Two health clinics open next week

There will be two child health clinics open in Baltimore County next week.

The Towson Health Center, Washington and Susquehanna aves., will open at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 16.

The Chase Child Health Clinic, Chase, Md., will open at 1 p.m., Feb. 17.

Attendance at clinics is by appointment only, and on the recommendation of private physicians.

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D.H.S. Feb. '34 class elects reunion leaders

Twenty-one members of the Douglass High school midwinter class of 1934 met at the Madison Ave. YWCA on Wednesday evening to plan a reunion celebration.

They elected Walter (Mike) Wooding, class president, chairman; and Mrs. Mattie Davis Chapman and Mrs. Erva Coleman Baden, co-chairmen of a registrative committee.

To Meet Feb. 24

A second meeting is set for Wednesday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. at the York Hotel, at which time plans will be completed for the celebration.

This week's meeting was called by Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines and Mrs. Melvina Thornton Jackson, who presided.

Call Or Write

They urged other members of the class, who can not attend the February 24th meeting to call or write them. Mrs. Jackson lives at 1639 Monroe st. (Phone: MA. 3-1720). Mrs. Hines lives at 2106 Whittier ave. (Phone: LA. 3-5256.)

Others attending this week's meeting were: The Rev. Levi Miller Jr., Theodore Miller, Milton Dugger, Preston Harris, Bernard Bell, Harry Gent, Aubrey Saunders, Edgar Summers, Miss Arnetta DeShields and Mesdames Ruth Alston Dean, Roberta Bostic Hall, Phelia Jackson Williams, Marie McCracken Wicks, Elizabeth Crawley Jones, Isadore Taylor King, and Catherine Stanley Dawson.

Senator to give bi-weekly TV report

Continuing his bi-weekly television reports to the people of Maryland, Senator John M. Butler will appear on WBAL-TV, Channel 11, Sunday, at 2:15 p.m.

The Senator anticipates that program will be devoted to the controversial issues which have been, and will be, deliberated over by the Senate during the coming session.

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Mailmen caught man, 28, held on mail-theft count,

William St. Rose, 28, 1900 block Alsquith st., is being held in $1,000 bail pending trial in federal court on a mail-theft charge.

At his arraignment, Wednesday before U. S. Commissioner Ernest Volkert, Mr. Rose waived the preliminary hearing, entering no plea.

Mr. Rose was nabbed Tuesday by two mailmen at the St. Paul st. parcel-post station, when he allegedly took a mail sack from an outdoor loading platform.

The postal employees, George Carroll and Howard Walker, chased the man four blocks before cornering him in an alley behind the 900 block Calvert st.

Police arrested Mr. Rose and he was put under the custody of Postal Inspector Marlin Brown until his arraignment.

Suspect arrested after long chase

A shoe repairman, two special police officers and a storekeeper teamed up Wednesday morning to capture a robbery suspect.

Captured by the three men after allegedly entering a grocery store in the 2200 block of Druid Hill ave. and firing two shots at the proprietor, the suspect was taken to Northwestern police station where he identified himself as Maurice Butler, 23, of the 2100 block Druid Hill ave.

Ernest Walters, the operator of the store, told police that the man entered his place shortly before noon on Wednesday and asked for a bag of potato chips.

Pulled Revolver

As Mr. Walters started to fill the order the man pulled a revolver from his pocket and said "this is a hold up."

The storekeeper said that he told the man "you are as crazy as h—" and that he hurled several packages of corn meal and flour at the would-be bandit.

The man fired two shots and then ran out of the store, closely followed by Mr. Walters.

When the two men reached Druid Hill and Presstman sts., Henry Bowen, operator of a shoe shop in the 500 block Presstman st., and Special Officer Emerson A. Simpson of the 500 block Presstman st. joined in the chase.

Special Officer Joseph W. Parker joined the chase when it reached Robert and Etting sts., where the suspect was finally captured.

Police reported that they found a 22 caliber revolver in his possession plus five bullets.

Cites ten ways to halt spread of bogus check writing racket

Today's fastest growing crime wave centers on your checkbook.

That's the word from George W. Adlam, veteran check detective for the Todd Company, leading manufacturer of checks.

In connection with National Crime Prevention Week (Feb. 14-20), Adlam offers 10 simple rules on how to cut down this vicious racket which last year stripped $400,000,000 from our pockets.

