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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul.
POPE

What The AFRO Stands For

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

A teacher for every 35 pupils.

The right of every child to attend the school closest to his home, if there is room.

The right of every child to secure instruction in any course which is offered in the curriculum of Baltimore public schools.

The 'Mayor's' election

It remained for the youth of Baltimore to show the adults how democracy works.

The election last Friday of young Calvin Parker Jr. to be "Mayor" of Baltimore when the Model Youth Council takes over the city government next month marked a milestone in the city.

Dr. Houston Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools, expressed it aptly:

"There are changes taking place in Baltimore," he observed.

How true. And the "changes" are of the kind to make some adults tremble in their boots.

We are speaking, of course, of those adults who stubbornly hold fast to the segregated pattern of every day living.

Those adults who will not give colored citizens any job in City Hall but that of janitor. They are the ones who now should be trembling.

For Baltimore's youth has served notice that its thinking is no longer molded by the stereotype of its elders.

The election of both young Parker and Cathryn Owens as "comptroller" should also serve notice on those who oppose integrated schools. Here is a striking example of how little the city's youngsters think of the differences in races, creeds or colors.

Actually, the result of the youth council's election came as no surprise to the participants or their advisors.

"I find students in the schools are very broad-minded," young Parker told reporters.

Both Parker and Owens have previously engaged in activities with fellow white students.

Parker represents his school at the Inter-Scholastic Council and was a delegate to the Inter-Semester Institute held at Southern High school.

Owens served last year as speaker of the House of Delegates in Annapolis when youths throughout the state "took over" the state legislature.

And, as Dr. Jackson said this week, for the last four or five years the colored and white pupils throughout the city have been exchanging programs, interviewing and conducting inter-school programs.

"They all know one another very well," Dr. Jackson said.

Our hope is that the "older people" will pay heed to what the younger people are saying and doing.

In the meantime, the AFRO-AMERICAN congratulates young Parker, Owens, and Howard Rockman, the City College student who was elected "president" of the City Council.

And a special bow to the 110 pupils from the city's 11 high schools who acted so independently in demonstrating how that democracy works.

"This is one of the best things that has happened here in Baltimore," Acting Mayor Arthur B. Price said following Parker's election.

We think so, too.

Progress in Maryland

The Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations this week made its report for the past year to Governor McKeldin.

The report indicates that progress was made in interracial relations in Maryland during 1953.

Among the specific achievements noted was the decision of the Lyric Theatre management to lease its theatre for a Marian Anderson concert.

Another progress mark was seen in the employment of 22 colored firemen in Baltimore, the first in the city's history.

Further, the report states that most department stores in Baltimore now servel all customers in "virtually all departments, two downtown stores stopped discrimination at their lunch counters and the Baltimore Dental Association plans at its annual meeting in May to vote on a non-segregation policy.

The report singled out for special mention the inauguration of Baltimore's Community Self-Survey, now being conducted to "determine factual information relating to the living and working conditions of minority people."

Further progress was noted in the employment of colored police officers in many counties and the fact that several Eastern Shore factories are now employing colored workers in supervisory positions for the first time.

The Maryland Commission on Forests and Parks is also mentioned in the report for its policy of renting vacation cabins in state-operated parks on a "first come, first served" basis without imposing a segregation policy.

This was the second annual report of the Interracial Commission since its establishment by the General Assembly in 1951.

And while the members of the

Forceful reason for FEPC bill

Two thousand seven hundred workers at the Baltimore Signal Depot in Dundalk are facing the loss of their jobs. Half of those government workers are colored.

Fifteen hundred of those workers can keep their jobs if they agree to move to Tobyhanna, Pa., where the army is moving the depot.

One thousand six hundred and fifty of the workers, however are only part-time employees and will simply be out of work if the army's present plans are completed.

The signal depot has been one of the few areas of employment in Baltimore where colored workers could find jobs on a basis of equality. Its closing will be a calamity to most of them.

Clerks, administrative workers and other skilled workers were employed there.

