their hard - earned dollars during the early part of World War II, to help Haile Selassie fight against Mussolini's invading armies, only to have it thrown back in their faces because the emperor wanted no help from dark - skinned Americans.

How Sampson's ancestry ever became public knowledge is a mystery to me because he shies away from the subject with a demanding phrase, "You know more about me than I do myself."

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Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

On Sunday a group of underprivileged children will witness the Colts - San Francisco football tangle out at the stadium, courtesy the Baltimore Transit company.

The BTC purchased 125 tickets before the season started and at every Colt game disabled veterans and children occupy the seats, which are on the field directly behind the visitors' bench.

The children will come from the northwest area and the project is in the capable hands of Milton Brown, co-ordinator of the Northwest Community Council.

Overheard this week was the conversation of a man with trouble. Seems he had fallen behind in the payment of a bill and the collector persuaded him to sign a check for the overdue payments, even though he knew our hero did not have a bank account.

In 'Good Faith'

The collector reportedly told him that the check would not be cashed as it was a "move of good faith" and, when the overdue amount was paid, the check would be refunded.

Now the man can't meet the bill and the collector threatens to have the man arrested for false pretenses.

The Christmas party on Dec. 19 at the Royal theatre, will feature "Doc" Wainguist as Santa Claus, a perfect choice for the job. Doc is a well known Baltimore figure.

NOTES IN PASSING—Hackers about Lexington market were doing a land office business Wednesday transporting passengers back up-town. Most of the shoppers were burdened with heavy packages that meant healthy holiday dinners.

The cutest twins in Baltimore are now residents at Provident hospital. They were abandoned last week when they were less than two days old and ended up at Provident where the city is footing their care. Just to prove there are still people with a heart, a number of calls have been received at the hospital seeking information on the possible adoption of the girls.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

There is a saying in the news gathering business that names make news. Struck up a conversation with a fellow from Georgia the other day and discovered once again that the saying is true.

The gent casually mentioned the name Possum Trot, Ga., I didn't believe him so I decided to do a bit of sleuthing to satisfy my curiosity.

Was surprised to find that there is not only a Possum Trot in the state of Georgia, but also a Cherrylog, Headlight, and Leaf.

Earth's Happy

The state of Texas can brag about Happy, Earth, and Muleshoe. Strange as it seems, the town of Earth is located near Muleshoe.

Kentucky has Monkeys Eyebrow; Pennsylvania, Seldom Seen and Geesytown. In my book Arkansas takes first prize with Delight, Fidelity, Dollar Junction; Republican, Democrat, Red Riding Hood, Oil Trough, and Okay.

My curiosity got the best of me so I searched even further and found that Alabama has Getup and a Getmore; Mississippi, Soso and Hot Coffee; New York, Podunk; and Massachusetts the city of Braintree.

Offensive Songs

More than once I have mentioned through this column, that for the past few years I have kept my eyes and ears open for popular songs with offensive words.

If I can remember correctly, at the age of six back in Texas I once heard a song by Louis Armstrong in which an offensive word was mentioned.

As I grew older gradually I forgot about the term. In fact I hadn't thought about the song in years. A local radio station brought back that memory Monday morning.

I remember the tune well now, it was "Sleepy Time Down South." Armstrong was singing "d------ crooning soft and low." Guess I was foolish to think such records were obsolete.

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

News Item: A survey of the country's pet population this week reveals that families in the United States have as many cats and dogs as they have children.

Statistics report that there are nearly 50,000,000 cats and dogs running around the America home today, along with about 50,000,000 youngsters under 18.

As a matter of fact, there are more pets and cats — 49,300,000 of them — than there are American households which number only 41,000,000.

The nation is no longer going to the dogs. It has went.

Needs clothes

Dear AFRO:

I am a 21-year-old mother of five children, ages six months to six years-old and am a victime of rheumatic heart disease. My husband suffers with asthma and heart ailments and is now bedridden and unable to work.

Though we get assistance from the welfare department for food and rent, we do not have enough money to buy winter clothes, which we need badly.

I'm hoping someone can help us. Anything we get will be greatly appreciated.

MRS. SHIRLEY GLASCO
2425 Barclay st.

self, then went out and got drunk."

Rosenthal's Department store offered with each $35 purchase a free "eviscerated" turkey for Thanksgiving.

Customers rushed in — after they rush to the dictionary to look up what this means. Translation: disembowled.

Hodge-Podge

By BOB MATTHEWS

The hardiest sports fan in the world today is the football fan.

No matter how bad the weather may be, he'll be out to "root the boys home."