Here are Adlam's rules:

Keep bank checks under lock and key; destroy all spoiled checks and mark stubs void; never sign blank checks or make checks out to "cash" or "bearer."

Watch The Pencil

Never write checks in pencil — always in ink or by machine; begin writing at extreme left of amount line to prevent insertion of additional figures.

Fill in all blank spaces to the right by drawing lines through them; avoid flourishes in your handwriting. This makes the signature easier to forge.

Always use safety checks, which flash a warning word like "void," if alteration is attempted with ink eradicator.

Use extreme care in cashing checks. Get positive identification. Don't cash checks showing signs of alteration. Always demand an endorsement in your presence. Make sure the check is that of an existing concern and is drawn on an actual bank.

Always remember — checks are money. Treat them accordingly.

According to Adlam, most of the $400,000,000 check fraud bonanza was "contributed" by people of modest means. Check criminals find it safer to "take" the small guy, he says.

"MISS CHERRY HILL"

These six young ladies competed for honors in a "Miss Cherry Hill" bazaar and popularity contest recently. Agnes Young, third from left, won the title. Runners-up were Misses Gwendolyn Williams, center—Charlotte Weems, left; Joan Sessoms, (Miss Young), Sylvia Ross, and Julia Cole. The bazaar was sponsored by the Cherry Hill Booster Club.

Name Chew new liquor inspector

Governor McKeldin this week appointed another inspector to the Liquor Board.

William H. Chew, 60, 1803 Eagle st., fills the vacancy caused by the recent death of Calvin Anderson. Mr. Chew is 19th Ward executive and a member of the City and State Republican Committee. Appointed to fill Mr. Anderson's unexpired term, he will hold his post until July, 1955.

Mr. Chew was appointed as 19th Ward executive in October, 1952 to serve out the unexpired term of the late Phillip A. Brown.

From Prince George

He came to Baltimore in 1931 from Prince George's county, where he first became interested in politics.

He has served as Republican judge of elections since 1937 and succeeded the late Irvin Stafford as president of the Charles Keubler Republican club of the 16th Ward.

Mr. Chew is an Episcopalian, 32nd degree Mason, and past exalted ruler of the Pride of Baltimore Elk's lodge.

A graduate of Hampton Institute, he lives with his wife, Mrs. Kate Chew, at the Eagle st. address.

EDUCATIONAL FILM

The Baltimore Association for Adult Education is sponsoring a community program for educational television. A film will be shown Saturday on station WAAM-TV Channel 13, from 8:30 to 9 p.m. entitled "New Vision For Television."

TRUSTEE'S SALE

The house at 2646 Francis st., ground rent $20, will be sold at auction on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. Terms of sale include a $300 cash deposit.

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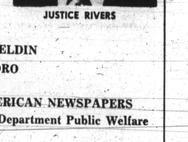

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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Frisking' and man's loss of personal dignity

Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City has upheld the right of police officers to enter any place licensed to sell alcoholic beverages and "frisk" any patron.

That was substantially the essence of his ruling which dismissed a $25,000 damage suit brought by a local attorney who was subjected to such a search last year.

The suit was against a police sergeant who led the searching of male patrons of a Pennsylvania ave. night club.

The sergeant and his captain both testified that they were carrying out orders originating with the police commissioner. And those orders, ostensibly still in effect, were the result of a "crime wave" which was at that time confronting the city.

The AFRO has commented editorially before on the effect of police officers who deem it their right to search individual citizens almost at will.

Our belief, contrary to Judge Smith's ruling, is that such procedure on the part of policemen violates the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution.

That amendment states that "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against all unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated."

It also may be a violation of Article 26 of the Declaration of Rights of the Maryland Constitution.

It states, "That all warrants, without oath or affirmation, to search suspected places, or to seize any person or property, are grievous and oppressive;

"that all general warrants to search suspected places, or to apprehend suspected persons, without naming or describing the place, or the person in special, are illegal, and ought not to be granted."

Now the court has held that such a search is lawful when conducted in a place which sells liquor.

But further than that, Judge Smith made several other observations in his ruling which can not pass without comment.

"... the court can see no reason," he said, "why people should object to co-operate with the police in the prevention of violent crime even though that requires a resignation of personal dignity."

