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Two Smiths air trouble over hot dog

It was a case of the Smith boys in Northwestern police station on Tuesday as one Smith appeared before Magistrate E. Everett Lane as the complainant, and the other Smith appeared as the defendant.

The first Smith, Leory, who operates a carry-out store in the 2100 block W. North ave., testified that Charles Smith, 26, of the 1900 block Walbrook ave., had helped himself to a hot dog in the store early Tuesday, and neglected to pay for it.

Leroy Smith said that when he asked the second Smith to pay for the frankfurter he got a "no" for an answer. At this point, the first Smith called police who carted the non-paying Smith off to jail.

Block donates money to dystrophy fund

hood Club of the 2200 block Druid-Hill avenue have contributed the sum of $25 to go to the Muscular Dystrophy Research Fund.

Mrs. Corystha Mason is the president of the club, Mrs. Lucy Howard, vice - president, Mrs. Maude Lewis, secretary, Mrs. Lottie Taylor, financial secretary, and Mrs. Minnie Harvey, treasurer.

Morgan teacher aids in wording of two high schools' markers

Dr. Edward M. Coleman, professor of history at Morgan State college, assisted the State Roads Commission in wording the text for two historic markers for Frederick Douglass and Benjamin Banneker.

According to John H. Scarff, director, the program for the erection of historical road markers has been resumed, after a lapse of several years.

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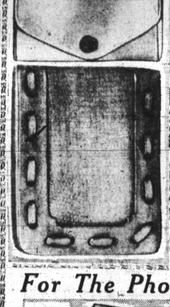

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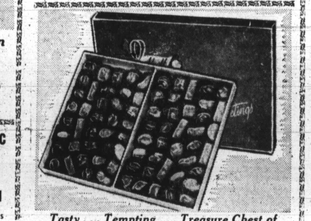

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Your daily life is your temple and your religion.
—KAHLIL GIBRAN

What The AFRO Stands For

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

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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 problem of eating

The problem of eating remains a major one, far as colored people are concerned in Baltimore.

Displaced persons and state centers

There has been much fanfare and deliberation over the proposed State office center being located in the vicinity of the 5th Regiment Armory.

The state, in order to construct the center, will have to raze a number of homes in the area. Nearly 1,000 persons will be displaced approximately 950 of them colored.

In Annapolis a similar case has arisen. A second state office building is to be housed there. And again the persons who have to move to make way for the building are colored.

And again, as is usual in such cases, the people who have to move find themselves without any place to move because of their color.

And we ask again, amidst all the clamor and fanfare over the site for the state center in Baltimore, just where are the displaced persons to move and just who is interested in their welfare?

One explanation for the Mau Maus

Ever since the first reports of the Mau Mau movement in Kenya, people have wondered just what prompts these particularly violent outbursts against the British in the African colony.

A Press dispatch which reached these shores recently may shed some light on the subject.

The dispatch told of a British officer in Kenya who was acquitted in court of a charge of murdering a member of the Mau Mau.

The captain admitted in court, according to the dispatch, that he had shot two of the Mau Maus in the back.

Then, because he did not like to watch one of the wounded men "suffering," the British captain is reported to have drawn his gun and killed the man.

If this is the kind of "superior" civilizing influence the Mau Maus have experienced under the British, we can only pray we determined to run their European rulers out of their land.

No wonder, either, that their zeal takes the bloodthirsty and often horrifying forms which have been reported.

What else, pray, can a colonial government expect when it condones acts like that of the British captain?

One for the road

"Make the one for the road coffee—on the house" is a slogan adopted by Maryland liquor retailers to warn the public of the danger of drunken driving.

Now comes the news that the slogan will be adopted nationally as a safety measure. Liquor distributors throughout the country will be asked to display the motto for the Christmas - New Year holiday.

Bartenders this year will therefore make an effort to convince customers that they are overindulged not to drive their automobiles.

The whole program is a salutory one and should have some sobering effect on motorists over the approaching holidays.

Last year during the Christmas—New Year holiday week, 21 persons were killed and 384 injured in Maryland.

It has been pointed out that driving after excessive drinking at Christmas parties is a major problem.

