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We believe that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man, regardless of race, color or creed, his human and equal rights. Hating no man, fearing no man, the Colored Press strives to help every man in the firm belief that all are hurt so long as anyone is held back.

"We are Americans and, as Americans, we speak to America."
—Frederick Douglass

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

Call me not a wise man, but a lover of wisdom."
PYTHAGORAS

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 time is right — now

Is the time right for Baltimore hotels to open their doors to all respectable and law-abiding applicants for accommodations, regardless of race or color?

Is public opinion at the moment right for Baltimore hotels to eliminate their present policies of segregation?

Governor McKeldin believes it is.

So do the other members of his Commission on Interracial Relations.

Representatives of the Baltimore and Maryland hotel associations disagree, they insist the time is not right.

They claim that the "prevailing public view does not wish mixed patronage of hotels at this time."

That was the sum essence of their arguments last week to keep Baltimore's hotels closed to colored baseball players visiting here with major league clubs.

But the governor, who is certainly of the public and should know of its opinions, differs with the hotel representatives.

So do the other members of the Commission, both white and colored, all of whom are part and parcel of the public and have as much daily contact with the tenor of the times as do the hotel men.

The governor further told the hotel representatives that they have a certain obligation to open their doors to everyone.

He felt, and rightly so, that the fact the visiting colored players will be separated from their teammates only in Baltimore will react unfavorably for the city.

The hotels, the governor said, are holding back the progress of the city and state with their present policies. A change is needed, he contended.

"The time is right—right now," said Mr. McKeldin.

He is so right. We think the hotel men will soon agree.

The meaning of Easter

Easter is the principal feast of the Christian year. It is now celebrated on the Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. The event celebrated is described in St. Matthew's gospel like this:

In the end of the Sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment as white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake and become as dead men.

And the angel answered and said to the women, "Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there ye shall see him. Lo, I have told you."

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word.

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "All hail." And they came and held him by the feet and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, "Be not afraid. Go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there they shall see me."

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

OPENING GAMBIT: Since baseball and the Orioles have been on everybody's tongue this past week, we'll agree: It was a wonderful parade, a most laudable opening day crowd, etc.; a pretty good game and Baltimore is nearly back in the "majors." We say "nearly," for only when the management of the hotels decide to bring up their establishments from the "minor leagues" will everything begin to take on a "major" look.

Mr. Walker

Nevertheless, all the democracy "America's Favorite Pastime" brings out in the populace, it doesn't mean that there is no urgent need for an FEPC bill in Baltimore.

Our Main Point

Which brings us to our point: Have you written your City Councilman expressing your favor for Ordinance 1839 which will establish an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Baltimore?

City Solicitor Thomas J. Bidduson is expected to submit his report to the Council Tuesday night on the legality of the proposed ordinance.

Following that, Councilman Anthony F. Di Domenico, chairman of the Legislation and Executive Nominations committee, will name the date public hearings will begin.

Those hearings are expected to start Tuesday, April 27 in City Hall. Will you be there?

CRIME NOTES: The first of a six - week series on Crime in Northwest Baltimore begins Tuesday night at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Penna. Branch Enoch Pratt Library at Penna. and North aves. Don't be late.

TONGUE TWISTERS: Did you notice, before the Orioles knocked Senator McCarthy and world wide news off the front page, some of those tongue twisters dealing with the war in Indo China?

Diem Bien Phu Red Push reminded me of the "Three Little Fishes": Didem bottom item bottom watem chu. Ugh.

Then there was General Vo Nguyen Giap and the Viet Nam — Viet Minh. Shades of Babe Gonzales — oohpappa da.

JOURNALISM NOTE: This is a little late, but the March issue of "The Hall Light," the sheet published by the Municipal Employees Association of Baltimore, carried an editoral on fair play and tolerance.

"Tolerance," it stated, "is not merely 'putting up' with the other fellow. It's the opposite of trying to understand him. It is judgment of people as people rather than as clubs."

Right nice. Now let's see some of the brethren get some white collar jobs in City Hall.

PARTING QUERY: Have you heard of Jehosie? He's here. Here's hoping he remains. Play ball!

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

News Item: Inmates at the state prison in Joliet, Ill. have been given an award attesting to their more delicate abilities.