When one resigns his or her personal dignity one has little that remains. The loss of personal dignity is among the first sacrifices an individual makes who live within a police state.

Co-operation with the police to prevent violent crime is one thing. Loss of one's personal dignity is another. There is no compatibility here.

Does such an observation from the bench imply that from now on, unless a man is within the doors of his own home he will be subjected to indiscriminate "frisking" by the police?

Does this imply therefore that no one can enter a respectable night club or tavern without possible harassment and embarrassment by the police?

Some forebearance is required," the court said, "and some retreat from an unqualified insistence on one's individual rights and dignity has to occur."

Even further the court held that "at best it can only be said that the officer was guilty of a technical violation of the law."

What makes a technical violation? And is a violation pure and simple different from a technical violation?

When can a citizen argue at his defense on any charge, be it murder or disorderly conduct, that he was "simply guilty of a "technical violation" of the law?

It is that brisk observation that we feel we reach an onerous situation.

The court implies that policemen are permitted to commit everyday breaches of the law as long as they are "technical violations."

But Mr. Citizen is expected to resign his personal dignity and even his individual rights any time he leaves his home.

Somewhere, along the line, there seems to have been a callous disrespect of the rights of the individual. It, therefore, would seem that the court's ruling in this instance is more important than it appears at first glance.

Mr. Rosedom's appointment

State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro this week lived up to his promise to name a colored assistant in his office.

George Rosedom, the new assistant state's attorney, is well qualified for his new job. He is both a lawyer and a social worker.

Since 1943, he has been a probation officer for the Supreme Bench, and for the past two years has served the court as a supervisor court officer.

The State's Attorney's office represents the state before the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. It prosecutes and defends cases for the state in Baltimore City.

Although it serves all segments of the population, its attorneys up to this time have all been white.

For that reason, Baltimore City can be proud that the Rosedom appointment means one more step has been made toward real democracy.

Now there are many more city bureaus which need to follow suit.

City Hall has no colored clerks.

There are no clerks or bailiffs at work in any of the city courts.

We hope they, too, will soon give qualified colored applicants a chance to work for the city to which they pay taxes.

What would we do without them?

There's no doubt about it that God invented little boys to help keep an otherwise lazy world from going to the dogs.

Little boys, the darlings, keep furniture dealers in business by constantly destroying old things around the house.

They keep over half of the nation in top physical condition, touching their toes as they rock up various and sundry things from the floor.

They keep hospitals busy mending everything from broken fingers to the next door neighbor's worn nerves.

They help weed out the unfit from the public school system by being the last straw.

And best of all, they teach little girls the important fact that they must be sweet and conniving so that they can rule the world.

All in all, the world couldn't do without them for they do grow —sooner than you think— into manhood.

Mrs. Henrietta Douglass' death

The death on Sunday of Mrs. Henrietta Douglass robbed the city of one of its most worthy citizens.

Mrs. Douglass was treasurer of the Sharp Street Methodist church for the past 15 years. For the past 26 years she had been treasurer of the Washington Conference of the Home Missionary Society.

Earlier, she taught in the city school system and, at one time, was principal of Annex 1 for School No. 112.

Well known for her civic and work church, Mrs. Douglass will be missed in her passing.

Although many of us consider the age of 76, which she was, the evening of our lives, it is all the more saddening that Mrs. Douglass was speeded on her way because of a traffic accident.

It is noteworthy, however, that when she was struck down by a motorcycle, she was on her way to a finance meeting at the church which she joined when only 13 years old.

POLITICS:

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

One of the finest men I have ever met in political circles is W. Rae Dempsey Jr.

I first met him when he was chairman of the Baltimore Republican City Committee. He is young; he has vision; he has executive ability.

However, most important, he has the knack of getting diverse groups within the party to sit down together and resolve their differences.

Mr. Cole

Perhaps his most outstanding characteristic was his word. If Rae Dempsey said he was going to do something you could go to sleep on it. You knew that his word was his bond. Believe me, this is a rare trait in a politician. They usually answer queries with "Well, maybe yes and then again, no."

Everybody Invited

Then, too, Rae believed that when the Republicans were having an affair that necessarily meant that all factions of the party should be invited.

This was no polite invitation; he would take the necessary steps to make your reception pleasant and welcome. He was an asset to the party for every one could talk to him and he would listen.