If more motorists will remember to make that "one for the road" coffee this year, this particular problem will be greatly reduced.

Ethical group plans holiday celebration

The next meeting of the Baltimore Ethical Society, Bolton and Wilson sts., at 11 a.m., Sunday, will be devoted to the third annual mid - winter festival of the children's assembly and will feature stories and songs by the children, as well as a dramatization of the story of Christmas, is celebrated in other lands.

Youngsters of all ages, racial and religious backgrounds and their parents are invited.

Let's make it a safe Christmas

As Christmas Day draws near with its traditional trees adorned with decorations and lights, it is well to remember and take caution against the possibility of fire which more than once has turned this happiest of holidays into a season of tragedy and grief.

Safety plugs are now available for Christmas lights, but don't let yours burn more than three hours at a time and turn them out overnight or when you go out.

Set up your tree a good distance from windows with curtains which might catch fire, and keep it watered so that it won't get tinder - dry. Don't put it up near an open fireplace if you have one, either!

Keep the floor near your tree free from paper and other combustible material; and don't carry lighted cigarettes or matches near the tree.

These simple precautions which everyone can easily follow, will help make your Christmas safe as well as merry.

42 Md. traffic deaths recorded

Death took only eight holidays on the roads of Maryland last month. Forty fatal accidents resulting in 42 deaths were recorded in the state last month. Col. Elmer F. Munshower, superintendent of State Police reported recently.

The highway death toll included 16 pedestrians, 14 passengers, and 12 operators of motor vehicles. Ages of the deceased ranged from three years to 83 years.

Thirteen persons lost their lives in collisions between motor vehicles, and 11 died when the vehicles in which they were riding collided with a fixed object.

One person was killed when a motor vehicle left the road and turned over, and 4 women was killed when the vehicle in which she was a passenger struck a railroad train.

Freedom tax

Dear AFRO:

Will taxes ever cease? Everytime thereis a new tax, it is aimed at the poor man's pocketbook.

If there were to be a new tax, I would label it a freedom or discrimination tax for all the department stores, restaurants and other business establishments which are open to the public but practice segregation.

In that way, it will aim at the independent rich and not only open their pocketbooks but their eyes to better way of American living.

MRS. C. WASHINGTON

Thus, it was gratifying to learn that through the efforts of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) four five and dime stores in the downtown area have opened their lunch counters to all customers.

CORE, an interracial organization, which works quietly and without fanfare, is now seeking to open the door at the W. T. Grant store on Lexington st. So far their efforts, over a period of six months, have been fruitless.

Twelve times the members of CORE have been rebuffed when they have entered the store and attempted to be served.

Some of the actions of the store management have even bordered on the comical side in their efforts to avoid serving the colored members of CORE.

The national office of the store has so far washed its hands of the matter after labelling it "a local matter."

The local management of the store has advised the CORE members that its policy will change "when the town changes."

So far the dispute has reached an impasse.

Sooner or later, however, we believe the management of the store will become aware of the tenor of the times, it will be then he will gracefully bow and open his luncheon counter to all, regardless of race.

The day this happens could well be in the near future. Forday by day the anomaly of discrimination becomes more and more apparent to the majority of the people.

POLITICS:

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

As the year draws rapidly to a close and politics takes a back seat, the skys above the Democratic party appears cloudy.

Harry A. Cole

One finds it difficult to forecast who will be the Democratic nominee to oppose Governor McKeldin in 1954. Even the Democrats are having trouble deciding the man who can best commaand the respect of the party worker.

All that can be said is that things are in somewhat of a fog.

Mahoney in Race

It is certain that George P. Mahoney will stay in the race. He has the zing of political campaign. If you recall, he's the candidate who got more popular votes than anyone in the last gubernatorial election despite the lack of party backing.

Curly Byrd can be expected to formally announce his candidacy, after his official retirement, on Jan 2, 1954. If he gets in the race, it is an accepted fact that Millard Tawes, state comptroller, will not run.

Indications By Mayer

Mayor D'Alesandro has indicated that he will run; however, there has been no official filing by him.

It could very well be that the mayor would file so as to prevent Mahoney from attracting the strong Catholic and city vote and thus allow Byrd to slip into the nomination. It is clear though that the mayor himself could not expect to win.

