# Blazing dress burns housewife

Severely burned about her body when her housecoat was accidently set on fire, Mrs. Lila Turner, 31, of 604 W. Biddle st. was reported in a fair condition at Provident hospital on Wednesday.

Mrs. Turner was admitted to the hospital Monday morning for treatment of first and second degree burns.

The accident occurred when Mrs. Turner brushed against a small space heater in her apartment as she was dressing her four-year-old son.

Her housecoat burst into flames and Mrs. Turner ran to the bathroom where she jumped into the bathtub and turned on the water in an attempt to put out the fire.

Miss Sue Walton, another tenant in the house, heard the screams of Mrs. Turner. She ran to the bathroom and pulled the still-flaming garment from the woman's body.

Police were summoned to the scene by Mrs. Turner's husband, John. They in turn called an ambulance and Mrs. Turner was rushed to Provident.

OPEN URBAN LEAGUE DRIVE—Workers in the current Urban League drive for 1,000 new members, shown at the opening meeting Thursday, when workers reported 550 new members and a total of $1,100 in cash. Drive continues through February. Memberships are $2. Left to right, seated, Mesdames Trella Jefferson, Catherine Adams, chairman; Rosalie McGuire, Aurelia Parker and Frances B. Hill. Standing, Mesdames Rose Campbell, Christine Williams, Mattie B. Conor, Frances Johnson and Bettye Phillips.

# Grocer convicted on digits charge

A young grocer, convicted for writing numbers, was fined $1,000 and costs and sentenced to six months in the House of Correction by Judge Emory H. Niles, of criminal court, this week.

He is Leroy Carter, 27, 2500 block Calverton Heights ave., who owns and operates a grocery store in the 700 block of W. Lafayette ave.

His alleged accomplice and girlfriend, Miss Mary L. Brooks, 34, 700 block W. Lafayette ave., was acquitted of the charge.

Mr. Carter was arrested, Dec. 9, at Miss Brooks' home after police discovered lottery slips in the club basement and in a small desk in her living room.

**Says Numbers Writer**

Mr. Carter admitted that he had been writing numbers up until last November and then stopped when he learned there was a warrant out for his arrest. He denied the slips were his.

Miss Brooks testified that she knew nothing about the slips and was not aware that they were in her home.

Julius Romano, assistant state's attorney, prosecuted the case. Defense counsel for Mr. Carter was Earl Rosenthal. Michael J. Freedman represented Miss Brooks.

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# Two men hurt in collision

Two men were treated for injuries at St. Joseph's hospital Monday, when an automobile driven by Alexander Soloducha of 604 N. Broadway collided with two other cars and then careened into a mailbox and an apartment at Caroline and Chase sts.

As a result of the collision, Soloducha and Robert Clark Jr., of 831 N. Bond st., were treated for head injuries and released.

Witnesses told police that Soloducha was proceeding east on Chase st. when he struck a '48 convertible Buick driven by Clark.

His car then careened to the opposite corner, struck a mailbox, and slammed into a parked car owned by Miss Esther McKenny of the 1500 block E. Chase st.

After striking the second auto, Soloducha's car crossed to the opposite side of the street, and came to rest against the wall of an apartment at 1049 N. Caroline st.

Postal authorities were called to pick up the mail that had been scattered about on the two streets.

**THOMAS EDISON DAY**

Mayor D'Alesandro, this week, signed a proclamation designating Feb. 11 as Thomas Alva Edison day in Baltimore to commemorate the inventor's 107th birthday. The late Mr. Edison is noted for his discoveries of the electric light, the phonograph, and motion pictures.

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# Urban League drive opens

## 550 teachers join; report $1,000 cash

The annual membership campaign of the Urban League for 1,000 new members opened Thursday evening with a meeting at the league headquarters, 2404 Pennsylvania ave.

Mrs. Catherine Adams, campaign chairman, received precampaign reports from workers that 550 schoolteachers and administrators had taken out memberships.