Standard equipment at football games in the colder regions of the country is a huge coat, blanket and flask. Naturally, the flask contains . . . hot coffee.

If it should happen to rain, the rabid fan merely puts the blanket over his head and stays right in his seat. If a snowstorm blows up, he wraps the blanket around himself, takes a sip of the "coffee" and stays put.

Of course, in some of the larger stadiums, a rain or snowstorm will completely obscure the playing field. Makes no difference, they'll sit there just as complacently, vowing they are having a wonderful time.

Now the female football fan is of a different species. Unless they have a good-looking fur coat, or an ultra-sharp winter coat, they won't go to the game at all.

Standard equipment for them, is a large flower, usually a 'mum, and a burning desire to let everyone in the stands see that new coat. The football game? . . . merely incidental to the fashion parade.

Getting back to the sturdiness of the football fan, wonder what happens to these same fans when baseball season rolls around?

These same fans who have sat through a blinding snowstorm, driving rain, and visibility obscuring smog (called smaze in Baltimore), will run for cover at the first drop of rain when they attend a baseball game.

I like basketball, it's played indoors.

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

BELLS INVENTION

Man calls up about the story in Tuesday's AFRO concerning the Crownsville patient who suffered fatal burns when another patient, trying to be helpful, gave him a bath in scalding hot water.

The caller referred to a statement in the story indirectly blaming the incident on a shortage of help.

"What do they mean, shortage of help?" he asked. "I am a taxpayer and I should think they would have enough money out there to hire the proper amount of employees. Jessup's Cut is also a state institution but don't they don't find enough help to keep those fellows in jail."

STREETCARS

Then another fellow calls up to complain about the attitude of some of the streetcar operators.

Said he was on a No. 19 streetcar, this week, when a woman ran to catch the car as it was waiting for a light. Just as she reached the car the light changed and the motorman, clanging merrily, ignored her frantic rap on the door and sped away.

Caller pointed out that there were two more No. 19 streetcars right in front of this one.

Coincidently, the next day another man calls up to complain about the way women run into the street to catch streetcars.

Said he was driving down North ave., near Druid Hill, when just as he was passing the safety zone a woman dashed out of a drugstore on the corner and dashed madly to catch a No. 13 streetcar which was taking on passengers. "I almost hit her," he complained.

PUBLIC

A woman calls up to tell about a policeman who patrols the beat near Dunbar High school. The policeman, she identified him as Patrolman Caplan, goes into the school three or four times a day to chat with pupils he encounters in the hallways.

She said that since Patrolman Caplan has been making his periodic visits a gang of ruffians that used to loiter in the vicinity has disappeared. "He deserves a write-up," she said.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

LAMBDA KAPPA MU WOMEN REALLY SHINE

Lambda Kappa Mu is a national graduate sorority composed of business and professional women. It was organized in 1943. It aims to encourage other women and girls to interest themselves in business and professional careers.

Mrs. Phillips

To this end, they give five year to deserving scholarships and superior college students. The sorority's 300 odd members live in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, where they are leaders in their fields.

National president or grand basileus is Baltimore's Vivian G. Alleyne, one of this city's most energetic and effective civic workers. She was elected in 1951 to succeed Margaret Hawthorne, Washington attorney.

On Saturday, the sorority held its Eastern Regional Convention here at Morgan Christian Center.

The general public was invited to the luncheon meeting when E. Frederic Morrow, Commerce Department advisor, was guest speaker.

That's when we had an opportunity to see the Lambda women shine.

They presided at the meeting with dignity. They sang beautifully. They were friendly and well-poised as they broke bread with their neighbors. They were well-groomed and attractive to the eye.

When they talked, those of us who were their guests had a warm and pleasant feeling because we realized we were listening to superior, well-trained, intelligent women who had something to say and said it.

From the moment Regional President Kathryn Wetmore of Morristown, N.J., gave the signal that the luncheon meeting was open; and Baltimore's Lillie B. Wroten, basileus of the host chapter, said a sincere welcome; to the closing minutes when Grand Basileus Alleyne said thank you for coming, you felt a certain pride sitting there watching them.

Next time Lambda Kappa Mu women have an affair, join them and see for yourself.

WE NEED MORE HENRY H. GARDNERS

Orchids to Henry H. Gardner, 1627 Division st. He's the construction worker and father of an 11-year-old son, who gave $500, yes I said $500, to the Baltimore NAACP for its legal redress fund.

One resident who read about Mr. Gardner's gift in this newspaper last week wondered out loud where the money came from.

Others will put Mr. Gardner in a class with crackpots or as he himself puts it, "some people will think I'm crazy."