The award cites the convicts for "outstanding beautification of the grounds at the penitentiary."

They would certainly like to expand these talents, if somebody would only remove the walls.

Old ladies' howls and our streets

We hope Mr. Henry Barnes, Baltimore's new traffic director, will be a little patient with us in Baltimore.

We are a backward group and only move when we can't help ourselves.

Mentally, we are like residents in the tropics, sitting under the tree in the shade and only moving when the sun gets around to us.

Mr. Barnes' suggestion that Charles Street be widened has met with a howl of many old ladies who say that the change would involve cutting down some precious Linden trees.

A little further up in Guilford, an ancient tree stood on the sidewalk and jutted five feet out into the street. The old Baltimore ladies quarreled every time the city sought to have the tree cut down.

It wasn't removed until two or three automobiles had piled up in the front yards of the citizens after striking that tree.

Johns Hopkins monument in the middle of Charles Street is a menace to traffic on a busy street. Mr. Barnes wants it moved. The old ladies say no.

More autoists will have to run into Johns Hopkins before the old ladies will consent to its removal.

Sooner or later, Baltimore is going to have to come to the realization that the streets are for traffic and not for monuments.

It's inspired, the blue triangle, symbolizes its emphasis on growth for mind, for body and for spirit.

The Baltimore YWCA through its three branches, The Central, at 128 W. Franklin st., The International Center, at 26 S. Broadway, and the Madison Avenue, at 1912 Madison ave., serves the local community.

Its membership of more than 100,000 joins wholeheartedly in this nation-wide celebration of YWCA Week.

We are happy to salute the YWCA in this, its National Week. On the eve of its centennial anniversary we offer congratulations for its 99 years of service and wish it continued growth and success in the future.

Next week is YWCA Week

Next week, April 19-25, is YWCA Week. Each year at this time over 3,000,000 members of the Young Women's Christian Association in this country celebrate the anniversary of this organization which for nearly a century has dedicated its efforts to the welfare of women and girls.

The theme for the week is "They go to church; they go to school; they go to work; they go to the YWCA—Let's keep them going."

It is a theme which emphasizes the fact that the YWCA is a permanent force for good in our community and works side by side with other proved institutions for the welfare of our citizens.

As an organization dedicated to helping to meet the needs of young women, it offers varied opportunities for personal development and effective citizenship in a democracy.

'54 Ideal Mother contest to close

The 1954 AFRO Ideal Mother Contest entry deadline is Saturday midnight, April 17.

Those who are interested in nominating some outstanding mother as "mother of the year," are urged to be sure the nomination is postmarked before the deadline date.

The contest winner is to receive a royal reception in several cities, will be the guest of honor at luncheons and banquets, and will hold audience with governors and mayors, in addition to being given a complete wardrobe and other gifts.

Don't forget the deadline! Mail nominations by April 17.

Words to Live By

By Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr. (Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Baltimore)

Have you ever been despised? Those whose friends greet them with a frown instead of a smile, a criticism instead of a compliment, of expressions of hate instead of love, know the true meaning of this experience.

Zaccacheus belongs in this company. For everywhere he went, he was reminded of the fact that there were many persons who despised him.

Why was this true? What were some of the possible reasons for this?

He Was Tax Collector

The town's people abhorred him because of his position. He was a tax collector.

As such, the people regarded him as a symbol of the oppression and heavy burdens imposed upon them by the Roman government.

Moreover, he was not merely another tax collector. He was a chief collector.

To be sure, there are people today who despise others because of their positions in the community.

Sometimes they see in the success of others their own failure. Because of this they look upon them with disdain.

Zaccheaus also may have been despised because of his possessions. He was a rich man.

Often the envy and jealousy of your friends break their leash. They despise you not because of who you are but because of what you have.

Thus, the people despised Zaccheaus because of his riches.

He wanted friends. But no one offered him friendship. He desired the feeling of belonging in the community. But the people did and said everything to prevent him from believing ne belonged.

Hence, life became difficult. It was empty and hope faded in him.

One day Jesus came his way, and that was the turning point in his life.

The Master stopped and revealed that He cared for a man whom others despised and had labelled as an outcast.

Zaccheaus could see that the Master was one who cared.

Jesus is passing your way to day. He is coming with compassion, concern, and love. Bid him stop at your house.