The simple fact that not many comparable jobs are available for these workers in the Baltimore area is one of the more forceful reasons why the FEPC bill now before the City Council must be passed.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

BAND BUSINESS — Not so long ago it was announced a band was to be started among the kids in the Chick Webb Recreation Center in East Baltimore.

The idea sounded good, especially since the center bears the name of the late great drummer. But several discordant sounds have come up.

Samuel L. Lilly, the originator of the idea for the band and instructor, finds he can't get any professional musicians to volunteer to help the kids.

Mr. Walker

They all ask for money, Mr. Lilly says. Even those he's asked to volunteer just to sit in with the kids a couple of nights a week have balked.

Because of the lack of instruction, many of the kids who originally joined up with the band have stopped coming to rehearsals, Mr. Lilly reports.

Kinda bad, don't you think? A couple hours a week helping some kids seems awfully little to ask.

And even if the city would offer payment for such services (which it isn't) there wouldn't be enough money in the Baltimore treasury to pay for what such time spent is worth.

I'll bet Chick Webb wouldn't have hesitated to offer his services, course, he was a real guy.

IN THE MAILS—Got a letter from a Mrs. Emma Arrington, secretary of Missionary Education, the Metropolitan Methodist church.

Seems Mrs. Arrington read these scribblings last week in which we mentioned Budd Lonesome's writing about a TV show he caught but failed to describe the happy ending. The show concerned a Puerto Rican family and its many troubles.

"Yes, there was a happy ending," Mrs. Arrington writes. "The father returned to his family after the nun pleaded with the judge.

"She placed the blame where it belonged on the tenants in the house or anyone who refused to be kind to the Puerto Rican couple because they were different."

Many thanks, Mrs. Arrington, for the information.

Mrs. Arrington also wrote that the Methodist church is beginning to study of "Spanish Speaking Americans in the USA."

"Attend these sessions, Methodist women," she says, "and find out what is the task of the church. The happy ending will be happier according to Christian standards."

Here's hoping the sessions are overflowing.

POSTAL NOTE—The Alliance News, publication of Baltimore's colored postal employees, recently reported that Local 181, a white group, "recently voted 27-16 to reject the solicited applications of 27 colored clerks to that organization."

The News called the action "unfortunate and perhaps embarrassing for the solicitors and the well-meaning applicants."

I'd call it downright disgusting—and no peeshaw.

NOW LOOKA HERE—Up at the Red Rooster, the Foxettes are planning to hold something called a "Chitterling Strut."

Over at Tillie's they're going to show color movies in the bar —double features', yet.

Hmmph!

Speak Your Piece

Switchblade knives

Dear AFRO:

During the month of January your paper ran an article titled "Measures Against Switch Blades." A copy of this article was mailed to me by one of your readers with a request that I introduce such legislation in the 1954 session of the Maryland Legislature.

I thought you might be interested in knowing that I did, as a result of this request, introduce House Bill No. 133. Due to lack of time this bill was not acted into law during the past session.

MAURICE CARDIN
Fifth Legislative District

(Editor's Note: The article Mr. Cardin refers to was an editorial in the January 23 issue of the AFRO-AMERICAN. In it the AFRO stated it is for the passage of legislation forbidding the selling of switchblade knives across state lines. Five states now have laws forbidding the manufacture of these dangerous weapons. Maryland is not one of them.).

Big Brothers thanks

Dear AFRO:

The Big Brothers of Baltimore appreciates the splendid article in your issue of March 2, concerning the working agreement with Morgan State college, and the write - up on Mr. Rasberry, the student concerned.

As you know, the Big Brothers of Baltimore is one of the very few truly interracial, inter - faith organizations in our community, and can only make its work known through the interest of our newspapers.

Thank you for a very able presentation of our objectives.

JOSEPH H. LANDEAU
Executive Director

Singing vs. Shaking

Dear AFRO:

Last Sunday we attended a talent show at Gamby's. There was a girl on the show named Jill Arden, who, in our opinion, had real talent.

She was very attractive and wholesome looking. We noticed most of the women contestants did more "shaking" than they did "singing."

