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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The integrated life is that in which God holds the reins.

—FRANK GLENN LANKARD

What The AFRO Stands For

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

The FEPC Hearings

The public hearings on Ordinance No. 1839 have so far illuminated some interesting information as far as the Baltimore populace is concerned.

The support for the proposed legislation which would establish an Equal Opportunities Commission here was vocal enough Tuesday afternoon, we hope, to have left a favorable impression upon the members of the City Council.

Those speakers in favor of the ordinance who were not heard this week will get their chance next Thursday. The opponents of the "baby FEPC" bill will appear before the Council this coming Tuesday.

Among the reports made Tuesday which we feel should impress our local legislators was one made by a Cleveland, Ohio, businessman.

This speaker pointed out how the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce had opposed a forceful FEPC bill and spent $40,000 to insure the passage of a voluntary FEPC measure.

One year later, however, the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce was among the first to ask for a forceful FEPC. The Ohio businessmen learned through experience that a voluntary measure was unworkable.

It was also gratifying to learn Tuesday that the proposed legislation for Baltimore has the full support of Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

Archbishop Francis P. Keough gave the measure his full support in a letter read before the committee. Two priests spoke at Tuesday's sessions.

32 too many

Thirty-two persons were killed in traffic accidents here in Maryland during the month of March.

Maryland State Police figures released this week indicate that traffic fatalities March a year ago numbered 40.

This year, then, shows seven fewer traffic deaths.

For the three - month period ending March 31, there were 105 fatal auto accidents, 27 fewer than for the same period last year.

But 32 auto deaths in one month, and 105 in a three-month period, are far too many for a small state like Maryland.

Governors, meeting in Washington this week with President Eisenhower, pledged themselves to emphasize "a slow down and live" program to be conducted from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Governor McKeldin was among the heads of 24 states which lanched what will be the nation's biggest concerted highway safety drive.

Present plans call for the distribution of 10,000,000 pamphlets giving sound reasons for slower driving.

The primary aim is to eliminate the "hurry" complex too many drivers have today.

The success of the program depends, of course, on the drivers in these 24 states who make up 60 per cent of the nation's motorists.

For unless they lend their full co - operation to this concentrated safety effort, our highways will continue to be death traps and more persons will become statistics to be released.

Culture at Morgan

Culture, among other things, is defined as "the enlightenment and refinement of taste acquired by intellectual and aesthetic training."

At Morgan State college this week end and continuing until next Wednesday, the spotlight is centered on this "enlightenment and refinement."

Morgan's Festival of Fine Arts is a program of singing, dancing, the drama, art and music.

A cappella choirs, modern dancers, "Elizabeth the Queen," Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mirado," a "Style Revue," May Day Exercises and the Third Annual Festival of Secondary School Music with 1,101 students participating, are among the events.

All of these programs are open to the public. There is assurance that if Mr. and Mrs. Baltimore take advantage of this culture, they will improve the intellect, as well as spend some enjoyable moments.

Two rabbis also spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 1839 as did a representative of the Maryland - Delaware - Council of Churches in Christ which includes 1,200 Protestant churches. Such strong support for Ordinance 1839 — now on the record — may lead some of us to become complacent over the bill's passage.

To counteract any such impression we would like to invoke a word of warning.

No battle is ever won until the last shot is fired. In this case the vote of your City Councilman represents the last shot.

The final decision of whether or not this proposed legislation becomes a part of Baltimore's city law rests within the hands of the 20 men and one woman on the City Council.

With this in mind, it should strike every citizen all the more strongly that he should write his councilman asking his support toward passage of this bill.

It is still not too late to write.

Grant's Is Behind Time

All Lexington street five and dime stores welcome colored customers to their lunch and dining facilities except Grant's.

Grant's says it will soon have seats available to serve us at its front lunch counter, but under no circumstances will it admit us to its tea room.

Grant's is a subsidiary of a New York firm.

Its stockholders meeting there this week expressed concern over the Baltimore branch store policy.

These stockholders promise to investigate further, principally because Grant's Harlem store has lost business as a result of a boycott.

We hope Grant's stockholders will look into the situation carefully.