**Report $1,100**

A total of $1,100 was also reported at the opening meeting by Mrs. Rosalie McGuire and Mrs. Ann Payne, who are teachers in the schools.

The campaign will continue through February. Reports of workers will be received each Thursday, 7 to 8 p.m., at the league offices. Minimum membership fee is $2 a year.

At the opening report meeting, workers were divided into two teams. The Go-Getters will be headed by H. A. Fuller and Stuart C. Smith. The Topnotchers by Mrs. Frances Johnson and Mrs. Christine Williams.

**Workers Named**

Other campaign workers are: Mesdames and Misses Mae Adams, Lillian Anderson, Virginia Brown, Charles F. Brown, Rose Campbell, Miles Conner, Elsie Harris, Anita Hawkins, Frances Hill, Fannie Holley, Trella Jefferson;

Also Sara Jones, Margaret Land, George McDonald, Aurelia Parker, Anne L. Payne, Bettye Phillips, Dorothy Scott, Bernice Sherman, Elizabeth Shipley, Lucila Johnson, Pearl Stanley, Irene Tenbeiten, Nancy Wiggins, and Shirley Winshinsky.

Also, Thomas Green, Leroy Jackson, and Wallace Poole.

# Question speakers on 11 topics

In a mass meeting held last Thursday by the Eastside Community Council in the Eastside Baptist church, members from the audience offered a series of questions for discussion leaders to speak on.

The 11 most important queries concerned the following:

"Why is it, that there are no colored policemen in the Baltimore Police Traffic Division?"

"What must we do to get adequate street lighting in the middle of the blocks on N. Caroline st., from Federal st. to North ave."

"Why don't we see foot patrolmen at night in the vicinity of Caroline and Biddle sts?"

**Poor Assignments**

"Why don't colored policemen have bailwicks or posts assignments in residential areas like other policemen?"

"Why are most of our colored policemen clustered around the Gay st. area?"

"If a colored policeman meets the scholastic and physical requirements, what stops him from being promoted to a sergeant, a lieutenant or captain?"

"Why can't we secure more cultural institutions in East Baltimore like a YWCA, or a YMCA, instead of so many taverns and liquor stores for colored people

**Church's Part**

"How can the Church help our colored youth to exercise better manners and morals?"

"Since most of the women in East Baltimore are afraid to walk the streets at night, suppose we should go in a group to the captain or to the commissioner, do you think they would grant us an appointment and listen to us?"

"What is being done for the colored worker in the industrial field relative to Fair Employment Practice as opposed to Job discrimination?"

"What is being done about the unfair displacement of colored residents of long standing in the city' Redevelopment Project and Slum Clearance Program?"

LEFT HOMELESS — The two-alarm fire which gutted the three-story apartment building at 216 W. Biddle st., early this week, forced occupants to seek living quarters with friends and relatives. Above are three of the residents, Junior Williams, James Langley, who discovered the blaze, and Ralph Van Fore. The fire is believed to have started from an oil heater which exploded in the first-floor apartment. In attempt to escape the flames, a woman and six children leaped head-first from the third floor. One of the children died. The others are reported to be in critical condition at the hospital.

# List 22 more ticket dodgers

The names of 22 more motorists have been forwarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles, where their 1954 license tags will be withheld until all traffic charges have been settled.