It seems to us the louder you sing and the more you shake the better the people like you. But if more of our entertainers sang songs like the one Miss Arden sang and did less shaking, they would be a lot more respected.

We've made it a point to look at different television shows and we have yet to see or hear anyone sing songs like "TV Is The Thing," or "Love Contest."

If we had more entertainers like Miss Arden, show people would have better names. We want her to know she has two fans who appreciate her singing.

MR. AND MRS. R. WATERS

Club donations

Dear AFRO:

In your last week's forum I mentioned that I had an idea for a fund and suggested if every club out of 70 would donate $10 and send it to your office you could do some worthwhile charitable work.

I received a call from Mrs. Lois Lindsay, president of the Octettes. She said her group thought the idea was splendid and that its treasurer, Mrs. Willena Kennedey, had sent $10 to your paper for which I am extremely grateful.

The club is a year and a half old. I hope all the other clubs of our city shall follow this fine gesture made by the Octettes.

CRESTON (DOC) WOINGUST

Gypsy secret

She gazed into a crystal ball,
My fortune she would tell.
And I, in hopes of pleasant things,
Had faded in her spell.
She told me almost everything,
Of dreams and beams of stars above,
But she would not reveal that night
That I and she would fall in love.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Hodge Podge

By Bob Matthews

Everyone should have some sort of hobby. After a busy day at the "salt mines" there should be some special job that they can turn to to forget the cares of the day.

Some people go to great lengths in the hobbies. Heard of a woman in New Jersey who trains snakes in her spare time. Course the more common garden variety hobbyists include the collectors of stamps, coins, tropical fish, etc.

Seems that Number One Son discovered the word "hobby" recently. He pestered every one within reach until he found out the exact meaning of the word.

Sounded like a good idea to him, so one day after dinner, he blandly announced:

"I need a hobby. Think I'll start building model airplanes."

Since the statement didn't get an immediate reaction, he decided to try again.

"After all, every boy should have something constructive to do, something to keep his idle fingers busy."

When he delivered this mouthful, I realized he was serious enough about the project to quote someone. Decided to string along.

"Okay," I said, "when do you want to start?"

Naturally he was overly anxious, so I gave him some money and sent him to the store to purchase a model airplane kit.

This was the first mistake. He came back with the largest and most complicated one the store possessed.

Oh well, I thought, at least he'll have something to keep him busy for a week.

This was mistake number two. He spread out all the parts in the kit, studied the plans for exactly four minutes, then yelped for help.

You can guess who ended up building the model plane, and you know what — it's fascinating. We now have a new hobby, and who knows, if Number One Son acts nice, I might even let him fly one of the planes.

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

NEWS ITEM: The debating team from the Norfolk, Mass., prison colony will face a group from Holy Cross college for a debate on wire tapping.

Naturally, the prison will take the negative side of the debate.

If the warden and the dean are stumped for ideas for the winning team, here's a suggestion: New college letters or numbers, as the case may be.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

MAYOR CAL WON BY A LANDSLIDE

When high school students met last week to pick the 'mayor' to sit in City Hall on May 6-7, they voted their own minds. Their choice by 100 out of a possible 110 votes was Calvin W. Parker Jr., 18 - year - old Carver High School senior.

Mrs. Phillips

And no wonder! Calvin is a clean-cut, attractive fellow, who acts like the intelligent, typical American youngster he is.

He is 6 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 147 pounds, has a beautiful voice. He sings bass on the school and church choirs.

His brown skin is clear—his eyes are steady and he looks you in the face when he talks. His voice is deep but not loud.

He is a neat dresser—so neat you get the feeling he spent plenty of time with his grooming. He is left-handed and wears a size 12 shoe.

After you talk with him a few minutes, you understand why other students picked him as their leader.

He knows about our city government and its needs. He knows about the importance of good government as though he had been a student of government all his life.

When an onlooker marvelled that the kids who voted for him were mostly white (80 with 30 colored students were delegates), he quietly said:

Calvin accepted his congratulations graciously and did not appear to be unduly excited about the attention given him.

Later, however, he confided he was "a bit nervous."