In some Democratic quarters, W. Preston Lane Jr. is suggested as the best candidate — that if he tosses his hat into the ring, the party stalwarts will persuade the other candidates to withdraw and give him their support.

"There To Stay"

Of course, this does not mean that Mahoney will withdraw. He's there to stay. It is regarded as a thought, however, that many of the party bosses would rather lose the election than see him in Annapolis.

The mystery man in the whole muddle is Herbert R. O'Conor — a fine man and gentleman of highest repute. No one underestimates his ability as a formidable candidate but his close association with Mahoney causes concern.

If he throws his lot to Mahoney this time, it's a cinch he won't file for the governorship.

One Clear Point

All of this makes one more confused about the political picture but clear on one point.

That whatever the Democrats do, they will act together, and as they do it apart so shall the Republicans rise the crest of the victory wave into Annapolis in '54, with the best man once more for the highest post of the state — Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin.

The Afro Mailbag

Thanks For Help

Dear AFRO:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your help in my recent campaign for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

Although I was not successful in the primary, I am convinced that the publicity I received in your paper was responsible for the fine showing I made.

I shall always be grateful to the AFRO for its kindness to me.

JOHN R. HUMPHREYS

Ethiopian Thanks

Dear AFRO:

Please publish this letter in your paper as a means of thanking the people who helped me in my campaign for the Democratic nomination for Congressman at Large.

I want to thank the people who voted for me, and those who did not vote for me, because I feel that they will be my friends in the future.

I want to thank the AFRO for its support and the help it gave me in my campaign.

ETHIOPIA B. TOBYE

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

Hearing an honest to goodness Christmas carol nowadays is about as rare as watching a two-dimensional movie.

"Silent Night" has gone by the wayside and if Momma ain't kissin' Santa Claus her little one is begging for a hippopotamus for Christmas.

Ertha Kitt is oozing out of every juke box with such a rendition of "Santa Baby" that Dr. Kinsey may be forced to take a record.

Little Leslie "Uggans" Crayne, who was in Baltimore this week, has two on the Yule season: "Missus Santa Claus" and "My Stocking Is Empty."

And to put the finishing touch on the whole thing, Louis Armstrong comes out with a "Cool Yule."

Yessiree Bob, it's Christmas time and everybody's in the act with a new tune.

THEATRICAL NOTE — "Born Yesterday" which had its premiere here at the Coliseum with Edna Mae Robinson has played only one performance since. And that was at Mitchell Field. L. I., where the show was done free for the airmen.

BOOZE WHO — Tijuana was jam packed Tuesday night for the opening of Charley Parker and just about every other club in town. Looks like everybody is doing pretty good business the same night.

COUNTY NEWS—Down in Turner Station the conversations always turn to the Dr. Wade case and the case where the young man was shot by the office.

In the former case the prevailing attitude seems to be one of pity for the ailing medic. In the second case, the opinions are divided but in most instances the feeling is that the shooting was unnecessary.

WAGGING TONGUES — In Northeast Baltimore a rhubarb has been developing over a young woman who lives in a housing project there.

Seems the lady is quite "talkative" or, to describe her in the words of some of her alleged victims, "just downright medlesome, gossipy and always sticking her nose in other people's business."

At any rate, one housewife made a complaint to the police, as did another person. The lady about whom the complaints were made was asked in and a policewoman had a chat with her.

Likes To Talk

The impression the policewomat got was that the woman simply liked to "yakkity yak."

Although an alleged anonymous postcard was involved in the whole mess, not enough evidence appeared to bring the talkative miss before the magistrate, so she was allowed to return to her home and neighbors with the understanding that she take it easy on the gab in the future.

Wanna bet?

TV BLUES — The producer of the show, the television station manager who sends it out, and the man who emcees the darn thing, all deny that any discrimination is practiced on the "Juke Box Hop."

Names of who can attend the show, they say, are chosen at random from a fish bowl which to date hasn't turned up any colored names.

The kiddies at Carver and Dunbar High who asked for tickets to the show but so far haven't received any, should bombard the studio with requests week after week. Sooner or later someone will recognize just what's going on in that fish bowl.