Names and last-named addresses are as follows:

Therio C. Breston, 2531 Pennsylvania ave.
Claude C. Calloway, 11 S. Stricker st.
Jessie Cobb, 1813 N. Paxson st.
John M. Coleman, 1329 Division st.
Harold Conrad, 1620 Gwynns Falls parkway
Delthy L. Crawford, 2024 Winchester st.
Anthony Cunningham, 526 W. Biddle st.
H. Y. Dunning, 1722 Poplar Grove.
Horrace Ellensworth, 1112 W. Lexington st., or 108 N. Stricker st.
James Filson, 1504 W. Franklin st.
Hubert L. Faison, 1331 Division st.
John F. Falls, 2008 W. Franklin st.
James A. Free, 2532 N. Howard st.
Clarence B. Gray, 1810 Etting st.
Ollie C. Green, 1716 W. Fayette st.
Calvin A. Lee, 1238 N. Central ave.
Robert Lee, 836 W. Fayette st.
Joseph Levine Jr., 1513 W. Lexington st.
Joseph Levine Sr., 517 N. Carrollton ave.
Charles H. Lewis,

FIRE HERO — Jerry Perlow, automobile repairman, caught two of the children, who fell head-first Monday from the third-floor apartment at 216 W. Biddle st., in an effort to escape the two-alarm fire which broke out on the first floor when an oil stove exploded.

1603 N. Fulton ave.
Joseph F. Louis, 529. W. Lafayette ave.
Henry Louise, 306 N. Gilmor st.

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# Human Relations workshop sponsored by Fellowship

A workshop on Human Relations Dynamics Energy will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Central YMCA, 2 W. Franklin st. This workshop is being sponsored by the Baltimore Fellowship, through its Religious Steering committee.

The purpose of the workshop is to acquaint the clergy of Baltimore with newer approaches and techniques for building better understanding among all faiths.

**Four Sessions**

The workshop will consist of four sessions:

9:30 a.m.—10 a.m.: registration, exhibits.

10 a.m.—11 a.m.: Community Resources for Building Fellowship, Chairman, the Rev. Orlie Mills. Rector St. James Episcopal church. Participants: Dr. Harry Bard, Department of Education; the Rev. Father Edward V. Cassery, Rector, St. Peter Claver church, and Edgar Long, Baltimore Housing Authority.

11:15 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.: Preaching and Instruction for Fellowship. Chairman the Rev. Joshua O. Williams, pastor, Sharp St. Methodist church. Participants: Rabbi Samuel Glasner, director Reformed Jewish Education and the Rev. Don Frank Fenn, pastor, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal church.

12:30 p.m.—1:45 p.m.: Luncheon address: "The Psychology of Prejudice," Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president, Lincoln University.

2 p.m.—3 p.m.: Group Method for Building Fellowship conducted by Leon Rabben, administrator. Incident Control Program, Philadelphia. Fellowship House.

3:15 p.m.—4:15 p.m.: Audio-Visual materials for Teaching Fellowship, directed by Howard Smith, head, Department of Films, Enoch Pratt Free Library

**Workshop Committee**

Workshop chairmen are the Revs. R. Leonard Cotlin and Leonard C. Anderson.

Members of the Fellowship are the Revs. John L. Tilley, H. Octavius Graham, Martin Fouts, Father Francis V. Cassery, Richard Vieth, Robert T. Newbold, Jr., and Ross Clinchy.

# 3 health centers to open next week

There will be three child health clinics open in Baltimore county, next week.

The Towson Health Center, Washington and Susquehanna aves., Towson, will be open Feb. 2, at 1:30 p.m.

Richlandtown Health Center, Randallstown School Feb. 5.

The Sparrows Point Health Center; Fourth and D sts. will be open at 1 p.m., Feb. 5.

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

The value of a people is found in what it loves rather than what it owns.

J. RICHARD SNEED.

# Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

**POLITICS** — That same group of Democrats which had dinner with Curly Byrd recently has also broken bread with George Mahoney.

The gentlemen have now met with both Democratic candidates, but they are awfully reluctant to discuss this latest meeting.

Incidentally, why wasn't that young lawyer, who's so close to the Mahoney camp, invited to attend the meeting?

Let's get together, gentlemen. Time's running short.

Only stopped to think the other day about the fact that while Baltimore ranks 6th in the top 48 cities, it's moved way down the list when it comes to political recognition of its colored citizens. Lotta places way down South can put Baltimore to shame.