Overheard in the Carver corridor: "Well they say, (there's that they again), no good ever comes out of Carver. This proves they are wrong!"

Bubbling over with pride are Calvin's two advisors, his English teacher, Erma Kelton Royo, and his history teacher, G. A. Washington. They did a good job and they deserve plenty of commendation.

Calvin tells me he does all his speech writing and practicing in school, rarely gives his family a preview of his talks.

He does, however, practice in front of the mirror in his room. Many successful speechmakers do this.

Girls? Calvin says he dates several girls, likes movies and parties. His current date: Doris Koger, a fellow Carver student.

P.S.—When you read in the AFRO this week that adults said the students who picked the model youth government "acted independently," here is what it meant:

The pamphlet advertising the election conference was prepared by the schools and the "mayor."

Pictured on the cover were Paul Hice, Southern High, Janet Thomas, Patterson High—both of whom opposed Parker for mayor.

Many students as well as adult voters, are influenced by this type of program which can be interpreted as campaign literature, but it didn't work in this case.

They 'acted independently' by picking Parker because they heard him speak, knew he could think on his feet, and they liked his delivery. His picture was on the inside, not on the front cover.

Looks like the youngsters in Baltimore are way ahead of the older people.

THE LIQUOR BOARD AND ELKS' HAIL!!

Monday was bright, spring-like day, a nice day to be out in the fresh air.

But 150 persons were seated in Room 236, City Hall, where the Board of Liquor License Commissioners holds hearings.

Most of them were there because there are many people who insist on putting taverns and other liquor outlets in our residential areas or in areas already overcrowded with liquor places.

And strangely enough, a great many of these would-be tavern owners are members of minority groups who should know and appreciate our problems.

But they don't and so our neighborhood representatives, busy housewives, mothers and workers, spend three and four hours at the liquor board explaining why they oppose the licenses.

One of the cases before the board Monday was an application by Sidney Goldberg to operate a restaurant with beer and wine at 1223 Madison ave.

His lawyer was Traffic Court Magistrate Stanley Scherr!

Opposing him was Juanita J. Mitchel, representing the Northwest Improvement Assoc., NAACP, School Board, Douglas Memorial Church et al.

Magistrate Scherr who is a skilled lawyer, met his match and exposed the secret byword of a fraternal order at one point in the cross-examination of a witness.

The witness was Nathaniel E. Harris, 25 years a resident of the block. He opposes additional outlets in his block. Here's the way the questioning went:

Scherr: Is there any other place in the block which sells intoxicating beverages?

Harris: Yes, Wolfe's; York Hotel and the Elks.

Scherr: Did you protest?

Wolfe's?

Harris: Yes.

Scherr: Is there any other place in the block besides the York which sells food?

Harris: Yes, the Elks.

Scherr: If a person spent money and fixed this place up, (the proposed wine-restaurant) wouldn't that be all right?

Harris: I'd rather see the place boarded up, than see whiskey there.

Scherr: You say your family's bothered by people going in and out of Wolfe's place?

Harris: Yes, we can't even sit out on the front.

Scherr: What about the people coming from the Elks? Any trouble from them?

Harris: No

Scherr: Are you an Elk?

Harris: Are you? (There was laughter).

Scherr: Are you? (Board member Kovens started to intervene, but the laughter persisted.)

Scherr: I'm sorry. I should have said Brother Harris!

Thus it was that the Elk secret hail and response was revealed in a public gathering!

THIS AND THAT OF MANY THINGS

Jessie Fitzgerald has returned to her teaching duties at Hampton Institute after being confined to her parents' home here and later to Johns Hopkins Hospital for five weeks.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzgerald, 1208 Druid Hill ave. At Hampton, Jessie is professor of music.

Remember Harry J. Hunt who used to teach in the city schools?

He's now living in Somerset, England, where he was recently elected to the Parochial Council of Christ church. The Parochial Council is similar to the vestry in the Episcopal church here.