Frankly, though, I think the folks running the thing should be men enough to call a spade a spade.

WHAT'S SMOKING? — If the new local tax on cigarettes doesn't lower the sales all that info the medics and dentists in the U. S. and Britain have been throwing at us recently surely will. I'm speaking about the news that cancer can be traced to the tar in cigarettes. It's enough to make one think.

CRIME NOTE — Add the name of salad girl Sally Drake to the horror list heretofore occupied by young Claudine Richardson, the teen-ager, and Mrs. Emily Friday, the barmaid.

The deaths of each of these three has been particularly mysterious and baffling to the police. At least no arrests have been made in any of the three cases.

STOLEN FROM GODFREY SHOW — Mother rabbit to baby rabbit: A magician produced you in a top hat. Now stop ask ing questions.

QUESTION — Man called who had a question on labor. Wanted to know just why here in Baltimore in this day and age there are separate locals in the long shoreman's union, one for white, the other for colored.

Told the caller his query had merit and we'd look into the situation.

We will, too.

Republican Democrat

Dear Afro:

Last November I voted a straight Republican ticket. Does this sound strange in view of the fact that I am a Democrat?

If things continue to stand as they are, I am going to vote the same way in '54 and '56.

There are so many things that I got fed up with in the last ten years.

Union gangsterism accepted by the last administration was the worse thing forced on the American people. Mr. Truman proposed that every man should be a unionist.

On July 26, 1953, I carried a petition to Mr. Truman begging that he allow the steel workers to negotiate with not some but one union.

I am glad Mr. Truman has gone because I was tired of hearing raves about all he was doing for the colored man. All the Democrats have done in the last 20 years was to rave and spend the government's money to such extent that we are on the brink of bankruptcy.

Mr. Eisenhower may not rave about what he is doing for the colored man. In fact he is exceedingly quiet but his actions seem to me to be strong and positive.

DR. JAMES J. JOHNSON

A helping hand

Dear AFRO:

There is an armless man who sits at the Lexington Market entrance. I talked with him. He needs $200 more to buy artificial arms.

He hopes to have enough money this winter to buy a pair.

Enclosed please find one dollar as a starter. Could we not make his dream come true this Christmas?

(Mrs.) MARY H. PROCTER

Hodge-Podge

By R. Matthews

Last year, old Hodge waxed vociferous over the habit manufacturers adopted of shipping their various Christmas gifts unassembled.

This year, the manufacturers got their revenge.

Fought my way through the downtown crowds the other day trying to do a bit of Christmas shopping. Seems that almost everyone else in Baltimore had the same idea.

Bought a number of things for the children, some of which I instructed the store to deliver. Got home while the kids were at school and had a few moments to figure out a place to hide the gifts.

Discovered, alas, that no place is safe from the prying eyes of young children. At any rate, deposed my socks and shirts from a bureau drawer and deposited the gifts in the drawer.

Felt fairly certain that the prying eyes wouldn't dare go into that particular drawer. So what happens?

The store delivers the balance of the items a few days later. Did the delivery man arrive during the hours that school is in session? He did not.

He rang the doorbell exactly 15 minutes after the children arrived home from school, and the first thing he brought in was a shiny, red wagon, COMPLETELY ASSEMBLED, bearing not one stitch of wrapping.

No comment!

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

NEWS ITEM: In Ontario, Canada, the liquor license and control boards will not issue liquor permits this year for office Christmas parties.

They go so far as to threaten to arrest anyone caught "at such illegal affairs."

Complaint is that office parties are responsible for too many holiday season drunken drivers.

Some complaint! Surely, no one would expect the office partyers to walk home if they're drunk.

POET'S NOOK

The church around the corner

The smell of blooming roses;
The pastor's smiling face,
The organ softly playing,
The people making haste,
The bells are sharply ringing,
No doubt they do inspire,
I feel contented in my robe
Singing in the choir.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

A notice in this newspaper this week tells of the death in Washington of Mrs. Rosetta Orme Robinson, for 45 years a teacher in the capital schools and an active worker in Metropolitan AME church.

Mrs. Phillips

To me, and my four sisters, Mrs. Robinson was "Aunt Rosetta." Being one of my mother's closest friends, she was a frequent visitor in our home.