In Him you can experience a turning point. If you have fallen under the weight of scorn, He can lift you up.

If you are faltering under the burden of abuse, He can give you strength.

If you have lost hope because of feeling despised, He can help you find it again.

GOOD FRIDAY

"And one of the malefactors that were hanged railed on Him, saying, 'Art not thou the Christ? Save thyself and us.'

"But the other answered and rebuking him said, 'Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss.'

"And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom?'

"And He said unto him, 'Verily, I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Speak Your Piece

Easter message

Dear AFRO:

"Yet want he not in" is told of one who might have been the first to realize the truth of the Resurrection.

Here is one of life's tragedies—to look in but not to enter in.

The truth of the Resurrection is available to all, but like every truth it is really given to him who enters into it and makes it his own.

THE RT. REV. N. C. POWELL, D.D., Bishop of Maryland

Hotels will change

Dear AFRO:

The basis of our democratic way of life is being extended by court action, legislative action, by unified social action and by individual acceptance of the fact that all men are created in the image of God.

Baseball, our great national sport which represents the ideals of fair play and honest competition has placed itself in the forefront of a great movement. That movement is to show the world that America is not a land for just one race, but a land for all races.

The action preventing colored ball players from staying with their teams at downtown Baltimore hotels is a cancer on the social body. It is a blight that will prove embarrassing to all the citizens of Baltimore.

I am quite certain that in the long run, the hotels will change their minds. In a time of great social change, someone has to pay the price.

Is the price not worth it?

THOMAS TILGHMAN
U. of Md. law student

Heart Fund drive

Dear AFRO:

With reports still coming in a partial report shows that the Heart Fund drive raised more than $2,600.

Dr. Effie Ellis, divisional chairman, and her committee, the workers, the churches, the organizations and friends who were instrumental in making the campaign so successful deserve our congratulations and our heartfelt thanks.

THE REV. G. A. CRAWLEY

Describes county jail

Dear AFRO:

Your paper is one of a few that will explore the filth and dirt of Maryland's jails. That is why I think this matter should be brought before you.

This jail I am talking about is the St. Mary's County jail in Leonardtown, Md. I have written the health department and the governor about the conditions in this place.

It is the dirtiest place in the world. It smells like a pig pen in the summer time. The dust on the floor is about four inches thick. And there is trash in it about five feet high.

The food is also very bad. It is all cold food and the dishes have to be washed in the shower. The windows are so dirty you can't see out of them.

There were two men in the jail sick and it was four days before the sheriff came to see if they needed a doctor.

The blankets are full of dust and have not been washed since the jail was built. The floors have not been scrubbed since the jail was built.

When one man told the judge about it, they cleaned up all the white cells. But they did not clean the colored cells.

AN INMATE
St. Mary's County Jail

Hospital guild

DEAR AFRO:

This note comes to apologize for the typographical error made by our Corresponding Secretary in stating the monetarial goal of the Provident Hospital Ladies Guild.

The Guild is trying to raise three thousand dollars ($3,000) as their annual project for the Pediatric Ward of Provident hospital.

On Piracci case

DEAR AFRO:

I like the way Mrs. Nancy D'Alesandro testified in the Piracci conspiracy case.

Piracci and D'Alesandro children intermarried and Piracci evidently gave them some money through the Mayor's wife.

He should have found some way to do it without listing it on the company's books.

That is not an indication that there is any wrongdoing on the part of the Mayor's wife.

ALFRED LOWERY

Hodge-Podge

By R. Matthews—

Well, Sunday is the great day, Easter Sunday — a religious festival that will find all the people who go to church once a year right on the front seats.

All the little girls will be scrubbed sparkling clean, with brand new dresses, shoes, and coats — straw hats will be on their heads.

The little boys will be equally as clean, but looking much more uncomfortable. They'll start the day with nicely starched white shirts and wearing ties.

Before 3 p.m., they will have reverted to normalcy and look like little urchins. The neck ties will be completely askew and those new shoes will have acquired numerous scuff marks.

Mama will wear an outrageous bonnet and, weather permitting, a fur scarf. She'll probably have a new suit, or a new topper. The shoes will have to be new and the costume must be topped off with purse, gloves, and jewelry.

From a distance, Pop will look sharp as the rest of the family. But only from a distance. His trousers will be sharply creased, his shoes glistening.