I say "was" in describing my relations with Rae because he is no longer chairman of the City Committee. Since his successful direction of the Republican forces in the Eisenhower campaign, he has been rewarded with a $10,800 job in the federal government — U.S. Customs Officer for the Port of Baltimore.

Seek A Replacement

Ever since Rae resigned, the powers that be have encountered difficulty in finding a person to fill his shoes. As a matter of fact, there is a real squabble downtown as to what person should be the next chairman.

The person most frequently mentioned is Dr. Malcolm Moos — a political scientist from Johns Hopkins university. I know Dr. Moos and by far he would be the man who can best step into the chairmanship. He's not only a scholar but he has had practical experience in party - line work.

Some folk object because he's a liberal man. Seems ridiculous, doesn't it? But it's true.

They feel he'll come forth with some halfbaked ideas. I am frank to attest that Dr. Moos is a very sober, honest and intelligent man.

However, whether Dr. Moos is elected chairman or not, it would behoove the party stalwarts to move with care in replacing Rae Dempsey.

The day of shenanigans is long past, Rae saw that. The man who succeeds Rae must of necessity appeal to the colored Republicans. After all, this minority group, whether by choice or design, constitutes the overwhelming majority of all Republicans in Baltimore City. It might be well to keep this thought in mind.

The first New England newspaper to be firmly established outside of Boston was the Connecticut Gazette of New Haven, founded in 1758 by James Parker, an associate of Benjamin Franklin.

THE AMERICAN WAY

This Nation Under God

Speak Your Piece

Hits Dr. Byrd

Dear AFRO: The full - page advertisement for Dr. H. C. Byrd as a candidate for Governor, in last Friday's AFRO-AMERICAN, was an insult to the intelligence of every colored voter in Maryland.

Dr. Byrd boasts that he helped build up colored schools. Of course he did! The Supreme Court forced him to, when it insisted on equality.

How else could he have kept his College Park lily - white except by urging the improvement of Morgan and Princess Anne? But does he suppose he is doing colored people a favor by reinforcing segregation?

If the Supreme Court outlaws all segregated schools we shall need a governor who can guide the process of integration forcefully, yet with the utmost tact and sympathetic understanding. A sullen or half - hearted job could result in years of bitterness and animosity. Can anyone seriously imagine that Dr. Byrd, with his record as president of the University of Maryland, is the man to trust in this situation?

Alongside others, I have fought since I was 16 years old against racial segregation: at Ford's, at the old Maryland theatre, at the Lyric, at lunch counters.

Some of these battles have been won; some are still being fought; others have just begun. But in all of them, our present governor has made the struggle easier.

I am a registered Democrat, but I shudder to think how much tougher the fight for full equality would be if either Dr. Byrd or his primary opponent (Ed.'s Note: George Mahoney) should take Governor McKeldin's place.

That would be a sad day for democracy in Maryland — and a heyday for old Jim Crow.

A vote for Byrd is a vote against everything the NAACP-the Committee on Racial Equality, Fellowship House, and the Urban League have ever worked for. A vote for Byrd is a vote for Jim Crow.

A. ROBERT KAUFMAN

Store complaint

DEAR AFRO:

I am indignant at what I overheard as the manager of a supermarket, ten - cent store was talking to one of his salesgirls.

The conversation was carried on very loudly and with a nasty attitude on his part.

The girls quite rate better treatment and respect.

Since the customers could overhear the conversation, it showed very little respect for them too.

I am going to stop patronizing the store.

—(Mrs.) ELIZABETH JONES

Financial squeeze

Dear AFRO:

What on earth can the poor working people do about a finance bill when they are ill and can't work, or when they are laid off from work?

Is it a crime that such people don't have the ready cash to keep up their payments when their financial world comes tumbling down?

Please beg the finance companies to give the underdog a break.

—(Mrs.) LILLIAN LOCKLEY

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

News Item: From Washington comes the report that the local mailman may turn up any day now with a caddy cart holding two bags of mail.

The cart, similar to those used on golf links, is part of Postmaster - General Summerfield's plan to mechanize the department for better and cheaper service.

The new innovation will take the load off the postman's back, so that he can deliver twice as much mail with less than half the effort.

Fine. But unless they let him take the cart home, what is he expected to do on his day off?

POLITICS:

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

It seems that whenever the Republicans have a meeting there is always present a member or so of our group. In this way they are able to keep up with the policy making activity of their party.