They will find that, thanks to the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE), these stores are serving all customers: Kresge's, Woolworth's, McCrory's and Schulte - United.

Grant's, however, is lagging behind the times.

Thinking Baltimoreans can help Grant, stockholders see the light by putting this store on their blacklist, and by urging their New York friends to continue to do likewise.

Hotel discussions forget early law

In all this discussion of whether Baltimore hotels should be open to all citizens, no one has raised a very important question.

Hotels are public institutions. They have been from way back years ago.

In the early days, the law declared streets and highways were for the convenience of the public, and innkeepers were punished if they failed to provide for any traveler who had the means to pay for it.

Joseph and Mary were turned away from the Inn in Bethlehem only because there was no room. To have refused them otherwise would have been a violation of the law.

Highways themselves, conveyances which travel them for pay, and hotels, under the old common law, serve all who apply.

Too Much Emphasis

A great to do is being made about the fact that, according to the 1950 Census, 40,000 families in Baltimore have no bathtubs.

The Health Department says bathtubs are indispensible. They are convenient and luxurious, but after all when you get ready to wash up the floor, the kitchen, the bathroom, or the garage, you don't take it up and put it in a bathtub, you scrub a little bit of it at a time, wash it off, and get it clean.

Eskimos, and many others in foreign countries, don't take a bath from one year's end to the other and manage to stay pretty healthy.

Fifty years ago, most Americans used a wash tub or wash basin, settled the whole United States and built up a great nation with nothing more comfortable than sparrow baths.

Most of us rough it in the summer time, camp out, or live in Pullman cars and manage to keep clean too.

Don't get us wrong. We are not against bathtubs.

Most men would prefer a shower anyhow.

Let, rather, the emphasis be on running water in the home and some kind of a bath everyday, twice a day in the summertime.

Let the emphasis rather be on getting decent homes at low rental for people and decent jobs for workers. They then will manage to keep clean, bathtub or no bathtub.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

SOS: The very folks in Baltimore who stand to profit by the adoption of an FEPC bill here are the very ones who are showing a sad lack of interest in the passage of the proposed legislation.

Mr. Walker

It's a fact. The letters the City Council has received from colored citizens favoring Ordinance 1839 are shamefully few.

And whether you believe it or not, the City Councilmen will take your disinterest into painful consideration when the time comes to vote on the measure.

Same Leaders

Only folks who are writing letters, and showing the slightest interest in the ordinance are the same leaders who are always in the forefront fighting for you and me.

Somebody ought to wake up somebody to the facts of life.

Dr. D. O. W. Holmes hit the nail squarely on the head at the flopperoo "mass meeting," held Wednesday night at New Metropolitan Baptist church.

"If there was a funeral being held in the middle of the day, this church would be full," Dr. Holmes predicted as he glanced around the nearly empty church.

"They'd be here," he continued, "bidding Godspeed to the other world.

"I'm interested in this world," said Dr. Holmes.

Evidently only he and a few others are so interested.

RAISED EYEBROWS: And seeing of the non - support of the "baby FEPC" bill, one speaker at the meeting tossed this tidbit to the audience.

Seems he was chastising two 6th District councilmen for their opposition to the bill and asked them were they not considering the Cherry Hill vote.

The two gentlemen were quoted as saying they were not paying too much attention to the Cherry Hill residents since the people out there don't vote.

And we ask why?

GEIGER COUNTERS: Shirley Ewing, state Civil Defense director says for all of us to stop worrying about radioactivity of the Russians do take it upon themselves to drop a few hydrogen bombs around here.

He told a group of volunteers that if the Japanese fishermen who were victims of hydrogen bomb ash had followed Civil Defense instructions and "washed themselves thoroughly with soap and water, there probably would have been little or no ill effects."

A box of Tide, please.

MONEY FROM HEAVEN: There's an insurance company in town with a bunch of names of folks who have some money due them.

Seems there were policies which now have reached the age of maturity. The money due is for the paid up value at the time the policies elapsed.

Some folks might be surprised at the amount they're eligible for.

Don't rush. We'll get the names.

