Miss Bernice Pollard weds Cpl. B. Boykins

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Mrs. Estella J. Pollard recently announced the marriage of her daughter, Bernice, to Cpl. B. J. Boykins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Boykins of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The wedding was held at the home of the bride's pastor, the Rev. E. A. Moss.

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Dr. Byrd airs views at Frontiers meet

Favors gradual approach on school and guard issue

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd favors the gradual approach in dealing with the admittance of colored students to the University of Maryland and integration in the Maryland National Guard.

The candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor aired his views Tuesday as he faced an extended question and answer session at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Frontiers Club at the YMCA.

Dr. Byrd was bombarded with such a barrage of questions from the Frontiersmen that the meeting did not end until 2:45 p.m., 45 minutes past the regular closing hour.

Despite the length of the session and Dr. Byrd's statement that he intended to be "frank" in his answers, several Frontiersmen expressed disappointment over what they termed the "incomplete" answers of the speaker on questions of his racial policies.

Quizzed On Policies

Questioned at length on his policies while he was president of the University of Maryland, Dr. Byrd denied all responsibility for discrimination at the school and placed the burden on the shoulders of the state legislature and the Board of Regents.

The gubernatorial candidate referred to the case of Donald G. Murray in which the university was ordered by the Court of Appeals to admit its first colored student to the law school, after the university rejected his application because of race.

"When the Murray case came up, I had no more to do with the decision (not to admit Murray) than a jack rabbit in the forest. I would say frankly that my advice at that time was to admit Murray, but it was not followed.

'Intelligent Thing'

"If I were governor under present conditions, in my opinion, the most intelligent thing would be for Maryland to have one university. We should continue (under the present setup) until such time as people can live on the same campus without bad reactions."

Pressed to make some definite comment on his attitude and discrimination in higher education in Maryland, Dr. Byrd finally told the Frontiersmen:

"If you will get your people to vote for the abolition of your colored colleges, I will vote to have one college for all."

Until this happens, Dr. Byrd said, he favored the continued development of Morgan State college and Princess Anne, and the admittance of qualified colored students to the University of Maryland for courses not offered at the colored schools.

Question Posed

Turning to the question of integration in the National Guard, which was raised by the Rev. Levi Miller, Dr. Byrd said:

"I think eventually if all the armed forces are to be integrated, the Maryland National Guard will be integrated, but I don't know how quickly this can be done without trouble. We should not get into a field like this until we have educated the people. I think the education might be done in the near future."

Dr. Byrd also touched on the refusal of downtown hotels to house colored players who will visit Baltimore with various American League baseball teams to play the Baltimore Orioles.

"It is a matter of private business. As for myself if I were running a hotel, I would take all members of a baseball team, whoever they were."

Makes Promise

At one point in his remarks when he was asked if he would take the initiative in moving toward an integrated society, Dr. Byrd said:

"I will do more for colored people than any governor has ever done, but you can't expect me to stand up here and make statements that would be political suicide."

Dr. Byrd expressed confidence in the improvement of race relations in Maryland.

"I think that there isn't the slightest doubt in the world that you will have closer connection between white and colored. I don't think, however, that you should push things too hard to stir up ill will."

The question and answer period came after Dr. Byrd had delivered a brief talk outlining the role of America as leader of the free world.

Dr. Robert L. Gill

Dr. Gill files for State Senate

Dr. Robert L. Gill, political science professor at Morgan State College, has filed for the Republican nomination to the State Senate from the Fourth District.

Dr. Gill is filing for the seat presently held by Bernard Melnicove, a Democrat.

"I think a cross-section of all of Baltimore's citizens should be represented as members of the State's highest legislative body," declared Dr. Gill.

"This is 1954 and Baltimore voters will vote for a colored person to represent them."

Endorsed By Clubs

The 41-year-old Morgan faculty member has been endorsed by the Theodore R. McKeldin Republican club; and the Cosmopolitan Republican club, and declares he expects the endorsement of the Citizens Republican club.

A war veteran, Dr. Gill is Grand Historian of the Omega Psi-Phi fraternity, and president of the local chapter of the Livingstone college Alumni association.

He lives with his wife and two sons at 4228 Evans Chapel rd. Dr. Gill has been a member of the Morgan faculty since 1945.

Depot workers fight transfer

On behalf of the 2,700 federal employees at the Baltimore Signal Depot, Gov. McKeldin will meet with President Eisenhower today (Friday) in Washington.

The meeting was scheduled after a letter was sent to the Secretary of Defense urging his intervention in the proposed moving of the depot to Tobyhanna, Pa.

The Governor's letter pointed out that there would be considerable" economic distress in the Baltimore area" if the depot is moved.

To Close In December

The majority of workers at the plant face the loss of their jobs by December. Approximately half of the employees are colored.

The Army announced three weeks ago that the installation would be closed on Dec. 31 and move to Pennsylvania. About 700 civilian workers are due to be released by April 30.

All are urging that the agency be kept in the Baltimore area, or that a similar government agency be moved into this area to absorb persons now facing unemployment.

In 1953, employees at the Signal Depot were paid a total of $11,500,000 in salaries. The center received 155 awards from the Army in the same year for suggestions which improved efficiency and cut down costs at the plant.

At the proposed Pennsylvania installation it is said there will be a shortage of housing facilities as well as jobs for colored Civil Service employees who transfer there.

MISSES NORRIS GORDON ON SPRING VACATIONS

Eleanor Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Champion H. Norris, 5043 Blaine st., ne., and Carole Waters, daughter of Mrs. Anna M. Gordon, 2665 Nichols ave., se., are returning home this week end from Rockford College for the spring vacation period. Spring recess began Friday, April 2, and ends Tuesday, April 20. Both are freshmen students.