But, I'm not concerned with where Mr. Gardner's money came from. I presume he earned it, like all of us do. And I don't think he's crazy. Fact of the matter is, I think he's one of the most intelligent persons in our midst. Listen to what he said when he made his gift:

"Some people will think I'm crazy. I don't even have an automobile, only a truck loaded down with my equipment, but I think it is more important to fight Jim crow than to buy a car.

"I want my son to have the same right as any other American boy. This is an investment in my son's future and the future of my people.

"I've been a member of the NAACP 17 years, I know the fine work of its president, Mrs. Lillia Jackson. I've always given to the NAACP and I will continue to invest that much and more, if I can.

"I've lived as a second-class citizen all my life. I think giving to the NAACP's Legal Redress Fund to fight segregation will be helping my son better than it would if I put it in savings for him."

Well, all I say is give us more Henry Gardners. Too many persons, some of them well-fixed, have not contributed to the NAACP's important fight for equal citizenship.

The Henry Gardners of our city are the real citizens. Thank God for them! By the way, have you given your $1 to the NAACP yet?

THEY'LL GET YOU TO CHURCH

If you've been failing behind in attending church regularly, take it from me you will cease such dereliction, when your youngsters become of Sunday-school age.

Until January, 1952, I was kept from regular church attendance because of my work schedule.

More recently, I have had Sundays free, and church attendance was possible. But some Sundays I felt I needed to sleep late or rest at home.

This is to testify, you can't get away with it if you have a 4½-year-old daughter in the house. Around Friday, she begins to ask, "will I go to Sunday school this Sunday?"

On Saturday mornings, she starts her own preparations. She wants a nickel to put in her pocketbook for Sunday school. She inquires what dress she may wear, and whether her cousins down the street will be going.

But I'm grateful to her for prodding me and seeing that she gets to church, because I go too. I realize now I was missing something.

The peace which comes over you as you sit in church and worship God, can not be duplicated anywhere. You get pleasure from joining in the hymn-singing, reciting the morning prayers.

You feel differently during the week that follows, when you've taken time on Sunday to get down on your knees and thank God for his blessings. And you're comforted by the words of your minister.

THIS AND THAT ABOUT OUR TOWN

My seat companion on the 7:15 a.m. train to Washington Tuesday was Vernon F. Greene, top-ranking employee in the postal service, by reason of his appointment last August to the $8,000-post of trial attorney and assistant to U.S. Postmaster Arthur Summerfield.

When I expressed surprise that he was off so early in his job, he explained he's not due until 9 a.m., but always manages to get at his desk 15 minutes ahead of time.

Mr. Greene should get to work on time, and ahead of time if possible to prepare for the day's tasks.

During the Korean war, he held the rank of major and commanding officer of companies, composed of over 1,500 men. Getting up in the Army, was no problem and as a civilian he finds it just as easy to get out of bed.

In his new post, Major Greene specializes in legal work involving claims of postmasters, and helps interpret postal laws they apply to all minority groups.

Baltimore has reason to be proud of this native son, Carson C. Johnson, Jr., 23, who is presently a graduate psychology student at Howard University.

In addition to pursuing his own studies, he is a teaching fellow and instructs other students in mental hygene three times a week.

A last month he was selected to be honorary queen of Letter of Psi Chi, the national honorary psychology society. Young Carson is the son of **Mrs. Katherine O. Johnson, who taught at elementary school No. 141. His father, Dr. Carson O. Johnson, a physician, died eight years ago. Wouldn't his dad be proud of him!**

By the way, Carson Jr.'s election to the honorary society took came on the anniversary of his father's death.

Recently had a chance to meet for the first time friendly Mrs. Jennie Richardson. Have known her children all their lives. Chuck, is the radio announcer; Leonard is a hotel employee and a high school classmate; and Minerva (now Waiting) is a housewife. They take after their height and handsomeness from their mother.

TW worker Vera Cole and Baltimore Colt player, Met Embree have set the event for December 19 at her parents' Indianapolis home.

William H. Haile, who was elected vice president of the Atlantic Coast District of the International Longshoremen's Association, is a veteran of 36 years in the field. It couldn't have happened to a nicer person. He succeeds the late Jefferson Davis.

Municipal Judge Herbert Millen of Philadelphia will be the key speaker when Provident hospital holds its 25th anniversary celebration and reception.

The event is set for Sunday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m., at Union Methodist church. Harrison and Druid Park aves. The Rev. N. B. Carrington is pastor.

Interest in membership at St. James PE church on Sunday was Dr. Julian Childs who transferred from St. Barnabas in Germantown, Pa.