RACE RELATIONS: Have you heard of the young matron of color who "passed" and got a job as a long distance telephone operator?

Our heroine also passed as being unmarried and, being an attractive gal, one of her male co-workers naturally fell in love with her.

The "lady" didn't rebuff his attentions either and things went along okay until her hubby heard about it. Then he upped one day to meet her, sees her getting in the car with her blonde friend and proceeds to give the poor, unknowing fellow the beating of his life.

The upshot of the whole mess was that the choice gossip around the telephone building afterward was about our heroine's "colored boyfriend."

Ain't we got troubles enough?

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

News Item: A magazine article by the father of a six year-old TV addict complains about Wild West heroes.

He admits that they are trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, thrifty, cheerful, brave and clean-minded, but otherwise they just ain't human.

A TV cowboy never has a home. He has never been seen to go to bed, get up in the morning, take a bath, brush his teeth, change his clothes, spend any money, round up cattle, mend a fence or do any real chores around a ranch house.

To which I should like to add this observation: A TV or movie cowboy never has any parents nor does he ever marry the heroine. Fact is, he never even kisses her.

How then do they account for all the heroine granddaughters and nieces — to say nothing of the cowboys themselves?

Words to Live By

By Rev. R. T. NEWBOLD Jr.
Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Baltimore

Suppose you were to accidentally drink a small amount of poison, what would be your first concern?

Of course, it would be to get that poison out of your system. You would not be at ease until a doctor says: "There is no danger. All of the poison is out."

How tragic it is to observe so many people failing to show similar interest concerning the poison in their minds. Day after day it gets in—oftimes not by accident. After it gets in, they pay it no attention.

Hatred Is Poison

What is the poison that is just as dangerous to the mind as the liquid from a bottle marked "poison" is to the body? It is hatred.

Hatred takes a double toll. It inhibits and frustrates the person being hated. Although he seeks to be accepted and loved, he is only rejected and hated. Although he seeks to be treated with tolerance and respect, he is always the victim of intolerance and injustice. The result?—a frustrated, inhibited individual.

Takes Away Objectivity

But hatred also takes its toll of the individual who does the hating. It robs him of objectivity.

Thus his thoughts are colored with prejudice, his words are tainted with jealousy, and his deeds often reveal insecurity.

Truly he becomes the one of whom the writer of I John 2:11 speaks as he says: "He that hateth his brother is in darkness."

For those who hate are those who open the floors of their mind to that type of darkness which obscures truth, distorts facts and makes room for fear. In a word, we can say simply:

"Hatred is that poison of the mind which causes mental darkness." Is there no antidote for this poison? Of course there is. First, one must recognize and acknowledge to himself and his God that hatred is in his mind.

Just as after drinking poison, one is not helped by denying that he has, likewise, when the poison of hatred gets into the mind one does no good by denying it.

Secondly, one must appeal for help to a power outside of himself. Just as one turn to the family physician to clean the body of poison, turn, in prayer, to God, seeking his help to rid your mind of poisonous, hateful thoughts.

Thirdly, when your mind is clean, flirt no longer with hatred. Fill your mind with thoughts of beauty and love. Bementally strong! Allow no man to force you to hate him. This can be done. Try it and see.

Speak Your Piece

Aid for fire victims

Dear AFRO:

On Sunday, April 25, stark tragedy in the form of a devastating fire swept the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, 1529 N. Eden st., destroying all of their belongings and resulting in the death of a son and hospitalizing the mother.

This unfortunate accident has left a deserving family destitute and we of the neighborhood would like to make some small gesture that might in some way compensate for their great loss.

The family is in immediate need of clothes for the father, mother and surviving son. This is an appeal to everyone who can afford in any small measure, to assist in the rehabilitation of this family and its unity. For particulars, any one can call PLaza 2-0098.

BEULAH WILMORE
421 E. Federal st.

Doesn't like column

Dear AFRO:

I would like to comment on three columns appearing in the AFRO. One comes under the heading of the Democratic Viewpoint as seen by Mr. Robert Watts.

The other comes under the heading of the Republican Viewpoint as seen by Mr. Harry Cole.