When a city like Norfolk, with an estimated colored population of 225,000 doesn't have any representation on the City Council or in the state legislature it's no longer a pity — it's disgusting.

**FORMAL AFFAIR** — That black tie and tails dance last week end is still being talked about around town by those who were lucky enough to be invited.

And breakfast yet!

There have been some good-hearted mutterings about the many thumbs, tangos and other South American numbers that "very light" band served up. But, after all, you can't expect everybody to be satisfied.

Besides, those "Washington Hopsters" had been expecting Billy Mays, or Count Basie, or Charlie Ventura, for months.

**FIRE ITEM** — Mrs. Eva Green is the mother of four. Helen May, the young mother who, with six children leaped out of a three-story window on Monday to escape a fire. One of the kids was killed.

Mrs. Green was her daughter's only support. Mrs. May didn't have to leap or toss several of the children out the window.

Mrs. Green says her daughter couldn't make her way to the fire escape after she had reached the kids who were playing upstairs.

She also says people on the street below shouted for Mrs. May to toss the children out the window.

Mrs. May and two of the kids are still in Maryland General hospital. The kids have fractured legs and Mrs. Young's mother has a fractured back.

The Housing Authority is finding another place for the family to live in.

**HONORS** — When Honor Roll time comes around there are always some folks who are nominated but fail to win — for various reasons. Among those mentioned, however, we think deserve a special mention is Mrs. Joseph Watkins of 3612 Chickadee ct.

Mrs. Watkins has long labored on behalf of the tuberculosis patients at City Hospitals and at Henryton.

She has secured radios and earphones, TV sets, equipped lounge chairs and supplied magazine racks, lamps and tables. Also has helped Mrs. Watkins to discontinue her work for a time, but she's looking forward to resuming her good work in the early summer.

**CHEOPS PYRAMID BUILDER**

Cheops, a colored Egytian king, built the Great Pyramid, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World.

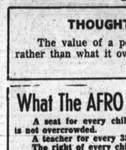
# POLITICS

## Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

Have you ever heard the comment that you shouldn't support a colored candidate?

It usually starts like this: "What can he do if he is elected? He has only one vote."



Mr. Cole

This is a blind and pessimistic attitude which should be done away with.

What can he do, you ask? Well, first of all he can symbolize your presence as an integral part of the State of Maryland.

At all times when the legislators are considering various problems, his presence alone will make them aware that your interests must be regarded.

Each one would know that that you pay taxes, you help fight the wars, and that you had a stake in the government.

Secondly, he can be the watchdog for the interest of the underprivileged and neglected citizen, irrespective of race or color. His life and existence has brought him closer to the true significance and meaning of democracy more than any other.

He will understand how the man who makes a meager $40 per week will have to parcel it out and what a tax burden he can stand.

He will understand the necessity for slum clearance and better homes to reduce crime. He will be sympathetic with the problem of crime protection and the deployment of police on the beat.

He will truly understand the meaning of job opportunity based on qualifications. He will be sensitive to legislation which favors the class rather than the mass.

He can direct your attention to these things for your persuasive activity to bills which not only affect you but all men, without regard to race—but because of circumstance, who find themselves victims of poverty, hopelessness, and despair.

He can be your sentinel and that of every man who understands what trying to lift yourself by the boot straps means.

**Your Hope For Future**

More than this, he can be your hope for the future. He can set the stage for the introduction of legislation which is designed for the welfare and progress of the state as a whole.

He can demonstrate that being a member of a minority does not prevent him from comprehending the overall picture.

He can be pursuers this course, he can teach the greatest lesson in democracy — that given equal opportunity, he can shed the last vestiges of segregation; that he, too, can rise above his own limited environment and with God-given purpose cause others to follow him by performance rather than as an exception of the handicapped.