But if you happen to get close to Pop, you can see that his is not a new suit, nor are the shoes new. But then, it's Poppa who pays.

Don't worry, though, poor Pop will have something new to wear in the Easter parade — I know I will.

If you happen to run into ol' Hodge on Easter Sunday, please notice the shoelaces. They'll be brand new.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

DOUGLAS CHURCH HAS A NEW LOOK

Interior of Douglas Memorial Community church is beautiful. The Rev. Marion Bascom, who is entering his fifth year as pastor, has just directed completion of $15,000 in improvements.

The main auditorium has a fresh coat of paint. The side walls are a pale green with a mixture of blue. Ceiling is a brighter blue which shows off the hanging chandeliers to advantage.

These hanging chandeliers, by the way, have 400 solid brass bulbs.

Biggest single improvement, the 12 art-leaded stained windows, six on either side of main auditorium, extending to the top of the building. They cost $4,200.

Each window is named for an apostle and has a symbol telling of his life. For example, in the vestibule of the church is the window labeled John.

Mrs. Phillips

The symbol is an eagle in a kettle to recall how John was boiled in a caldron of oil.

Panels in the windows have been purchased by members and friends as memorials. Names are engraved on the panels.

The panel memorializing the founder of the church, the Rev. Frederick Douglas, is in the window depicting Andrew, The Big Fisherman. The Rev. Mr. Douglas loved fishing.

Douglas has a truly beautiful church auditorium. It's located at Madison and Lafayette aves., and is open to worshippers 24 hours a day. Go and see for yourself.

The Rev. Mr. Bascom tells me that an average of six persons drop in the church each day—to say a prayer or sit a minute in meditation.

Douglas has 900 active members, raised $49,000 for church expenses last year and ended the year with $13,000 cash on hand, all expenses paid.

Palm Sunday communicants numbered 1,000 and there were an additional 50 chairs placed in the downstairs section. There were several standees in the balcony.

Coming up on the Douglas church calender—presentation of Soprano Mareda Gormely, in recital on May 8.

Mareda formerly sang in the church choir. Her church will use the funds it raises at the recital to launch her on a career.

At present, she is singing in the chorus of "Showboat" on Broadway and will appear in the cast when the show plays Baltimore. She is a graduate of Douglas High and Juilliard School of Music, her mother, Mrs. Essie Gaither, lives in the Poe Homes.

If a year or five years from now when people in musical circles praise this Baltimore singer as a star, say you read it here first. Here's a girl who is really going places in the musical world.

And Douglas Church members deserve credit for helping to put her over.

THIS & THAT ABOUT MANY THINGS

Royal Theatre has special Easter Monday program for kiddies at 9:30, six cartoons, a comedy and Western.

St. James PE church has special Easter Monday party for children sponsored by St. Cecelia's Guild, 2-4 p.m. in the church hall.

If you belong to a club which is looking around for a worthy project to support, here's one:—

Provident Hospital is in the midst of setting up a children's department, pediatrics section, it is to be called.

At present, the hospital has only meagre facilities for children. New department will take entire rear wing of third floor.

Clubs or interested persons can give Beds which range from $79 for small size to $113 for large size. Provident needs 25 beds.

Also, cloupettes necessary for newborn babies. They cost $400 each and Provident needs at least two.

Also planned are a treatment room, play room and isolation room. Equipment and furnishing to make any of these rooms complete would cost $1,000 and up.

While Provident is a Community Fund agency, it can not depend on the Community Fund for this necessary expansion.

If the children's department is to become a reality, the money must come from friends of Provident. This is a very worthy cause.

It's heartwarming to watch as people exhibit a friendly rivalry and take pride in what their work I enjoyed such an exhibition at Fally Road AME church Sunday evening when I was asked to join in the women's day celebration.

The women, led by the pastor's wife, Mrs. J. H. Cashen, were determined they'd raise more money than the men did on their day.

When the program was over, and the call came for reports, there was almost a deadly silence. Everyone was waiting for the total.

When it came, there was much rejoicing. The women raised $636.33. The men had $580 on their day!

Falls Road AME is a small church with 90 members. These totals show how they worked.

And you haven't heard anything until you hear the women's chorus of Falls Road church sing, "Thank You, Jesus."