She and "Uncle George" (her husband, George Robinson, a barber and also longtime member of Metropolitan, died in 1948), never let a holiday pass that they didn't come to our home laden with remembrances and gifts for all of us.

As we sat in the McGuire Funeral Home on Monday listening to tributes from coworkers and friends, my sister and I recalled Christmas after Christmas when Aunt Rosetta came with dolls — five dolls, one for each of us.

Another Christmas, it was ironing boards. Still another year, she brought pretty dresses.

And more important, we remembered that she always came with a smile.

We would spy her as she started up the street and know we always ran to greet her, knowing we'd be treated to an hour of entertainment.

Always she had pleasant words about the friends she and mother shared; about events in her classroom, church or lodge group.

One co-worker speaking at her funeral described her as an "enthusiastic, sincere and energetic worker for her church and her community."

She was all of that and more. She was one of the most pleasant and happiest persons in the world. She spread sunshine and joy.

She knew how to make a small child's heart leap with joy. She was a true friend and a loving neighbor. We will all miss her.

PARENTS IN A YULE DILEMMA

What can parents say to a five-year old who is dead set on a two-wheel bicycle for Christmas?

In our household that is a definite problem. Reason: Our five-year-old is not old enough for a two-wheeler, and further our busy neighborhood has no space for bicycle riding.

But Santa Claus in that downtown store she visited the other day didn't know all that.

He told her, she informed us, that the bike would be under her tree come Christmas.

We have spent the past week trying to explain that Santa made a mistake.

When she found we were pretty serious, she dialed the telephone operator and asked to speak to Santa.

The kind operator put her off by saying that she couldn't be connected with the North Pole because Santa was busy packing toys!

But, every morning she repeats this call in the hope Santa is not too busy. I suspect the operator has grown pretty weary by now.

P.S.—Anybody want to play Santa via phone and tell my five year old that Santa made a mistake, and he'll be sure and bring her a bike next Christmas when she's old enough???

MRS. DANIEL HAS PRAYER FORMULA

Mrs. Robert Daniel, wife of the president of Virginia State college, is a very charming woman.

She and her husband visited Baltimore last month when their school played Morgan in the annual Thanksgiving Day football classic.

She says older people built their prayers around a definite formula. She does too.

Hers is based on the word Acts with two S's—ACTSS.

A's for adoration. This prayer follows the theme — Lord, you are the creator, you have all power.

C is for confession. One confesses his weaknesses and disabilities.

T is for thanks. One thanks God for his health, strength and for answering previous petitions.

S is for supplication. Here one asks for what is specifically desired.

S is for submission. This is what I want, but Thy will be done.

MORE MEMORABLE THINGS TO REMEMBER

Another reader responds to our request to send in memorable stories, incidents or sayings passed on to them by older people.

Mrs. E. M. Parker, Charleston, S.C., writes:

"You have to live life to know it,' was an expression used by my grandmother when I was a child.

"Many times unexpected happenings caused my mother, aunt and sisters to exclaim in surprise that such a thing could not have happened. However, it never seemed to disturb my grandmother.

"She would look calmly in her chair and simply say, 'You have to live life to know it.'

"Now that I have had many different experiences, found people sometimes insincere, unkind when I expected otherwise, I console myself with those words, 'you have to live life to know it.'"

THIS AND THAT ABOUT A NUMBER OF THINGS

The letters urge purchase of Yule seals. Proceeds go to provide security for the hundreds of orphans whose Yankee fathers did not come home. Money also helps disabled vets.

All orphans, regardless of race or color, will benefit from your purchase of these $1 seals. Pictures of some of these orphans appear in the letters. Many are as brown-skinned as you and I.

THOUGHT OF WEEK

"Thinking well is wise; planning well, wiser; doing well wisest of all." —Persian Proverb

Reporters' Report To The People

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

When you start seeing Christmas trees being hauled along the street by groaning husbands, the holiday season is not far from hand. Last week the tree sellers were into business in earnest and many a back was strained from lugging a tree home.

Just to show that the Christmas spirit is every place, a liquor dealer in Northwest Baltimore has come up with a new twist on an old idea. Sign in the window says "come in and ask about our lay-away plan."