We Democrats are also anxious that we sit in on the policy-making activity of our party and our efforts are directed that way.

Mr. Watts

Lloyal Randolph, William Dixon, Joseph Neal, D. Bernard Harris, Dr. Robert Jackson, Calvin Douglas, Gene Payne, and many others with their experience and "knowhow" could lend invaluable aid to the Democrats on the planning level.

Have Swung Vote

Some of the stories they tell of how they swung the colored vote to one candidate or the other, how they have defeated one candidate or the other, would surprise you.

It is only when these men and others are able to sit down at the conference table and discuss strategy and planning that we can really become an integral part of the Democratic Party in Maryland.

It is my earnest desire that the day will come when these men will be in fact leaders of the party.

To that end the colored Democrats are working and they need your support. Get behind them.

Cherry Hill Situation

Out Cherry Hill way a factional fight for the primary seems to be brewing. One Faction, lead by Alexander Brown and Bill Murphy, seems to be leaning toward Curly Byrd.

Nannie Gibbs and her Original Women's Democratic Club seems to be lining up behind George P. Mahoney.

It is difficult to find out what part Jim Bundy plays.

New Strength

There are many young Democrats anxious to become more active in Democrat politics and they could bring real strength to our party.

Melvin Callaman, Buck Lynch, Embra Bowie, Eddie Watson, W. C. Flippen, Milton Allen, George Rosedom, Dave Mason, and many others would lend dignity to our cause and are men full of energy that needs only direction.

These men are being contacted to work in the camp of George P. Mahoney and we are hoping to hear great things about them.

Who knows, perhaps a new crop of Democrats might come on the horizon to join the principal leaders of our party.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

GAMBLERS SAY NEVER BET A SURE THING!

Biggest news in our town this week is the appointment of an assistant prosecutor to the staff of State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro.

Mrs. Phillips has a fine record with the Probation Department where he has worked 11 years. He is also a lawyer, being a graduate of the University of Maryland.

Certainly, he has the best wishes of the community as he moves into his new job.

But the biggest news is how and why State's Attorney Sodaro first decided to name Robert Watts to the post, then changed his mind at the last minute and picked Mr. Rosedom.

Here's what happened: Ten days ago, Mr. Sodaro passed word there would be a vacancy on his staff, and that he would fill it with a colored person as he had promised at election time.

He first offered the spot to William Murphy who declined.

On Friday, the word in courthouse circles was that Mr. Sodaro told Mr. Watts that he was "in," and suggested he get his affairs in shape and be prepared for proper swearing-in ceremonies on Feb. 15.

It was a sure thing. Courthouse workers, including a judge and several bailiffs, offered Watts congratulations.

A national news magazine on the stands here on Wednesday carries on page 7 a story headlined: "First Colored Prosecutor Named In Baltimore," and lists the appointee as Robert Watts.

BUT, Sunday morning, something happened to change Mr. Sodaro's mind, and he then advised a much-surprised Mr. Rosedom that he was his choice.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, knowhalls insisted the choice was still Watts, but rumors had the word that Mr. Sodaro had not made up his mind, and when he did it would be Rosedom.

Early Thursday, Mr. Watts himself learned there was a change in plans. Mr. Sodaro called to advise he had to make a decision, he was going to name Mr. Rosedom, and he didn't want it to come as a surprise.

NOW, the knowhalls say the real reason for the change of mind is that Mr. Sodaro will assign his new assistant to the domestic relations section of his office.

The assistants in this division are not trial lawyers. They rarely prosecute cases in open court. Conduct most of their hearings in small offices or as they say, "in the closet."

If this is the spot Mr. Sodaro is filling (and he has not said yet), then he would be wise in offering it to Mr. Rosedom whose work with the Probation Department has been in the domestic relations field.

Now let's wait and see.

And you can discredit those rumors that the job went to Rosedom over Watts because Watts is twice-married and technically excommunicated from the Catholic Church of which Sodaro is also a member.

One wag says the appointment of Rosedom over Watts is the biggest upset of the year.

Rosedom himself admits surprise at the nod:—"I had heard it was in the bag. I didn't think I had a chance."

Democratic Leader Lloyal Randolph comments: "It's a big surprise."

Watts says: "What happened?"

Me? I say, remember Native Dancer?