This is the gospel hymn with a catchy tune—"Thank you, Jesus, thank you, Lord. For you brought me a mighty long way . . ."

I'm indebted to Mrs. Simon Merritt for inviting me to join in her church program. I enjoyed every minute of it.

In the church audience was Mrs. Irene Bryant, 2314 Dukeland st., who tells me she has never missed an edition of the AFRO in 25-years. She joined Falls Road church six months ago.

I think unsung heroes are Sunday school teachers, church pianists and organists, choir singers and other faithful men and women who help keep their church altars in order and without whom church services would be impossible.

Wonder why more churches do not schedule testimonials for these hard workers? While it is said that people who do the Lord's work and do it well, will get their reward in Heaven, it wouldn't hurt to give them a pat on the back once in a while.

The G.M. Club (GM stands for grandmothers but they are some young grannies), took Easter cheer to patients at the Loch Raven Veterans Hospital on Good Friday.

They filled baskets with eggs and candies and added enough comic books and magazines for 50 patients.

In the club are Mesdames Beulah Plummer, president; Cora Gibson, Effie James, Gladys Brown, Catherine Carroll, Wilhelmina Thomas and Elizabeth Parker.

Learning to know their hometown all over again are Cpl. and Mrs. George E. Augins Jr., and daughter, Arlene. They're just in from Germany. He was there 20 months. Mrs. Augins and baby joined him last June.

While in Germany, Cpl. Augins was graduated with honors from the Ord Division Truck Vehicle Mechanics School at Tel Tel. He stood fifth in his class.

Until his Army discharge comes through, Cpl. Augins and his family are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stokes at 2010 N. Monroe st.

He's the son of Mrs. Eva A. Brown and George Augins Sr.

BRIEF NOTES ON MY CUFF

You're in for a treat if you get out to Morgan State College during the seventh annual Fine Arts Festival-April 28-May 5.

There will be 1,100 students in attendance from 37 high schools throughout the state. They'll give separate concerts and performances and then they'll all come together to perform in a body.

1,100 voices and instruments raised in one song should be a real treat!

The Alfred Woolridges (Kiva Davis) have named their new daughter Amy Lynn. Their precocious five-year-old daughter, Stephanie, says they had planned on a boy and would have named him Alfred for his dad.

"But, Daddy, couldn't stomach Alfreda," she commented without batting an eye.

Dr. Evan Gilkes is just in from a two-week vacation in Cuba, says he loved it.

Jessie Fitzgerald, the Hampton Institute music professor, is back in Hopkins Hospital again.

Remember she was there for five weeks in February and March? Her mother, Mrs. William Fitzgerald, tells me she will have to remain in Hopkins at least another week. Drop her a card. She's in room 317 of the Brady section.

Also drop a card to Leonard Reid and send a note of cheer to his wife, Ruby. Leonard is recovering at home, 3127 Gwynns Falls Parkway.

On the mend is the Rev. George Crawley. He's still confined to his home at 1418 E. Biddle st.

Dr. George B. Murphy, who has been ailing many months is able to sit outdoors and enjoy the sunshine.

Lt. Robert Harris, who has been in Korea a year, arrived in the states on Friday. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Harris Sr., went up to New York to welcome him home.

Wilbur Radcliffe is home from Guatemala and Argentina, where he stopped off to do construction work, after his discharge from the Marines in September. Now he'll be off to California for a visit with his brother, Hamlet, who is a farmer and landscape artist in Pasadena.

The Luke Webb household at 1629 Gwynns Falls Parkway is happy this week. Mrs. Webb (Cora), sailed Saturday aboard the S.S. United States for a six-week tour of France, England and Switzerland.

Daughter, Zelma Webb Fairweather, flew in from Richmond, Calif., to see her mother off and pick up an infant she adopted.

Son, Louis, came in from Berkley, Calif., along with brother, Ruby, who has just returned to the states after 18 months in Korea. It was a grand reunion.

Superintendent John Proctor of Provident is on the mend. He was well enough to leave the hospital on Saturday, will be confined to his home, 254 Robert st., for another three weeks.

Ray Felix, the Bullet star, drew the largest hand when the Oriole opening day parade passed the intersection of Howard and Franklin sts.