Local night spots are set for a banner holiday season. Owners say that, at present, business is "lousy" with people holding on to their green stuff for Santa Claus time. Things are expected to perk up on Christmas with activities reaching a crescendo on New Year's Eve when the clubs will be permitted to stay open all night long.

A Smart Idea

Under the heading of a brilliant idea is the plan of bar owners to serve hot coffee to patrons who appear to be headed for the full count. They hope to reduce accidents this way, which is something to be desired No matter what they do, however, the sale of aspirin and headache remedies will probably reach a high point on New Year's Day.

Local cab companies are going in for bright colors on their vehicles. Talked to one driver who was mad for the idea. He reports that the new colors make the cabs stand out at distances of up to two blocks, thus attracting customers.

Passing through the Francis Wood school at Schroeder and Franklin sts., it's hard to believe that the building is 20 years old. The place has been kept so immaculate by the countless thousands of pupils, their teachers and the custodial staff, that it puts many a modern modern school to shame.

The Lanson Guild of Providence hospital really deserves a deep bow for their apron and bake sale held recently to raise money for scholarships. Working without benefit of fanfare, the Guild has done an outstanding job for the hospital, which means an outstanding job for the whole community.

The grapevine has it that the state income tax division is looking with a sore eye at the activities of several tax consultants who reportedly know little about the tax law, and yet pass themselves off as experts.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Looks like everyone has put off his Christmas shopping 'til the last minute.

Last Saturday, when we had perfect weather for ducks, I ventured downtown thinking only a few unfortunate souls who were forced to be out in the rain would be there.

You'd be surprised at the number of human "feathered" friends we have living here in Baltimore. Lexington st. was packed with people wading from one block to another that I couldn't get near any store even to look at the windows.

Results? I got wet feet, a bad cold and not the first gift nor card. Come next year . . .

ROUNDUP

With only two weeks left of 1953, this column looks back on the unusual accidents that occurred during the year.

For instance, the two men who suffered gun shot wounds from their garden tools, last summer, while working in the yard.

One victim was cutting his grass with the lawn mower when the machine ran over a bullet which plugged him in the foot. The other, while raking leaves, swept a shotgun shell into a bonfire and it hit him in the arm.

And then there's the baseball player who swung at the ball, missed and hit his jaw instead.

But the topper of them all was the automobile collision which police did not report. The vehicles were driven by a Mr. Coffey and a Mr. Pott, but neither one was arrested. There were no grounds.

TOO YOUNG

In Vienna, Austria, the Ministry of the Interior has ordered that all nylon stocking advertisements, showing shapely feminine legs, be removed from the billboards.

Seems they are too suggestive of "minors under 18 years of age." Well, what about the minors OVER 16?

ROYAL GIFT

Queen Elizabeth received a whale of a gift from the Fiji Islanders. This week, 100 whales' teeth which are reputed to be the most valuable gifts in those parts.

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

Had to go to Accomac, Va. this week to cover a trial of two white brothers charged with abducting an attractive 26-year-old housewife for immoral purposes.

Accomac is located some 180 miles from Baltimore — on the eastern shore of Virginia —and I could think of a lot better places I would rather be than in a little Southern town, supercharged with racial tension.

But an assignment is an assignment so, tongue in cheek and heart in my mouth, I ventured into the Land Of The Sun. My earlier fears were confirmed when soon after reaching town, I tried to get transportation to a contact in Onancock.

I finally got transportation to Onancock and after getting the lay of the land came right back to Accomac. While I was on the way back, though, my contact had gotten busy.

As soon as I walked into the courthouse a big, capable fellow walked up to me, stuck out a huge hand and said: "My name is Kinsey, what can I do to help—want some breakfast?" It turned out that besides being the AFRO distributor for that area, William Kinsey is also owner of a local dancehall, ball park, and active in the NAACP.

He escorted me to local officials who could give me some much needed information, until court started at 10:30. When he walked into the crowded courtroom, everybody turned around and looked at me like I was some social oddity.

Gets Early Facts

I was kinda worried about this, thought I was doing something wrong until a quiet, intelligent man, whom I later learned was the Rev. M. Haughton, walked over to me and thrust a paper in my hand. "Here are some earlier facts in the case," he said.