Never bet on a sure thing!!

THIS AND THAT ABOUT OUR TOWN

New Shiloh Baptist church in Turner Station dedicated a piano and belfrey and organ chimes installed at a cost of $3,400 on Tuesday.

The Rev. C. H. Churn, pastor of Union Temple Baptist, gave the dedication talk. The Rev. James A. Everett is pastor.

Patrolman Oliver Walker of Northwestern District is the officer who first received word about the suspect in the brutal Honeyman murder and where he could be found.

It happened like this: He was arresting a man on a gun charge. The man suggested that if he forgot the whole thing, he'd tell him where the man was who killed the Mr. Grocery Store proprietor.

On the way to the station house, Walker tipped off other officers, who went to the designated spot and picked up the suspect.

Speaking of policemen: Officers Milton Gardner and William Burke have been promoted to the homicide squad, now work in plainclothes.

Daniel C. Brewington, assistant recorder of Jerusalem Temple of Shriners—is all at his home, 2322 W. Lexington st.

Wonder who started that vicious rumor that a student had given birth to a baby in the boys' rest room of an East Baltimore school?

If you hear it too, don't pass it on: There's not an iota of truth in it.

By the way, young girls who have to leave school to become mothers are compelled by law to return to their classes until they're 16.

J. A. Rogers, the famed historian, was guest - guest of President and Mrs. Martin Jenkins at Morgan State college on Wednesday evening. He's been on the campus helping celebrate Negro History Week.

Things are looking up this week for affable Doc Wolman, who was confined to school over by a severe cold and neuralgia.

Last week, he found himself too ill to move. His wife, confined to bed with arthritis was ill there after four months, and his funds were low.

Friends came to the rescue and now the future appears bright. One way to find out how many friends you have is to need one. When everything is going fine, they're around all the time, but brother, don't start down hill.

Doc is such a good guy, however, many came to the rescue.

Wasn't it Publilius Syrus who said: "Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them?"

YWA Secretary M. Estelle Thomas and her associates are out to get 3,000 members in the current campaign which will continue through February.

Have you paid your YW membership yet? Let's support our new executive secretary. Join today. Regular meetings are every Thursday evening at the Madison ave. Branch.

The Rivers Chamberses have purchased a house on Owyens Falls pkwy. Ditto Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Phifer.

Dr. Marian Wilson has taken title to a new home at Longwood and Piedmont.

Det. Hiram Butler was not injured when he fell while chasing a juvenile delinquent on Pennsylvania ave., Tuesday evening.

Members of Bethel AME church entertained the pastor's wife, Mrs. Harrison J. Bryant, at a surprise birthday party on Monday evening.

It couldn't have happened to a finer person. The table full of gifts is proof that many have found she is top.

City Oldsmobile, out Edmondson ave. way, has Nat Allor on its sales staff.

And inside the repair and service shops I saw men of both races working together.

THOUGHT OF WEEK

This time, like all other times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it—Emerson.

Reporters' Report To The People

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

A man walked into the office this week with an interesting story. One that bares the calloused souls of some individuals toward death.

He lives in Washington, while a sister lived in common - law with a man in Baltimore. Last week, another sister, also living in Washington, wrote the sister here a letter. The letter was returned — ink - stamped "deceased."

Alarmed at this unexpected information, both brother and sister hurried to the Baltimore home of their sister. When they arrived at the Exeter st. home their "brother-in - law" told them the grim news:

Shortly after January 1, the woman fell and broke her arm. A week later he awakened to find her lying on the floor beside their bed. He couldn't arouse her and called police.

The woman was pronounced dead of natural causes at the hospital and her body released to the morgue. The "husband" declared he told police the name of another of his wife's sisters who also lived in Baltimore.

Here the water gets muddy. Police report on the woman's death declares that the sister, who lived on McDonough st., would be notified. The same sister, however, declares she was not notified.

At any rate, when the brother and sister hurried to the morgue they were told the dead woman had been turned over to a medical school, Jan. 20, to be used for instruction purposes.

A call to the Morgue Keeper's office verified this fact. The official stated Article 43, Section 157, of the Annotated Code, authorizes that 48 hours after the death of a person to be buried at public expense an Anatomy Board shall have the right to deliver such bodies to the Johns Hopkins or University of Maryland medical school.