These things an elected lawmaker can do. But the fact is that you must want it done more than he. For tomorrow belongs to all and your vote can make it beautiful.

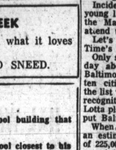
**REVOLUTIONARY WAR HEROES**

Of the 30,000 soldiers who fought against England in the American Revolution, 5,000 were colored. At the end of the war, these men were to be set free.

## Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

Political activity among the Democrats has not reached a point where sides have been determined. It appears that many are waiting until the candidates announce their platforms.



Mr. Watts

Those appear to be favoring Curly Byrd have expressed the idea they are for him because they feel he will win.

It has been difficult to find anything about the man to command support.

On the other hand, those who favor George P. Mahoney like the guy and what he stands for.

**5th Ward Support**

W. C. Flippen of the 15th Ward Democratic Committee has pledged his organization's support of Mahoney. Bill Carr over in the 5th District has pledged his support to Mahoney.

Ernest Perkins, Gene Payne, George Williams and Josiah Henry seem to be leaning in that direction also.

On the other hand, Lloyal Randolph, Joe Neal, Truly Hatchett, Calvin Douglas, Theodore Hayes and others seem to be leaning toward the camp of Curly Byrd.

I'd like to hear from these men as to their allegiance in the coming campaign.

**Cherry Hill Group**

It is expected that Nannie Gibbs, Alexander Brown and the good Democrats in Cherry Hill will be forming their organizations in one direction or the other.

Victorine Adams and her ladies organization are silent as far as this writer has been able to ascertain.

As ranks are formed they will be reported and most of all the debate of the issues among the Democrats will be interesting reading in this column.

**No Leadership**

One of the main factors among the thinking of most Democrats is the sorry state of the party itself. There is no real leadership and most of all none of the top ranking Democrats has been consulted on party matters.

In the recent conference on iron out differences, the colored Democrats were left out.

All too long the affairs of the party have been left to "the boys downtown." Is there any wonder that many Democrats are hesitant?

Governor McKeldin has made many "firsts" in the way of appointments and the Democrats are asked will this be true, if there is a Democratic administration.

That is one of the questions the candidates must answer. Our failure to answer that question in light of past experiences with the Democrats is our weak point.

Here's hoping that both sides in the Democratic primary will be formed so that the issues will be debated. We Democrats must come to some conclusion in spite of the inclination to wait.

When we have settled down to the business of getting the votes for our candidates, let's keep in mind that the real job is to get the voters out in respectable numbers in all precincts.

**FRANCE MORE DEMOCRATIC**

France has had six colored cabinet ministers since 1887.

# Hodge-Podge

By R. Matthews

The television set conked out a little while ago, much to the consternation of my four chil-dren who inhabit the Menagerie.

Discovered that contrary to popular belief, radio is still very much alive — even during the period in which "Howdy-Doody" is occupying the attention of the small fry.

Instead of watching the late, late, late show on television, tuned in a local disc jockey show, "Hot Rod."

Guess I owe the guy a public apology. A year or so ago when he first burst on the Baltimore scene, I was one of the many writers who panned his entire show — the records he played, his voice, delivery, etc.

Listened to him the other night and to my amazement found out that he has a crackin' good show. He played music of all kinds, without leaning too heavily on the rhythm and blues numbers I originally associated with his show.

Even called him up and requested a number (a corny one, incidentally). Without a moments hesitation, he asked me my name in my party, what my name was, and played the number requested right off the bat.

While rediscovering radio, I did discover one serious flaw to the modern jazz craze. The modern jazz is hard put to find a listenable program.

**Maybe the AME leaders are like the NAACP leaders.**

The NAACP is holding in June 1954 convention in Dallas, Texas, because the association says it wants to give support to their courageous Southern members who are fighting segregation day in and day out.

If taking the AME Convention to Miami, and the NAACP convention to Dallas, will help reform those two cities, I'm all for it.