Catherine Leonard is the new Enoch Pratt librarian. She's a graduate of Morgan and Atlanta U., and has been assigned to Branch No. 2, 1301 Hollins st.

Pratt library has many openings for trained library workers.

Homing for a short visit on Sunday was Dr. Broadus Whims. He's a dentist with the Virginia Health Department.

The Rev. Russell A. Roberts, who will conduct the "Faith Crusade" at the Coliseum April 21-26 is as handsome as his photos.

THOUGHT OF WEEK

A good way to relieve the monotony of any job is to think up ways of improving it. — Anonymous

Poets' Nook

I saw the Easter bunny

I saw the Easter bunny
He had a very twitchy nose
And coil - like, bouncy legs.
His ears were tinted Easter pink.
His eyes were kind of blue.
And in his yellow basket
Was a chocolate egg for you.
He whistled as he went along,
His clothes were tailored brightly.
And as he munched, I saw his hand
Hold a carrot tightly.
His tail was round and cotton-like.
His walk, I'd say, was funny.
But tell the kids their Uncle Paul
Saw the Easter bunny.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Reporters' Report To The People

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

POLICE COURT

In Southwestern police court, this week, Magistrate Howard Aaron heard cases involving:

A man and his wife who lived in a South Fremont ave., third-floor apartment for seven years without incident. Then a tenant moved on the second floor who went on week-end binges.

The conservative couple on the third - floor turned up their noses at the interloper. The second-floor tenant, who was "superaggressive" or something, resented this.

As weeks passed, relations between the two men got progressively worse.

Meet in Vestibule

Then one day, they met in the vestibule of the house — the second - floor tenant was in the midst of a beautiful binge. The third - floor tenant, an easy-going chap, tried to squeeze past his arch-foe.

This gentleman would have none of this, however, and lashed out with a rapier - like left.

When the smoke cleared away, the third-floor tenant suffered a broken arm, and several broken ribs. The "super-sensitive" second-floor tenant got away with a few bruises.

Hearing the story, Magistrate Aaron clucked sympathetically as he issued a warrant for the "super - sensitive" gent.

Fleeces Cabbie

Then there's the case concerning a man who fleeced a cabbie out of 35 cents taxi fare. The fellow charged with the "two-bit" offense was sorry about the whole thing, said he was drunk and asked for leniency.

Magistrate Aaron sympathized with the chastened suspect, but told him that driving a cab is a "hard dollar."

The jurist, who has fast gained a reputation for dispensing fair and impartial justice, then reminded the defendant that the cab driver had to spend valuable time coming to court to press the complaint.

"I'll have to fine you "25 and costs," Magistrate Aaron said.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

When the National Amateur Boxing championships get underway in Boston on April 25 for a four-day stint, Baltimore will be well represented.

As a result of their showing in the state tournament at the Coliseum last month, nine boxers will make the trip to Beantown.

Among those scheduled to go are Herman Thompson, Warnell Lester, Don Matthews, John Ford, Sidney Brewer, Sterling Leeper, James Jackson, James Mitchner, and Albert Bell.

Top Fighters

Remember the sterling performances they put on not so long ago? Well the boys now need some help. Not financial, mind you, but they do need some place outside of the city limits to train.

They are now training regularly at the Ringside Club down on Baltimore st., near Pearl. According to their handlers they need the outdoor work to round them into shape.

Joseph Harris, chairman of the South Atlantic Association in this area, says a little fresh country air could do the boys a lot of good.

Need Training Quarters

They are in need of a beach cabin, or either a farm where they can train for one week. Officials are willing to pay for any damages done to the borrowed quarters, and will bring their own beds and cooking utensils.

Want to do a good deed? Call Mr. Harris at SA. 7-8125 and offer a little help. Maryland has not had a championship winner in the national tourney since 1950. Before that the last winner was in 1910.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

One of the top officials in a local civic organization is being urged to become a candidate in the forthcoming election. A number of friends and admirers are the guiding forces behind the plan and they are hopeful that they can convince the gentleman in question that he will make an outstanding candidate.

Probably the principal drawback to the plan is that the official is concerned with whether he should enter the field of politics in view of his association with the civic group.

Councilwoman Anna M. Arthur pulled a "boner" last week when she appeared to address a meeting of clubs from Morgan and Wilson Parks, held to exchange views on an FEPC for Baltimore.