Mr. Cole and Mr. Watts are seeking to keep our voters in Maryland well informed as to what is being done to protect their interests by the two major political parties. Both, I might add, are doing a very fine job. But suddenly appears another column written by one Jasper.

He is not satisfied with one of the finest Governors we've ever had. He can see no progress that has been made by the same Republican party.

Kindly remove his column from the pages of a great newspaper and make room for more men like Mr. Cole and Mr. Watts.

GEORGE F. BAYNHAM

Thank you

Dear AFRO:

Many thanks for the write-up you gave me in your paper.

My parents were very proud of me and it was an incentive to work even harder than before.

JOSEPH I. HENLEY
(Editor's Note: Mr. Henley was named draftsman in the office of Traffic Czar Henry Barnes.)

Successful fete

"Dear AFRO:

The Helping Hand club of St. Luke's Methodist church, Reisterstown, Md., wants to thank everyone for the success of our first anniversary celebration.

We acknowledge the support of the Revs. Mesdames Eliza Waters and R. Willis Tolerson, of Metropolitan Methodist church; members of Payne AME church and Pine Grove church, and the Neighborhood Club of the 2100 block McCulloh st.

MRS. MARTHA PULLEY
chairman

MRS. ANNIE SIMON,
president

MISS MILDRED SMITH,
recording secretary.

Social Security

Most people have the old - age and survivors insurance program in mind when they use the general term Social Security. However, this program should not be confused with unemployment compensation or public assistance for the needy which are administered by State organization.

Old - age and survivors benefits are earned benefits which are built up over the years by the worker who pays into it as he would any other insurance policy.

Old - age and survivors insurance is a boon both to the worker and to his family. It's very important to a young widow with small children to know that she can have a certain amount of money coming each month to help her over the rough spots until her children are older.

It's important to the older people to know that they will have something to provide them with the basic necessities of life so that they will not become dependent on someone else.

However, very few older people retire because they have an income to retire on. They retire because they have been allowed out of the labor market.

Many employers feel that they are forced by our competitive economy to give preference to young people, and the elderly person in most cases cannot compete with the young for jobs. Or the aged retire because they are broken in health.

Before the Social Security Law went into effect, most people were haunted by the fear of approaching old age. The great majority was tormented by the specter of insecurity. The vision of the old folks home or the poor farm, or having to live with relatives, was a very real fear.

If the old - age and survivors insurance program has done nothing else it can be proud of the fact that it has caused the old folk's homes and poor farms to disappear from most of the American scene.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

THIS AND THAT OF MANY THINGS

WHEN THE Washington Annual Conference of the Methodist church meets here at Metropolitan, May 19, Presiding Bishop Edgar A. Love will have to name a new superintendent.

Mrs. Phillips

The Rev. Richard Johnson, head of the Washington district, retires because his six - year term is up. He is slated to move to a big church, possibly in the Baltimore area.

It is reported that three ministers now pastoring large Baltimore churches, may succeed him on the district: — The Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison of Ames; Frank L. Williams of Christ; or Joshua O. Williams of Sharp Street.

Your guess is as good as mine!

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ABOUT 25 years ago, six young men organized themselves a club they called "The Mexicans." They still in existence today.

One of their yearly projects is a dinner honoring their wives. This year's affair is set for Monday evening at the Madison Ave. YW. Club members are S. Leroy Taylor, Calvin Rosche, Hezekiah Trayham, Howard Mebane, Thomas Warrington and James Mebane.

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FUNERAL SERVICES were held at St. James P.E. church on Tuesday morning for Mrs. Sophronia Mills, mother of the rector, Father Cedric E. Mills.

After the regular burial ceremony, Father Leonard C. Anderson, curate of the church, conducted the communion service and took the bread and wine himself. This is called low requim mass.

If the service had been a high requiem mass, the family likewise might have taken the bread and wine and chant music would have accompanied the entire service.

In the Episcopal church, the family of any communicant may ask that the requiem service follow the regular burial service.

Mrs. Mills, by the way, was known as "Mother Mills" principally because she was loved by many children and because she loved youngsters.