In the capital for the AME meeting Wednesday was the Rev. Frank Veal, president of Waco College in Waco, Tex.

**Also here, Dr. J. L. Leach, practicing physician, and medical examiner for Flint, Mich.**

He is also head of the State Conference of NAACP Branches of Michigan and a hard worker. He was recently re-elected to the national NAACP Board for another three-year term.

Dr. Leach stayed with Wayne and Clementine King at 720 Gerard st. in Washington, spent Thursday with Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP.

**MR. THEY TAKES LOT OF PUNISHMENT**

Listen to people the next time you gather in a group. Sooner or later someone will put the blame on they.

You'll hear, "they say he took her out last night," or "it really happened, they tell me."

You've heard those know-it-alls who report with authority what they say whenever the occasion presents itself.

**Actually, "they" is the pronoun many of us use to keep from identifying the persons who supplied us with the information.**

It is easy to make they the guilty party, especially if the information we pass along is liketo be to the advantage of others.

Children are famous for using they as an excuse. My five-year-old reported to me one day, "They laugh at me because my hair is in twists."

What they I asked her? She couldn't name a single person. It was her way of emphasizing that she wanted her hair fixed in three braids instead of what she calls three doughnuts.

The next time someone speaks authoritatively about what they say, stop them right there and question them.

**You'll shock them. There probably isn't any "they" at all. It's just easy to blame "they", and we know "they" say things we dare not say themselves.**

They can not be found when an error is discovered and a correction is desired.

By the way, they say we are headed for another depression!

**NOTES WHICH CAME IN OUR MAIL BAG**

**Ethan and Adela Taylor of Berlin, Md., write to say they're happy as can be. Their final adoption papers for Renate have come through.**

The youngster is one of 36 German babies placed in American homes through the AFRO's Mabel Grammer.

**And, Mrs. Cora D. Mebane of Southport, N.C., writes to say that her now daughter, seven-year-old Resita, is having the time of her life in school.**

"I don't know how I got along without her before," says Mrs. Mebane.

**Mrs. Julia B. Shipley, 1836 Druid Hill ave., Baltimore, writes says this column erred a week or so ago in referring to Marian Anderson's Lyric concert as the first appearance of a colored artist in over 60 years. She says:**

**"I am only 35 and I attended the late Ellsworth Toomey's dancing classes at the Lyric. Every year, he had what he called a May Ball and all Mr. Toomey's students participated.**

**"We wore beautiful costumes and entertained before a large audience of colored and white persons.**

**"Other persons who attended dancing school at that time included: Berneita Husketh Murray, Llewellyn Husketh Walker, Alice Harris, Alice Higgins, Bernard Creigler and Dr. Orris G. Walker."**

**George S. Mason, 164 W. Second st., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., writes of hospital segregation in Baltimore:**

**"In an October column, you discussed segregation at Johns Hopkins hospital. I had hoped you would discuss policies, if any, other Baltimore hospitals.**

**"Recently, my sister, Mrs. Mary Coleman, who lives in Baltimore, needed hospitalization. St. Joseph Hospital told her daughter it could accommodate her.**

**"However, when the daughter asked the Mother Superior for a private room, she reportedly said: 'We don't let private rooms to colored people.'**

**"I protested to Archbishop Francis Keough but to date have had no reply to my letters. It is a shame when nuns who boast of being wedded to Christ, supervise in a hospital bearing the name of St. Joseph.**

**"St. Joseph was the foster father of Christ, and espoused husband of Mary, mother of God. What an insult to these good and humble people.**

**"My sister was afraid to protest this unprincipled, un-Christian act, but I differ with her.**

**"If the Sermon on the Mount is to be believed, these nuns are hellbound. Christ said: 'For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.'"**

Donald W. Tarter, former AFRO printer, now aboard the USS Hancock, a Fleet Training Center, in San Diego, Calif., where writes he will soon be going aboard ship.