The death this week of William F. Hardrick, 1233 Argyle ave., is a distinct loss to the Masons and the Shriners. Mr. Hardrick never missed visiting sick members of the fraternal orders. There are many hidden members who will miss him.

Family and Children's Welfare Society, 204 W. Lanvale st., is looking for parents to adopt some tiny children.

Available now are two cute three-year-old boys; and four girls ranging in age from two months to nine months. If you're interested call or write Mrs. Florella Clark.

Herb Franklin is the name of the friendly gentleman you meet nowadays as soon as you enter the Mayor's office in City Hall.

He used to be a magistrate at Southern police station.

AFRO's 1951 ideal mother, Mrs. Eunice M. Sears of Norfolk, Va., was in Ft. Sill, Okla., last month to see her son, Rufus F. Sears, graduate from officer candidate school.

Also attending the ceremony, her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Childs of Washington.

UNCLE JOHN IS A HAPPY MAN

Who is the happiest man or woman you know?

Pops on my list is a man who is the seventh of ten children, five boys and five girls.

He's proud of the fact that he's five months shy of being 74 years old.

His only regret is that although he loves children so much, he has none of his own.

He has made up for this by adopting his nephews and nieces as well as other young people, and by adding dogs and fish to his household.

He has an abiding faith in his church and related groups.

He has developed and built the Falcon Rod and Gun Club. Even though he does no shooting or hunting himself, you can find him there any Sunday helping to organize the shooting events, working on the rifle range or doing small jobs around the clubhouse.

His formula for happiness—don't worry about anything. It's not worth it.

He knows what hard work is. Pops was a farmer down south. He can remember when he was a youngster going to school, he did plenty of walking.

Thirty blocks from his home in the 1300 block of Carey st., this his father's print shop on St. Paul near Calvert. There he started his fire.

Then he walked 14 blocks west to Fremont ave. and King st., to attend classes at what was called Polytechnic Institute.

After school, he walked the 14 blocks back to the print shop where he ran errands and did odd jobs for which he received 75 cents a week.

In the evening, he walked the 30 blocks home.

He remembers the time 35 years ago when he contracted the measles and there was some talk he might die. He went blind for nearly a year and was almost bald for five months.

Friends say he didn't let it worry him. He played cards and had a good time.

"What's the use of worrying?" he asked. "I can't do anything about these measles. The doctor is doing the best he can. When the Lord is ready, these bumps will go away."

The happiest man I know keeps busy by taking an interest in other people and things about him.

He's currently interesting others in the plight of Mrs. Bertha Coles, a legless lady who is in need of a wheel chair. Already, he's taken the leadership in raising $274; needs $126 more to reach the goal.

Yes, the happiest man I know answers to the name of John H. Murphy Jr., but others know him as "Uncle John," or "Jack."

THOUGHT OF WEEK

Write on your hearts that every day is the best day of the year.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reporters' Report To The People

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

A few years ago I wrote a story about a "pistol - toting" barber who had ran afoul of the law. It got quite a bit of comment and the barber, known along the Avenoo as "Georgia-Boy," still jokingly refers to it.

This week another barber came into the office to see me. His name is Trust Brown (No Kidding!) and he has a shop in the 1100 block Laurens st. Mr. Brown had a gripe about a traffic ticket he received Valentine's Day.

He said he was driving across the viaduct and a traffic cop stopped him. The officer claimed Brown was exceeding the 25 mile per hour speed limit and gave him a ticket.

The traffic court hearing on the charge was held last week. Brown told Magistrate Katz his story and claimed that he was not exceeding the speed limit.

Checked Speed Limit

The motorist said he had personally checked the speed limit existent on the viaduct and found a 30 mile limit was in force in that area.

Magistrate Katz then asked the policeman what Brown's actual speed was, and the legal speed limit on the viaduct. The policeman said the speed limit was 25 miles an hour and that Brown had been doing 31.4 miles an hour.

Magistrate Katz then told Brown he had been a fraction over the speed limit. The magistrate said he would give him the benefit of the doubt and ordered Brown to pay court costs —which amounted to 85 cents.