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DORIS King Taylor, teacher at Douglass Little School, is confined to her Broadway home, following an operation at Hopkins.

Also in Hopkins, for an operation, but scheduled to leave soon, is Mosselena Mebane Howard.

ALPHA PHI Alphas can thank Coca Cola Salesman Tom Hawkins for making it possible for them to dance at Famous Ballroom on Easter Monday night.

Seems Tom was walking down Lexington st., when he met an acquaintance who told him the new owners of the ballroom would be "glad" to sign to our fraternal and social groups.

The contact was made. First information was that $50 was the charge for rental of the place. Later, the owners were so impressed with the calibre of the hosts, they cut $100 off of the price.

Taxi drivers lined up in front of the hall were surprised so few guests needed transportation. And the bluecoats gaped at the beautifully - gowned guests and their fleek, new cars.

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Only 125 persons showed up on Sunday for NAACP Memorial Services at Trinity Baptist church, for Charles Houston.

They missed an excellent talk by Dr. Margaret Just Butcher, who knew the beloved civil rights lawyer well.

She told how Mr. Houston literally worked himself to death," in presenting school segregation cases before the courts but never lived to see the fruits of his labor.

And the audience learned how "Charlie" Houston was up early in the morning for his law offices, but only after he stopped by the home of his aged mother and helped feed and dress her.

Dr. Butcher, by the way, is still on crutches from that ankle injury. She celebrated her 41st birthday on April 27. Some gal!

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SUNDAY marked my first visit at Trinity Baptist in several years.

Its main church auditorium is well - lighted due to the two large stained windows at the front of the church, and the six full length stained windows on either side.

Red carpet covers entire main floor, giving a feeling of luxury.

Disconcerting to me: The six pipes which run diagonally across the ceiling, and the organ which seemed out of tune.

THE SCHOLARSHIP fund of the local Business and Professional Women's club benefits from that cocktail party they held Sunday at the Tijuana.

It was a lovely affair, featuring hair styles by Rose Davis, and an interesting 'What's My Line' quiz to introduce club members.

Tom Hawkins and Mary West Jones were the em cees.

Margaret Johnson is president of the club, and Jeanetta P. Wilson was chairman of the affair.

Governor McKeldin addresses the Frontiers Club Tuesday noon at the Druid Hill YMCA.

Mrs. E. Finch Murray's sister, Mrs. Elsie Monroe, is gravely ill in Philadelphia's Graduate Hospital. Mrs. Murray is assistant to John Procope, Provident Hospital superintendent.

Mr. Procope, by the way, is much improved at his home.

Morgan senior, Gertrude Johnson, will study in Paris on a Fulbright Fellowship this fall.

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Catherine Adams, chairman of the Urban League Women's Auxiliary membership drive, reports her workers raised $2,550. That's good work!

The Go-Getters team, headed by Harrison Fuller and Stuart Turner, reported $598. The Top Notchers, led by Mrs. Christina Williams and Mrs. Frances Johnson, $528.

Mrs. Rosalie McGuire, reported $944; and Mrs. Anne Payne, $480, from their solicitation in the schools.

Furman L. Templeton, writing in the current issue of the Journal of Education, tells of progress Baltimore has made in integration of students at Polytechnic Institute.

A GROUP of civic-minded people looking around for a project might explore the needs of the YMCA's Camp Druid Hill.

Until the YM practices the Christianity it professes to believe in, our boys are confined to this camp and it needs many, many things.

You can give a canoe for $275; $600 will help make an outdoor chapel. Cabins to house boys run $1,200 and up.

AFRICA IS NOT SO DARK!

ONE OF our churchmen said the other day "when Livingston carried light of the gospel to Dark Africa . . . . ."

My favorite reader writes that Dark Africa is not so dark. He says:

"I have heard that expression so much and mostly in churches by Christians. I have heard it since I was a little boy and then I went to Africa and there is nothing dark about it.

"IT IS one of the lightest countries in the world. Leaving the cold and the smog of Baltimore and the fog and the damp dark and dampness of Europe, I flew into Dakar, Africa and landed in the brightest sunshine in the world.