ELECTED ART CHAIRMAN

JEFFERSON CITY Mo. — James D. Parks head of the Lincoln University art department here was elected chairman of the Missouri College Art Conference for 1954-56

Appeal against Liquor Board filed in court

An appeal, urging the approval of a Class A beer, wine and liquor license for Marty's Delicatessen, 1300 block N. Broadway, has been filed in City Court.

The owner of the business, Martin Bondroff, contends that the Liquor Board's decision to deny the application, March 22, was illegal.

The board issued the order following a hearing, March 15. At that time, Mr. Bondroff requested that his Class D off-sale seven-day beer and wine license be changed to a Class A off-sale six-day beer, wine and liquor license.

Asking that the decision be reversed, Mr. Bondroff charged that the board's action was "arbitrary, unreasonable and unsupported by any substantial evidence."

A hearing on the case is expected to be held soon in City Court before Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith.

New program series planned in projects

Resident Assemblies of the Douglass - Somerset Homes, Housing Authority of Baltimore City, will sponsor a "This Is How" series beginning the third week of April.

The program, designed to inform tenants of the community resources available to them, will run for four weeks.

The series was initiated by Mrs. Mabel Bailey, president of the Douglass Homes Assembly, and Mrs. Esther McKey, president of the Somerset Assembly.

Ike's appointments disappoint Powell

"The presidents appointment of four federal judges for the Southern district of New York State marks the first success we have made in reversing the protestant massacre."

That statement was made Wednesday by Rep. Adam C. Powell (D., N.Y.), who added: "President Eisenhower's appointments mark the first inclusion of Protestants in almost 20 years. I regret, however, that none of these appointments was colored, for no colored person has ever been appointed.

"We will continue to press for Protestant integration at city, state and federal levels."

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TAKES ON PAINT JOB—When not working at Sparrows Point, Lindsey Dunlap spends his off duty hours puttering around home at 1509 N. Wolfe st. While shopping recently, he found a paint sale and at once decided to paint his bedroom. He bought a can of azure blue paint for the job.

READING AND WAITING—Dietician Mrs. Delores E. Jones of 1820 W. Lexington st., reads a magazine while waiting at Cold Spring lane and Park Heights ave., for automobile transportation to her job at the Greenwood Nursery. She is a native of Baltimore, but attended St. Paul's Institute in NYC.

EXPLAINING THE TOOLS—Elbert Bishop, industrial arts teacher at the Carver High school in Towson, explains the various tools used in the carpentry course at the school. Mr. Bishop lives in Baltimore at 2711 N. Monroe st. There are about 400 pupils at Carver. One of their highlight entertainments will be the production tonight (Friday) of "Belle of the West", a horse opera. Featured players will include Melanese Gwynn, 13, and William Barnes, 15.

AFRO FOTONEWS

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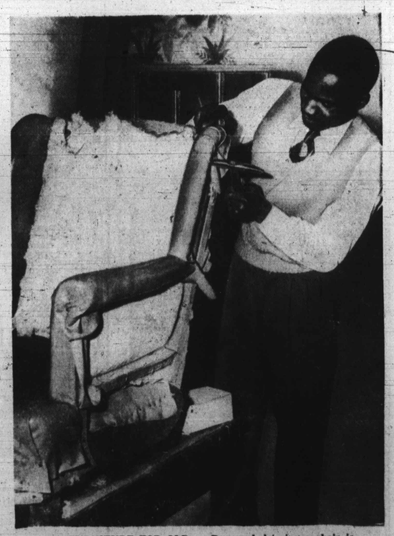
THEY'RE PALS — Juanita V. Alexander, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Alexander of 1941 Druid Hill ave., makes the newspaper delivery rounds daily with Joseph Robier of 108 Dogwood rd. They use a station wagon.

LIKE THE POSTMAN WHO GOES WALKING—Mrs. Cora Kitt, 622 N. Mount st., waitress at the Arundel Delicatessen, Pennsylvania ave. at Wilson st., eats lunch there on her day off. Her husband, Luther, is employed at the Glenn L. Martin aircraft company. She attends Central Baptist church.

REWARD FOR SERVICE—I. Henry Phillips, AFRO staff photographer, gets a replica of a statue of the blessed Martin de Porres from Father Bartholomew F. Hines, S.S.J., priest at St. Peter Claver Catholic church. The religious relic was given to Mr. Phillips for his untiring efforts on behalf of the church's Holy Name Society. Mr. Phillips, his wife, Laura; and three children are regular church attendants.

HEAVY WORK—Due to crowded dock at Locust Point B. and O. terminal, workers load a freight car with a shipment of kitchen sinks prior to shuttling it off to a railroad siding. Outside are Marion Golden, 701 E. Chase st.; and H. Kaiser Lee, 463 Watty ct. Assisting are Walter Savage, 511 S. Greene st.; Hardin Benbow, 543 S. Paca st.; and Philip Thomas, 1627 Warwick ave.

FAMILY WITH A PURPOSE—All definitely going somewhere for a purpose are Mrs. DeSylvia Wickham, 2368 Whittier ave. and her two sons, Myron, 2; and Andre, 12. Mrs. Wickham was taking Myron to the barber [illegible] then she was going on to work at a North ave., wearing a [illegible] shop. Andre was on his way to Druid Junior high school. Daddy, John Wickham, drives a cab.


NEW FURNITURE FOR OLD — Busy upholstering a chair is James Cherry of 117 Melrose st., who operates a re-upholstering shop at 1010 N. Gay st. He has been in the business for 15 years. He also makes slip covers to order and repairs furniture. Busiest seasons are the spring and fall. Mr. Cherry and wife, Dorothy, have eight children ranging in age from 6 to 16 years.