Brown paid and walked out of the courtroom. But the barber is steaming! He contends that even if the officer was right, he was in the middle of a block a long line of cars, all traveling at the same approximate rate of speed, when singled out.

Mr. Brown can't figure out why the policeman picked him out.

He then says: "It's not the money, I guess the magistrate was kind in just fining me 85 cents. But I checked that route and the only sign I saw was one stating a 30-mile limit."

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

One of the charming employees who helps Provident hospital function as a well-run institution is Mrs. E. Finch Morris. A native of Philadelphia, Mrs. Morris is an administrative secretary in the office of John Pycope, hospital superintendent.

Vitally interested in community work, the pleasant Mrs. Morris also instructs a Red Cross class of 27 Boy and Girl Scouts every Tuesday night at Knox Community Center.

Before coming to Baltimore, Mrs. Morris was employed in an insurance office in the Quaker city. She has been here at the hospital for four years.

Successful Future

A successful future appears to be in the offing for six pupils at Carver Vocational high school who recently won Gregg awards for skill in shorthand techniques.

Pins went to Phyllis Jones, Anna Shipty, Violet Brooks and Hattie Cherry for their speed of over 60 words a minute. Pins also went to Jean Beaskins and Catherine Edwards who were clocked at better than 80 words a minute.

Second Lt. Walter Fredricks, a brother alumnus from Temple university and member of Sigma Delta Chi, was in town last week for a brief furlough. His brother, Paul, operates a shoe repair shop in the 1800 block Pennsylvania ave.

Pamela Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, 629 N. Calhoun st., was recently chosen queen at Booker T. Washington junior high school. The 12-year-old pupil is in the eighth grade. In May of last year she was crowned queen at the Fannie L. Barbour Elementary School No. 161.

Sorry to hear the news that Charles M. Woodford suffered a heart attack early on Saturday and has been confined at Provident hospital. He formerly taught at Douglass high school and is well remembered by former pupils.

Onions to the characters at the Billy Eckstine show on Sunday night that made the patrons unhappy with their childish antics.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

If anyone tells you the jazz concert Monday night was "crazy, man, crazy," they're right.

That is, if they are referring to the audience. There was so much yelling, whistling and stomping, a fire commissioner ruled the concert would end if the crowd didn't quiet down.

Several of the enthusiasts were "carried away" by the special policemen and several times an ardent fan would groan, moan, "Is there a psychiatrist in the house?"

Audience Stirred Up

Ruth Brown, the Clovers and Johnny Hodges stirred the audience into a high, noisy pitch of emotion which finally resulted in shrill screams and whistles by the time Billy Eckstine hit the stage.

I'm sure I could have enjoyed the music if I could have heard it. But thanks to the teen ager seated behind me, who relished in whistling in my ears, I was stone dead before the concert was half over.

NEW WELCOME

See where a candidate for governor in Alabama wants to change the state's highway signs from "Fair Warning. Laws strictly Enforced" to "Welcome to Alabama . . . Y'All Come."

Wonder who he's trying to kid??

A few days ago, I got a letter from a friend who's teaching in the state and she can hardly wait until the school term is over so she can leave.

The strict segregated set-up there is a little more than she can stand.

HELP WANTED

The Provident Hospital Ladies' Guild is seeking volunteers to work in the library Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Those interested may contact Miss Maude LaForrest at the hospital.

Orchids to the youth council of the National Council of Women who will present the receipts from their fashion show on Sunday p.m. to Provident hospital and the Barrett School for Girls.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

OPEN LETTER TO BALTIMORE WAITRESSES:

Dear Girls:

Six months ago I mentioned in this column that automobile mechanics were becoming too independent.

It appeared to me then that they were getting along so well that they didn't give a hang about their customers' feelings.

Things have changed since then. I know of a number of places where the customer is "now" always right.

Time For A Change

This open letter concerns you because I know a number of people who are fed up with the kind of service you have been dishing out lately.

You can't expect orchids when a customer seats himself at your table and finds himself asking for napkins, eating utensils, and other things that are supposed to be there.