"I never saw a country as beautiful and bright as Africa.

"I flew over patches of green and clear rivers glistened in the sun. Bright ocean water so clear you could look far into the depths.

"That is Africa.

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"WHAT DO our churchmen mean by referring to Africa as dark? Dark because the people are colored? There are colored people all over the world — Japan, China, Australia, South America, and the United States.

"We don't refer to our country as a dark country.

"Dark because the people of Africa are mainly Mohammedan?

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"A MAN'S religion is a matter of preference. Nowadays we know that many religions are older than Christianity and some of them which do not tolerate prejudice on account of race might be better.

"The expression Africa, the Dark Continent, was manufactured by those white people who felt that colored people are inferior.

"Under no circumstances should any colored person use this expression."

AN ELM, OAK, BIRCH OR ASH

WHAT THE schools need most is to teach children to know an elm, an oak, a birch, or an ash tree when they see one.

How can we call ourselves educated when we walk through the city streets and do not know one tree from another?

Most of us know a pine or a fir. Many more of us know an oak, but few know a poplar or an ash.

Remember the old song, "I am losing the leaves so they won't come down."?

And the story of a lover who learned that his sweetheart was going to die when the last leaf fell?

He kept tieing leaves on the tree so that the last one would never fall.

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He kept tieing leaves on the tree so that the last one would never fall.

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Which brings up the question of how many leaves are there on a tree anyhow.

A good - sized poplar, 70,000 leaves; apple tree, up to 100,000; a birch, 200,000; a fifty - foot sugar maple has 162,500.

An average oak, has 700,000; leaves; an American elm, more than 5,000,000 — enough to cover (so says the estimator) almost a mile of 40-foot highway.

And what about the evergreens? A Monterey pine was credited with 8,000,000 needles.

The calculator gave out on the white pine, but figured that its foliage would cover 15 times the area overshadowed by its branches.

And a 200 - foot Douglas fir of the Far West provides a leaf surface encompassing 30,000 square feet, or nearly three-quarters of an acre.

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AND ALL of this serves to remind that if you have a shade tree in front of your house, and want to keep it healthy, you have got to do two things — seed it and spray it.

Sometimes the city will spray it for you if you will ask them.

Best way to seed it is to punch a hole in the soil a foot deep with a crow bar and fill the hole with bone meal or other fertilizer and cover it up.

This seeding must be done six feet from the trunk of the tree.

Twenty such holes will not be too many.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The rude person can be destroying faith by his own undefeated in a search for a gracious action."

—Rev. Norman Vincent Peale.

Hodge-Podge

—By R. Matthews—

This is the time of year when most people go around feeling sleepy and don't know why.

They try to blame it on "spring fever," but I know better. They completely lose sight of the fact that times have changed.

What I mean is — Daylight Saving Time comes into being.

Now whoever invented Daylight time, probably thought it an excellent idea. The outdoor workers, such as carpenters, bricklayers, etc. would have more time to finish their tasks. Baseball players, tennis players, and the rest of the outdoorsmen would have greater opportunities to practice. 'Tis a wonderful thing—they think.

But completely overlooked in this shifting of time idea is the poor overworked parent whose children haven't the foggiest notion of what this time change is all about.

During the winter months, mothers can usually count on their younger children being in bed around eight p.m.

Comes this blasted Daylight time and eight o'clock finds it still light outdoors. Now in case you don't have any children, one of the most difficult tasks facing a parent is getting the kids in bed when its light outside.

"Course ol' Hodge has a personal gripe. It'll take until September to get back that hour's sleep I lost when Daylight time came in.

So if I seem to look sleepy—it's no mirage — I am.

Poet's Nook

TO THE VICTOR

One punch and you're the champ
for a while,
One hoot best and the derby's
a cinch.
One vote and you're president
again,
One pitch and the series is baseball history.
One song and you're in Hollywood,
One stretch and we cross an eight - mile bridge.
One deed and you're a little closer to heaven.
One scream and a life - guard goes into action.
A mistake, a hunch, a bet, or a boost,
It's all a part of the story.
Beer today, champagne tomorrow (ask your boss).
Will for your pot to boil, or pie to brown,
Patience.?