While I was stammering out my thanks, the Rev. Howard Anderson, minister, who is also president of the local NAACP, walked up, grabbed a seat next to me and helped Mr. Kinsey point out the local figures at the trial.

So with the help of Mr. Kinsey, the Rev. Anderson, George Downing, colored lawyer who served as an assistant prosecutor; the Rev. Haughton, J. Wharton, undertaker with a Cadillac fleet, and H. Wharton reputed to be the biggest colored land-owner on the eastern shore: I was introduced to real Southern hospitality which not only dispelled the misgivings I had, but made the three-year sentence meted out to the white brothers an anti-climax.

I wasn't surprised, honestly expected the white jury to give them 20 years!

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Never thought for a minute that I would find myself concerned about too many things, least of all Baltimore's and Maryland's traffic problem.

Ran down to Bowie a few days ago to talk with the mother of those three kids who lost their lives in a fire. Danged if I didn't get lost.

If you think it's impossible to go wrong between Baltimore and Washington you are sadly mistaken. Had a native Maryander along with me too, he didn't know the way back to Washington Blvd.

Weekly Beef

My beef this week though is this. On the trip down I never saw one sign pointing in the direction of Bowie. That is until I arrived in the town itself.

The new expressway between here and D. C., is supposed to have been designed for the modern day motorist. To an extent it's too modern. I find that if you are not loaded down with radar equipment you'll never find the way home.

Strange thing about my predicament was this: Stopped at a filling station and asked the owner in which direction was Bowie. He didn't know and his modern service station didn't even contain a map.

Bowie College

Such trips as the one Tuesday always give me a certain degree of fun. Dr. Henry, the president of Bowie, took me all around the grounds of the state teachers college there.

Was surprised to learn that such an institution existed in that neck of the woods. The fur came in though, when I peeped onto the property of that gravel company that has been raising so much sand.

A giant size sign peeped back and proclaimed "keep out." Understand the owner will pull a gun as well as rank if "we should happen to venture onto his property.

What's that saying about turnabout fair play?

One other thing: the Ballard family at Bowie is in need of everything. Naturally their greatest loss was in the death of their three kids. They still need clothing, however.

Speak Your Piece

Significant words

Dear AFRO:

Your article "$40,000 Book" is a very fitting appraisal of Thurgood Marshall's NAACP brief in the segregated school cases.

I have been preaching a series of sermons from the Book of Job. The second sermon dealt with "The Value of the Right Words," or "Your Words, Disheartening or Upholding."

The text was "Thy words have kept men on their feet" — Job 4:4 — Moffatt translation.

I proceeded to show that we are sustained and upheld by such intangible yet great forceful things as words.

The words of Job himself and the choice words of the book; the words of the great masters of literature; the words of Moses, Jesus, Confucius, Plato, Lincoln, Douglass, Booker T. Washington.

I even mentioned the words of our great colored newspapers whose strong editorials against discrimination and oppression have kept colored men on their feet.

While I gave Job very much credit as a pioneer in the use of words which uphold, I did not hesitate to give the modern philosopher his just due for either writing or speaking words which keep men on their feet.

Now you come along with the very article I needed to bring this sermon up to date.

When this is all over and Mr. Marshall's brief becomes a legacy to our posterity, when the history of our upward climb to first class citizenship is attained, will not some person proclaim about these words of Marshall, "Thy words have kept men on their feet"?

(Rev.) N. B. CARRINGTON

Fire victim fund

Dear AFRO:

This letter is in the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Ballard Sr. of Bowie, Md. whose home was destroyed by fire and three of their six children, ages 1 month, 13 months and 25 months, were burned to death.

I have just left this grief-stricken family and it occurred to me that with the approaching of Christmas, good people everywhere would like to share their blessings with this unfortunate family.

I have attended this family for more than five years and know them to be devoted Christian parents, a most deserving couple and highly respected by the entire community.

I am writing this letter as an appeal, hoping that through your paper a fund may be collected in their behalf. If such a fund can be initiated by your paper, I shall appreciate your advising me so that I may forward my check immediately.

T. RICHARD CONNER, M.D.