The councilwoman told a "Mammy" joke that left a bad taste in the mouths of members of the audience who were surprised that it was told at such a meeting.

Amusing Note

An amusing note to the serious meeting of the Frontiers Club on Tuesday was supplied by E. C. Hayes, attorney. Mr. Hayes was called on to introduce a luncheon guest, and when he arose he found that his suit coat had become tangled in his chair. It took several minutes before he could free himself.

The prediction made here several months ago that the theatre at Poplar Grove and Edmondson ave., would be turned over to colored patrons has finally come true. The house is scheduled to open Easter Sunday.

A difference of opinion over the merits of a guitar player brought a change of faces at a local club this week. The leader of the band fired the guitarist, and the other members of the group put up such a protest, that the club manager had to dispense with the services of the leader.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

It's not fair, I tell you. It just isn't fair.

The Orioles come to town and they bring a completely new lineup to tagging close behind their heels.

Course this baseball lingo may must be foreign to the average fan, but what about those of us who have just decided to take up the sport.

They talk about a man "making a double-hit." Now that seems to be a pretty good trick to me. Anytime a man can hit the same ball twice in one hit . . . he's really doing fine.

Or, isn't that what they're talking about?

'To The Showers'

Then, they say something about "sending the pitcher to the showers." Fine. I think every player should get a chance to cool off. Specially on these hot days.

That is what they mean, don't they?

But when they talk about "apple on the hill," I'm really stumped. Up to now, I learned that apples were in the orchard!

Or am I wrong again?

And how about accusing player of "pulling a rock?" In the few times I've seen a baseball game, I never saw a rock in the field . . . only grass!

If that's not what they're talking about, then they should say so.

A 'Cousin'

And what do they mean when they define an opposing team as "cousins?" I never approve of relatives playing opposite each other.

Then there's another term . . . "the bull pen." When in the world did they start hiring animals for the teams?

I'd love to have a word or two with the person who dreamed up this gibberish. After all, the game's being played here in America and plain English is good enough for me.

ON THE COME-BACK TRAIL:

Turner Station pastor gets cape of dollars

By CARROLLTON SHEPPARD

Two blocks from the church that ousted him nearly two years ago, the Rev. David B. Banks, formerly pastor of New Shiloh Baptist church for 8 years, received a cape made of one hundred fifty $1 bills, as a birthday gift, last Sunday.

The presentation was made at the minister's new church, Greater Saint John, located at 209 Walnut ave. at Turner Station. The ceremony was a part of the evening services.

The services were attended by officers and members of the church, many of whom left New Shiloh when the pastor was dismissed in 1952.

Dr. B. F. Jackson, pastor of Fulton Baptist church, was guest minister and preached the evening sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Banks was relieved of his pastorate at New Shiloh Baptist church (Turner Station's largest), after being charged with conduct unbecoming to a minister.

Conflicting stories concerning the pastor's behavior after losing his car keys and wallet, while on a trip to Prince Edward Park in Virginia, precipitated the ousting.

The minister and members of the church chorus were at the park on Aug. 4, 1952, when the incident occurred.

Removed After Struggle

Subsequent church meetings, one of which was presided over by the Rev. Timothy Boddie, president of the State Baptist Convention, and a brief legal legal contest, resulted in the minister's removal.

Greater Saint John was opened for services one year ago. Most of the interior was completed by members of the congregation who volunteered to render their services in completing the church.

The new church has been appraised at being worth $40,000 the minister disclosed. Membership, according to church officials is over 300 with new members joining at a rate of approximately three a week.

Sunday's presentation was conducted by the church's missionary circle, Mrs. Estelle Oliver, president.

The Rev. Mr. Banks disclosed that plans are being made for additions to the church which should boost its value to $90,000.

The proposed improvements, the minister related, include adding a second floor and an escalator.

Sollers Point coed named to committee

Elmira Tucker, 16, of 113 East st., Dundalk, has elected to the executive committee of the Future Teachers of America, during the organization's convention held last week at the University of Maryland.

Miss Tucker, a junior at the Sollers Point high school, was the only colored candidate. Only two high school pupils are permitted to run for office in the group.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and is active in school and civic affairs.