**THIS AND THAT ABOUT A NUMBER OF THINGS**

Newest residents of Frederick, Md. are Dr. and Mrs. Albert Maddox, and their five year old son, Reggie.

He holds rank of captain and is stationed at nearby Camp Detrick. A native of Atlantic City, he is a graduate of Lincoln and Howard universities. His wife is a Fisk product.

Before coming here to Maryland, they lived in Selma, Ala.

**Residents of upper blocks of Madison and Druid Hill ave. are complaining that a smart aleck teen - age girls collected funds for March of Dimes Wednesday evening but didn't turn money in. Mothers working the same area were fighting mad.**

Also deserving of scallions, those "cute" boys who ripped the bottom out of the Dimes boxes when they were passed in a Pennsylvania avenue theatre. Oh yes, they kept the dimes.

It seems in the neighborhood of the bar at 1722 Pressman st., are happy that the John Carroll's are back in town for an eight-pound baby boy, born Monday.

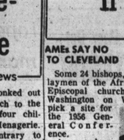
The early ayem caller who reported the above says Mr. Karpook is the guy, who helps needy in the neighborhood, even paying funeral expenses for the destitute.

# If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

**AMEs SAY NO TO CLEVELAND**

Some 24 bishops, ministers and laymen of the African Methodist Episcopal church, gathered in Washington on Wednesday to pick a site for the 1956 General Conference.



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As members of the General Conference Committee, they were required by discipline of the church to make their selection two years in advance. They did. By a vote of 19-5 the nod went to Miami, Fla.

**The five minority votes were cast for Cleveland which has been making a strong bid for the conference.**

But delegates shied away from the Ohio city because of division among leaders in that conference. The fight between Wilberforce University, church sole and state side, has still not been settled, to the satisfaction of all.

Cleveland, however, was so sure it would be host it had already prevailed upon the city fathers to appropriate money for entertainment of delegates.

**It may be the General Conference Committee did not make a wise choice after all.**

Unless the city fathers of Miami and Miami Beach, and hotels and restaurants and other public places give advance assurance there will be no segregation, delegates may not find the visit a pleasant one.

**Maybe the AME leaders are like the NAACP leaders.**

The NAACP is holding its convention in Dallas because the association says it wants to give support to their courageous Southern members who are fighting segregation day in and day out.

If taking the AME Convention to Miami, and the NAACP convention to Dallas, will help reform those two cities, I'm all for it.

In the capital for the AME meeting Wednesday was the Rev. Frank Veal, president of Waco College in Waco, Tex.

**Also here, Dr. J. L. Leach, practicing physician, and medical examiner for Flint, Mich.**

He is also head of the State Conference of NAACP Branches of Michigan and a hard worker. He was recently re-elected to the national NAACP Board for another three-year term.

Dr. Leach stayed with Wayne and Clementine King at 720 Gerard st. in Washington, spent Thursday with Mrs. Lillie Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP.

**WHAT THEY SAY**

**The Feb. 21st (3 p.m.) appearance of Dr. James Nabrit, the brilliant Howard University lawyer, who helped argue school segregation cases before the Supreme Court.**

He will be guest speaker at the 45th anniversary of the NAACP at Sharp Street Methodist church.

Jack Spencer phoned to point out another example of Baltimore's contradictions. A 30-piece military band marched in the downtown area to focus attention on the movie, "Crossfire."

The band was interracial, but the movie was playing at Keith Center which does not admit you and you and you.

**Orchids to the teen - age members of Jack and Jill Club. Reports at the monthly meeting this week disclosed that they gave 30 baskets of food to the needy at Christmas.**

They eliminated the exchange of gifts among themselves, gave instead to two old folks' homes.

This week, they're supporting the March of Dimes drive.

Funeral services on Tuesday for co-worker William Clark were impressive. His co-workers in our mechanical department were in charge.