Dr. Childs, who lives in Catonsville, is a specialist in radiology at Provident hospital.

Visitor in the city this week—Marshall Hood, who now conducts the Capital Sales Co., in Washington. He and the former Helena Ball of Baltimore, were married in January.

HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS

When things go wrong, remember then

The happy heart has strength of ten.

When the sorrow, sing a song—

It makes all right when things seem wrong.

Nichols hits critics of Allen project

Ousted presiding elder blamed for filing suit

PHILADELPHIA

Bishop D. Ward Nichols, presiding prelate of the 14th AME district, this week, cautiously criticized the seven complainants who on Nov. 6 filed legal action against him and four associates.

The petitioners asked the court to restrain Bishop Nichols and members of the Allen building fund committee from selling the Allen building, 716-18 S. 19th st., to the first district.

Lashing out at his critics, the bishop accused them of coming into court with "unclean hands."

"Their purpose," he declared, "is not simply to prevent sale of the Allen building, but to embarrass the church and this administration."

Contends Women Duped

Further, Bishop Nichols said testimony of one of the plaintiffs, by affadavit, "shows that she was duped into this by a disgruntled former employee."

He added that had the plaintiffs desired to make use of the machinery of the church, they would have come to him, their bishop and spiritual leader.

In support of his contention that one of the plaintiffs was duped into signing the petition, he produced an affadavit signed Nov. 17 by Mrs. Minnie Wilson of Flushing, N.Y.

Mrs. Wilson, member of Macedonia church of Flushing, testified as follows:

Rev. Johnson Named

About a month ago a Mrs. Annie Murdock, a former member of Macedonia, came to her home and invited her (Mrs. Wilson) and her husband to her (Mrs. Murdock's) home.

She went. Arriving there she found the Rev. W. L. Johnson (5620 Haverford ave., Philadelphia).

Mrs. Wilson quoted the Rev. Mr. Johnson as saying he came to New York to obtain signatures from members of Macedonia because he felt badly about the bishop planning to sell the Allen building.

She said she signed the petition after some hesitation, and after telling the minister she always had been a staunch supporter of the bishop's program.

Surprised By News Story

"I was surprised when I found that I was suing the bishop," Mrs. Wilson's affadavit asserted.

According to further testimony she says she never authorized anyone to sue the bishop in her behalf and wanted her name removed from the paper.

The Rev. C. Grant Crumpley is pastor of Macedonia.

Bishop Nichols acquired title of the Allen building at a sheriff's sale May 9, 1949, for $54,020.

The complainants accused him of asking $68,000 from the first district.

No Profit, Says Bishop

The difference, the bishop said, was money spent in taxes, various fees and maintenance since he acquired title to the property.

"Profit is not my motive," he said. "If the building is turned over to the district for $68,000, I will not make a dime on the transaction—not even interest on the money."

He said his purpose for buying the property was to save it for the church. "I propose to turn it over to the pension department for a home for worthy laymen and retired preachers."

Members Want Property

The prelate further said that the church people, their friends and those who believe the building should be retained by the AME church already have contributed more than $36,000 to the fund.

The Thanksgiving convocation, held last Thursday in Harrisburg, Pa., contributed $18,000, he declared.

"A lot of the money came from laymen who do not get appointments from the bishop," he declared. He added that this is proof members support his program in regards to the building.

Plaintiffs Listed

In addition to Mrs. Wilson, plaintiffs in the case are:

Taylor M. Lewis, Wilmington, Del.; Samuel M. Lawson and Harry S. Porter, Yeadon, Pa.; Frank Bolden, Philadelphia, and Reuben J. Pritchard, Darby, Pa.

In addition to Bishop Nichols, defendants are:

John Bright and R. R. Stokes Philadelphia; T. E. Harper, Atlantic City, N.J., and Gabriel S. Hardeman, Camden, N.J.

The plaintiffs accuse the defendants of promoting a "scheme to unload the building on the district and to recover personal funds in the unprofitable business investment at the expense of the membership."

Bishop Nichols stated Monday that no hearing date for the case has been set by common pleas court.

"Although I have been here in the city most of the time since the petition was filed, I have not been served," he declared.

Most of the newspapers received copies of the petition "But I haven't been served," he asserted.

Suspect denies burglary count

A young suspect, arrested in connection with the burglary of tailor shop at 414 Wilson st., vigorously protested the charge in Northwestern police court Tuesday, as he was ordered held in $2,000 bail for the grand jury.