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EASTER BUNNY LAFFUL — Little Loretta Duncan of 2239 Homewood ave., fondly strokes some of the Easter rabbits that are overrunning her house.

BUNNIES FOR EASTER

By BUDDY LONESOME

We all know that Easter-time is the time for rabbits.

Just as Christmas has its Santa Claus—so Easter has its Easter Bunny.

But there is one family in Baltimore that is just plain SICK of rabbits.

That's the family of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Duncan, 2239 Homeland avenue.

Until a month ago the Duncans had two pet rabbits. Then, on March 1, the Mama Rabbit gave birth to a litter of five more rabbits.

Just 30 days later, on April 1, Mama Rabbit gave birth to another litter—with 13 more rabbits!

Now the Duncans didn't mind that first litter.

But, knowing the reputation that rabbits have for multiplying rapidly, they took what seemed like ample precautions to keep the birth-rate down.

Herman, a 22-year-old clerk for a grocery chain, put the Father Rabbit down in the cellar in a wooden box.

The Mother Rabbit was allowed to remain in the backyard with her litter. A huge packing case, with the outside screened from neighborhood dogs, was Home Sweet Home.

Every morning Herman would get up and feed the rabbits as his first chore of the day. He would carry his 9-month-old daughter, Loretta, along to see the furry pets.

This served as an ideal arrangement until Wednesday, April 1.

On that prophetic day, Herman got up as usual, grabbed the rabbit food, and went to work.

Father Bunny was served his meal without incident.

Humming happily, as his daughter cooed in accompaniment, Herman Duncan went about his chores.

When he reached Mama Bunny's home, Herman found he hadn't brought enough food with him. Instead of five baby bunny rabbits—there were 18!

Herman Duncan, the surprised grandfather, called to his wife, Mrs. Minnie Duncan round to the scene and almost keeled over when she learned the news.

The Duncans swear the rabbits have been kept apart.

According to Mrs. Duncan: "They haven't been together since the first litter was born.

"It's just not possible that the male rabbit could have gotten to the female," she insists. "It's a mystery."

In an effort to get to the bottom of this, experts on rabbits "Affaire D'Amour" were consulted.

The experts go along with Mrs. Duncan's story about the births being a "mystery." But they do agree that the occurrence is unusual.

An expert from a York rd. pet shop, Robert Gill, sums up with: "Rabbits usually take about 21 days to breed.

"If it happened, of course, it must be possible. But that's awful quick."

It must be true that every cloud has a silver lining. The Duncans have solved their Easter gift problem.

Eighteen happy youngsters will get baby bunnies for Easter.

Meanwhile, however, they are keeping their fingers crossed. They don't know what might happen on May 1.

Madison ave. grocer fined for keeping filthy store

A $250 fine was imposed on Morris Lichter, grocer, 2100 block Madison ave., for keeping a filthy place and possessing spoiled meats.

Mr. Lichter was convicted on three violations in Traffic Court, Tuesday, by Magistrate Helen Brown.

According to Food Inspector James Edwards, there was trash on the floor, garbage in the cellar and the entire place was rat infested.

Inside the walk-in ice box, Mr. Edwards found 47 pounds of tainted meats. The ham baloney was so slimy he couldn't hold it, he said.

Soggy Boxes

He testified that most of the meat had been concealed in soggy card-board boxes on the floor of the box. He continually described the place as being covered with "a lot of muck and gunk."

Mr. Edwards first discovered the condition of the store, Feb. 19. On March 8, he returned and nothing had been done, he said.

Tuesday morning he checked the place again and found it in the same condition! There was mouldy bacon on the back racks of the ice box and six pounds of tainted veal. The meat block, meat grinder and slicer were still filthy, he said.

Meat For Dogs

Testifying in his defense, Mr. Lichter insisted that he was saving the meat for dogs in the neighborhood. He added that the inspector was the only one who condemned the meat.

"The salesman told me it was all right," he asserted.

He charged that the inspector has been "picking on him" since he opened the store five months ago.

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William Reid elected Republican vice-chairman

For the first time in history the Republican party in Baltimore has a colored vice-chairman.

William Reid, a life-long Republican, was unanimously elected to the post, Monday night. All members of the City Committee attended the meeting held at the Lord Baltimore hotel.

Charles Borcherding, former vice - chairman, tendered his resignation at the meeting.