The Rev. N. B. Carrington, who is pastor of Union Memorial Methodist church, and the capable head of our personnel, gave warm words of comfort. So did James A. Maddox, ad composition.

**The Rev. King Bebian, also an ad compositor, did as beautiful a rendition of the song, "He Lives," as anyone I've ever heard. His tenor voice is tops.**

And the Rev. William Jeffries, who is a makeup man and assistant pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, Turner Station, read a scripture and led the prayer.

William Kirkwood, head of the customial force, sang, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears."

All of the participants performed their assignments well.

Do you ever get a warm feeling when you watch co-workers or friends do a good job? Then you know how I felt when I listened to the co-workers mentioned above.

Douglass High school is having problems with safety throes and hooflums entering the building.

**Wouldn't have happened in the days of Charles T. Gilles. When he was chief custodian at the building, students and outsiders alike did not dare enter unless they knew they could prove they had a right to.**

Even if you had graduated and returned for a visit, he stopped you at the door and asked your business. He never forgot a face or a name.

And you didn't fool him either. If you went around to another door, somehow he knew you'd come and he was there looking at you.

The daredevils respected and obeyed 'Old Man Gilles' as they called him.

Maybe the school board needs to bring Mr. Gilles out of retirement. He'd help cut down the unauthorized entrance problem which appears to be out of hand at Douglass.

**THOUGHT OF WEEK**

It is not the going out of port, but the coming in that determines the success of a voyage—Henry Ward Beecher.

# Bed space for TB victims should concern Council

Last Week a homeless victim of tuberculosis chose a 3-day jail sentence while city authorities searched for a hospital bed for him.

The case of William L. Allen highlighted the present need for more available beds for such victims.

This case was admittedly an exception, but it still is shocking to learn a man was forced to jail because no hospital bed was immediately available for him.

And who's to blame? Just how pressing is this problem?

The Health Department admits there is a shortage of beds available for tubercular patients. At the present there are approximately 80 colored men and 30 colored women on the waiting list for hospitalization.

City Hospitals is the only place in Baltimore city where they can go that is supported by the city.

Today at City Hospitals there are over 250 tubercular patients receiving treatment. Of this number 60 percent are colored. Patients are admitted to the hospital at an approximate rate of one day. Since only on or two a week is released, this explains in some part the dearth of bed space.

But while 250 patients are at the hospital there is a 440-bed potential there. The obvious question is, of course, why isn't that full potential realized?

The explanation lies in the single fact that the hospital does not have the necessary funds.

Its budget was curtailed this year by the City Council, and at present, the staff at City Hospitals can handle only the 250-odd patients they are now taking care of.

So, while the waiting list for tubercular patients needing hospitalization is smaller than in past years, it still is a rather long one. And there are people who should be in the hospital waiting to get in.

The City Fathers will open us their purse strings the next time City Hospital requests funds, it is possible that all of that potential bed space for Baltimore's tubercular patients can be realized.

Then we won't have to read about such cases as a William Allen choosing jail until a bed is found for him in a hospital.

# Panic no stranger to most humans

Panic, that sudden, extreme fright which is usually groundless, was responsible for the death of a seven-year-old girl this week.

It also caused five other children and their mother to sustain critical injuries.

The tragedies all occurred Monday at the same two-alarm fire on West Biddle street when the children and the adult either were tossed or jumped from a third-floor window.

Eyewitnesses and firemen say none of them had to jump. Relatives, on the other hand, say it was necessary since all avenues of escape were blocked off.

The underlying fact remains, however, that panic from the sudden fire caused the death of the little girl and serious injuries to the others.

Although cooler heads have oftimes prevented panic in the face of sudden disasters, it is a human frailty to become excited in the face danger.

Not all of us can face danger coldly and beat it unemotionally.

It is no sign of weakness to seek the quickest avenue of escape from peril. Actually it is a fault we all possess.

Such seems to have been the case in the fire