For example, a week ago I had to ask one of your sisters to clean the table before setting it. In another place I found waitresses eating while customers waited. I'll still another waitresses were talking with their boy friends instead of working.

Too Much Money?

Nowadays a customer is lucky to even be on the end of a pleasing smile. What's happening? Are your tips so good that you can afford to take up where the mechanics left off?

As public servants cab drivers have you beaten by a mile. They can carry on a good conversation, too.

Maybe a few of them are even a little prejudiced, but to hear them talk you would never know it. The most pleasing conversation I have had recently was with a Czech cab driver Sunday.

His conversation was so interesting that I even know what he will have for dinner two weeks from today. How about learning a lesson from these fellows? Believe me, it will pay you too.

YOUR PAL?

Baltimore soldier in atomic exercise

Pvt. Donald Williams of Baltimore now stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., will participate in Exercise Flash Burn at Fort Bragg, N.C., during April and May.

A member of the 135th Signal Battalion's Company A, the 19-year-old soldier will receive training in the tactical use of atomic weapons.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Williams, 1207 N. Greemount ain ave., he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co., in Sparrow Point before entering the Army in June 1953.

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TOWNSMEN CLUB NOT DISSOLVING — Offering proof that they're still active as a charitable organization are these members of the East Baltimore club. Seated, left to right: Melvin Smith, Linwood Bowles, Sanford Maddox, president; Eugene Glover, Willie Lucas. Standing, Pearl Steele, Lawrence Tinson, George Barry, John Baxter, Gilbert Clark, Elmer Haskin and William Kidd.

Townsmen club marks 13th anniversary at Webb

The Townsmen Club, a community charity group, has celebrated their 13th anniversary at Chick Webb Memorial Center, their headquarters.

Organized in 1941, the club is concerned with helping the sick and needy.

Their funds are derived from musical recitals and benefits.

To date the Townsmen have contributed a total of $11,000 to such institutions as Boys' Village, the Handicapped School for the Blind, Webb Center, and a number of smaller organizations.

Officers

Club officers are president, Sanford Maddox; John Baxter, vice - president; George Barry, recording secretary; Lawrence Tinson, correspondence secretary; and Eugene Glover, treasurer;

Also, Elmer Haskins, financial secretary; Willie Lucas, business manager; Pearl Steel, editor; and Linwood Bowles, sergeant-at-arms.

Other members are William Kidd, Melvin Smith, Joseph Hooper, Gilbert Clark and Elsiwood Hall.

Plans have now been completed by the Townsmen to present Mrs. Lucille Marcus and her daughter, Miss Lucille Marcus Jr., in a recital at Waters AME church, April 25.

A faculty member at Carver vocational high school, Mrs. Marcus is accompany her daughter at the organ. Miss Marcus is a pianist in a student at Howard University.

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Nichols asks postal workers to support FEPC ordinance

Fred Nichols, industrial secretary of the Urban League was the guest speaker at the March 21 meeting of the Baltimore Branch NAPE at the Druid Hill Ave YMCA.

Mr. Nichols spoke on Ordinance 1839 now before the City Council of Baltimore which, he said, "we like to call the 'Baltimore Equal Opportunity Ordinance.'"

This FEPC legislation, he said, cannot be termed "not palatable" to business interests.

"It is, in affect, an educational program. In action this ordinance calls for investigation of complaints, consultation with firms and public hearings before legal action is taken."

Abandon Voluntary System

Mr. Nichols pointed out that this is more desirable than a voluntary system. Cleveland was forced to abandon a voluntary system and is now used as a model for FEPC legislation throughout the country, he stated.

"It is up to the colored community to show that it is behind those men who support this kind of legislation," he said.

He urged the Baltimore Branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees to join with other groups in labor who are supporting this vital ordinance.

John W. White, president of the Baltimore Branch, NAPE, assured Mr. Nichols that the organization would actively support efforts to insure passage of the FEPC bill.

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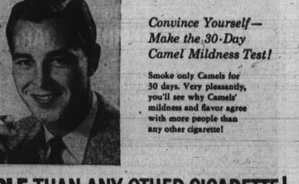

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