Charles Butler, 18, of the 300 block W. Biddle st., insisted that contrary to police reports, he had not been apprehended inside the tailor shop late Sunday night and did not have six war bonds belonging to the shop owner on his person when arrested.

Insisted On Testifying

The young defendant, who insisted on testifying despite several warnings from Magistrate Marshall Levin, said he was arrested on the street near the shop and that he knew nothing about the bonds until he was confronted with them at the police station.

Police, however, said Butler was arrested in the shop as he attempted to hide in a stack of clothing, and that they had also seized a juvenile in the basement of the establishment.

The shop is owned by Rufus Mitchell of the 2600 block W. Lafayette ave.

DWELLING FOR SALE

A five-room brick dwelling at 1021 Homewood ave., will be sold at public auction on Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m. Subject to an annual ground rent of $30, the two story structure will be sold on a cash basis.

ALLEN BUILDING—Shown is the building located at 1716-18 South 19th st., which is the center of a controversy involving Bishop D. Ward Nichols, presiding bishop of 1st AME district, and some members. Bishop Nichols acquired title to the building during May, 1949. Following a proposal that the AME church buy back the property, a group of seven church men and women filed court action to block the proposal.

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Speak Your Piece

McKeldin's quip

Dear AFRO:

I cannot let pass without some outcry Governor McKeldin's racial quip made at the Miles testimonial dinner on Tuesday evening.

His undesirable racial quip was better left unsaid.

When will public officials realize that we do not appreciate jokes at our expense, no matter how subtle?

—JUDSON H. KERR

Doesn't like proposal

Dear AFRO:

I am unalterably opposed to any form of gerrymandering which denies to any segement of the population the right of representation.

I am also opposed to any proposal which in effect sets apart a jim-crow district as such and at the same time fails to take into consideration the total picture and does not solve the inequities now prevalent.

I am in favor of constituting the districts so as to relieve any inequities and at the same time does not designedly and purposely gerrymander.

Our representatives will have greater respect from the community if it contains a mixed district. We are on the way to electing our own now.

If the recent proposal can be set up in a way consistent with a plan for the entire city and just incidentally is a predominantly colored district I would be in favor of it

As it now stands the proposal is not one of consideration of the problem of the entire city.

ROBERT B. WATTS

POST-RECONSTRUCTION ACT:

Georgia outlaws its mixed school

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Georgia, like most of the South had no public school system prior to the Reconstruction, the NAACP declared in its brief to the four school segregation cases involving jim-crow school laws of South Carolina, Virginia Delaware and Kansas, last week.

The NAACP brings Georgia into its brief to show that the state legislatures and conventions, which ratified the 14th Amendment understood that it prohibited state legislation which would require racial segregation in public schools.

The Supreme court, in ordering reargument of the five school segregation cases, including the one from the District of Columbia, directed lawyers and the attorney general to discuss the question along with four others in their briefs and in oral argument.

11 States Ratify

The states which ratified the 14th Amendment included 11 former slaveholding states which had seceded—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The NAACP contends that these 11 states in seeking readmission to the Union, understood that the 14th Amendment stripped them of power to main tain segregated schools.

No reference to public schools appears in either the ante-bellum Georgia constitution or the Constitution of 1865, which was virtually a re-enactment of the former, the NAACP points out, adding:

Impartial System

"The Constitutional Convention of 1867-68 however, rewrote the basic state document, and the committee on education reported a proposal to establish a thorough system of public education without partiality or distinction.

"During the drafting and consideration of the proposed education article, several efforts to include provisions requiring segregated schools were defeated, the provision adopted as an article which directed the general assembly to, 'provide a thorough system of common schools to be forever free to all children of the state.

"After this constitution was approved by Congress, the legislature ratified the 14th Amendment on July 21, 1868 and Georgia apparently qualified for readmission. But the general assembly forcibly expelled its colored component at this session on the ground that their color made them ineligible to hold office.

"This action prompted Congress to refuse to seat the Georgia congressional delegation. The general assembly then reconvened on Jan. 10, 1870, reseated its colored members, ratified the 14th Amendment again and expunged the word 'white' from all state laws.

"The conduct of this legislature satisfied Congress and Georgia was readmitted to the Union on July 15, 1870.

"Three months later, on Oct. 3, 1870, the state legislature passed a public school act, which in section 32, established a system of segregated schools. The state constitution was amended in 1877 and validated this legislation by an express requirement for racial separation in public schools."

AUCTION SCHEDULED

At a public auction scheduled for Nov. 30 at 4 p.m., a two-story brick store front dwelling at 2321 Pennsylvania ave., will be sold for cash. The building is subject to an annual ground rent of $90.

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