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Reporters' Report To The People

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Bert Whitehurst, Maryland's No. 1 fighter, has been a favorite of mine for more than a year.

No one was more surprised than I when he dropped his last Coliseum bout to Willie James. I was surprised more so when one scribe hinted that the local lad couldn't face "Hurricane Jackson's gloves."

As a result of Monday's fiasco in which the "hurricane" turned into a zephyr," I'm beginning to wonder if a few people haven't already changed their minds.

AME Minister

Spent a few pleasant minutes in the home of the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant Saturday. Had a long talk with the Bethel AME minister and left with the impression that his life should serve as an inspiration to someone.

Told me that he quit school at an early age to work and returned to the sixth grade at 21 to complete his education. That takes nerve.

Rambled all along about what went on in the Orioles opening day parade on April 15. I can't recall having said too much about the Schmidt Blue Ribbon Bread float.

Their "Knot Hole Gang" looked to me like potential big leaguers. Happened to think what an interracial ball club they would make if given the opportunity.

It has been slightly over a month now since I saw a BTC trolley car jump the track twice in one day on Edmondson ave. in Catonsville. Five will get you ten that it will happen again and soon.

Have been viewing the McCarthy-Army squabble via TV late at night all week. Reached the conclusion that it is about the most juvenile thing I have ever seen among adults.

Maybe that has something to do with the world being in such a mess today.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Methinks a little amendment on courtesy should be included in Ordinance 1839, the bill before City Council prohibiting job segregation.

Tuesday, at the hearing, a councilman resorted to the age-old habit of referring to one of our men as "boy."

David Glen, of the Urban League, happened to be sitting in the councilman's seat before the hearing got under way.

The city official, ambled into the chambers, spotted Mr. Glen in his chair and yelled, "Hey Boy! you're in my seat!"

All For FEPC

How does this councilman feel about FEPC? He's all for it 100 per cent and is willing to bet his last dollar that it will pass with no objections.

He just needs to exercise a bit of that "professional decorum and courtesy" that Dr. Margaret J. Butcher was talking about at the NAACP meeting, Sunday.

She said that in a public or professional situation, "good taste and decorum is demanded."

The next time she speaks here, it would be a good idea if some of the "other" brethren were present.

Apology

By the way, I must apologize for saying only one of our organizations sent a letter to the council stating its approval of the ordinance.

Since last week, I have learned that several church and civic groups have responded. Good work. And I must add that I was pleased with the representation at the hearing.

Of the 200 persons there, over 100 were estimated to be colored.

OPEN LETTER

Attention all parking lot attendants. I have just purchased a NEW muffler for my car. From now on, please be careful.

I have been legally advised that I can take court action provided I have witnesses. So the next time one of you damage the car, you will be held responsible.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

When Robert N. Thomas, one of the suspects arrested in the Monday narcotics raid was released on bail Wednesday after a hearing in Northwestern police court, a young and attractive red head was waiting in the corridor to greet him.

The scene was witnessed by the same narcotics squad officers who had arrested Thomas, and by "Agent D," the handsome Federal narcotics agent who did an undercover job that would make a honey of a motion picture story. Incidentally, one of the local narcotics agents lives a few doors from Thomas.

Dedication exercises of the portrait of Mrs. Fannie Braxton Lowe will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Berean Baptist church, Paton and Denmore aves. The portrait will be presented to School No. 137 which bears her name at 3217 Denmore ave. in Pimlico. The artist is Horace Lancaster.

The Rev. Edward Brown is pastor of the church, and Mrs. Inez B. Smith is teacher in charge at the school. The public has been invited to the exercises.

Magistrate E. Everett Lane is taking a brief vacation from his duties in Northwestern police court.

William (Box) Harris is probably the hardest working probation officer in the city.

Dig those "crazy" campaign signs that have gone up at Morgan for the Student Council election. Look like the real thing.

Wonder when somebody is going to take down those "white and colored" signs in the public rest rooms just off Lafayette market.

The "Captains's Paradise" now playing at the Carver is a British import that tickles the ribs.