The brother and sister recognize and understand the existence of this law. But they are puzzled and hurt because their sister hasn't had a decent burial.

They also ask why, if the police were able to locate one sister, they couldn't locate the other.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Well, Valentine's Day is here again and everyone's fancy turns to love, romance, blue skies, more love, more romance, full moon, more love . . . and so it goes . . .

So fellas, if you're thinking of popping that big question to your favorite girl, but you're kinda hazy on whether she's THE ONE, here's a tip on how to judge her . . .

Potatoes And Girls

Simply take a potato and ask her to peel it . . . 'Tis said her inate personality will be revealed in the way she wields a knife around that bulbous vegetable!

1. If the peelings come off too thick . . . she'll spend all your cash and then some.

2. If the "eyes" are left . . . she's lazy.

3. If she burns the potato . . . she's careless.

Cars And Boys

And girls, to pick your mate, just note how he drives his car:

1. If he boys gas a gallon at a time . . . he's stingy.

2. If he races the motor . . . he's hasty.

3. If he refuses to fix a flat . . . he's lazy.

Then you have it, potatoes and cars . . . Personally I'd settle for the two items . . . might be able to trade them in on a pound of coffee . . . who knows?

COURT NOTES:

The $25,000 law suit against the police sergeant who conducted that raid at Club Tijuana last spring was dismissed.

The federal court jury acquitted an Annapolis police officer who allegedly beat a colored resident in the police station.

The state grand jury dismissed the charges against a police officer accused of bribery.

The score: Courts . . . 3; Citizens . . . zero. And then they say . . .

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

All this current talk about class reunions brings to mind the fact that I, too, went to Douglass High school. Also received a diploma on the occasion.

Sturdy pioneers crossed the plains by horse and covered wagon. With the exception of losing a few scalps along the way, they too, arrived at their destination in reasonable time.

Between the two of us, don't you think both had the BTC system beat by a mile? I, for one, think it did.

"I Outwalked the BTC"

To prove my point, I decided recently to go through with a silly scheme. I thought I could outwalk the BTC's busses. I did.

First I took a short jaunt from Greene and Saratoga sts., to the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Not one sweet car passed me along the entire route.

One week later I walked from the Northeastern District Police station on Ashland ave., to the AFRO office on Eutaw st.

Believe it or not, if I had taken a bus I would have been five minutes late.

One Hour By No. 14

I live in Catonsville. I haven't tried that jaunt yet but don't be surprised if I do.

On the Number 14 car it takes one hour to go out there. I believe I can make it on foot in less time. Anyone for a walkathon?

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In view of the fact that the company has already received complaint after complaint, I can't understand why nothing has been done.

Now and then I wonder just what those fellows in the little cars around town do.

About the only service I have ever seen them render was to change a coin box on a street car.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

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Hodge-Podge

—By R. Matthews—

The process of learning is a fascinating one. Whenever a child comes up with a new fact that, to him, is the most wonderful thing on earth, it's impossible not to remember one's own childhood.

Take meat for an example. Unless a child is born and raised on a farm, quite a few years elapse before he becomes aware that the meat he eats on his dinner table comes from the animals he saw on a farm while riding through the country.

Was talking to a friend recently and somehow the conversation got around to food. He confessed to having spent his early childhood on a farm and was fully conversant with the various processes attached to "butchering."

Strangely enough, although he had witnessed many hog killings, and helped prepare sausage meat, etc., he had an unearthly fear of eating pork.

His mother used every subterfuge possible to get him to eat this dessert, but to no avail — he'd break into tears and wail so loudly that the dish was withdrawn.

His father took over and threatened him with immediate punishment if he didn't eat his dessert. No dice — no punishment was too severe, he said, than eating that dessert.

The particular food in question was a common potato dessert. Seems our friend was afraid of the way the gelatin would shimmy and shake at the slightest movement.

Everytime he was asked why he wouldn't eat the dessert, his answer was the same:

"See it moving — it ain't dead yet."

Poets' Nook

My Valentine

I used to pass her house and she was only eight or nine.
She'd say "Hello" and I would guiltily pass her by.
I didn't know her name and I don't think that she knew mine.
But then, I would have told her, but I was a bit too shy.
I felt that I was grown, but I was hardly 10-years-old.
Small fry, they may have called me, anyway I wore long pants.
But she was like the princess in the fairy tales they told.
And much too young to know