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

—Frederick Douglass

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind.

SAMUEL ULMAN.

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 Hernandez Case

The 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, the so-called Civil War Amendments, were specifically designed to give those who had formerly been slaves the right to freedom, the right to be a citizen of a state and of the United States, all the rights of citizenship without discrimination, including the right to vote.

The fact that these Amendments were designed to prevent discrimination against former slaves is apparent in the debates in Congress at that time and also in the language of the 15th Amendment which states: "The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

Since no mention is made here of creed or racial origin but only of race and color, there have been appropriations by persons of various creeds and aliens who have become naturalized that divisions of the 14th Amendment were not broad enough to include them.

Last week in the Baltimore City Council hearings a statement was made that if existing laws were interpreted so as to exclude colored people from jobs others of us may be next on the list.

This is the reason why Pete Hernandez's case, decided by the U.S. Supreme Court last week, is important.

Hernandez is the 26-year-old Mexican convicted by a Texas jury of the slaying of a cotton planter and sentenced to life in prison.

He appealed to the high court on the ground that "persons of Mexican descent were deliberately kept off the jury.

Chief Justice Warren wrote the decision. He pointed out that the equal protections of the law guaranteed by the 14th Amendment was not directed solely against discrimination as between white persons and colored persons.

The Chief Justice said these guarantees applied to all persons, regardless of ancestry or national origin.

He pointed out that race and color are easily identifiable groups. As we grow older and community prejudices single out other classes of people for discriminatory treatment not based on some reasonable classification, the guarantees of the Constitution have been violated.

Mr. Chief Justice Warren's utterances are extremely significant.

The long fight colored people have had to secure themselves absolute political, social, and economic equality under the law is not for themselves alone, but for all citizens who today or in the future may be subjected to any unreasonable discrimination.

Because of the NAACP's long fight to have a proper interpretation of these Amendments, from now on you may be sure Mexicans will be called for jury service in Texas.

Liquor dispute merry-go-round

Judge Herman M. Moser might be unintentionally adding to the work of some of our city boards.

In City Court on Monday he returned a liquor license case to the Board of Liquor Licenses Commissioners after an applicant appealing a Board decision was asked to submit additional testimony.

We sympathize with the members of the Liquor Board who must now hear this particular case for the third time.

Judge Moser stated it was his policy in all such cases where in people wish to submit additional testimony to refer them back to the board which originally heard the matter.

But if everyone who appeals a Board's decision decides to submit added material in court, the Boards are going to find themselves rehearing some cases time and time again.

This we do not believe is the court's intent.

The case in this instance is that of Marty's Delicatessen in East Baltimore which is seeking a Class-A liquor, beer and wine license.

Scores of residents in the neighborhood where the cafe is located and who successfully protested against the issuance of such a license in March must now once again gird themselves for another hearing.

The new testimony, which will be presented to the Liquor Board disputes the argument which enabled the Eastside residents to win in March — that the area is already over - saturated with liquor outlets for the number of people living there.

Now a survey, conducted by an unknown and unlisted company, alleges that 114 families, including some 500 persons have moved into the area since January, 1951.

This purports to show evidence of a change in the area, something the Board held was not evident in the two previous hearings.

The Board has already indicated, too, that it could see no evidence of these additional families and the people living in the area certainly do not agree that such is the case.

Yet even if these phantom families do materialize we still see no need for any more liquor permits in an area already crowded with too many such outlets.

Redistricting and the Council

Last November when mention was made of a new seventh councilmanic district The AFRO-AMERICAN said editorially that we dislike gerrymanders.

"But," we continued, "we hate more the uncivilized race prejudice which has so long deprived a portion of this city of political representation in the Council."

Our sentiments today are the same.

Not since 1931, when the late Warner McGuinn was in office, has there been any colored representation in the City Council.

The bill introduced in the Council Monday night by Councilman Frank Flynn of the Fifth District, if passed by the Council and accepted by the voters in November, would resolve the present lamentable situation.

The new 7th District would be carved out of the 4th, 5th and 6th districts. The sponsors of this legislation are the Monumental and Citizens Democratic clubs.

It is quite possible that their measure will be combined with another ordinance Councilman Flynn introduced also Monday night.

In the second proposal, the present six councilmanic districts would be abolished and 20 councilmanic wards would be established in the city.

The council is further considering proposals sponsored by the Junior Association of Commerce for charter amendments to change the body's makeup and provide for members representing the city at large as well as district members.

In all likelihood something will come out of the Council before November on redistricting the city.

The only assurance we are seeking is that in the future that portion of the city now neglected will have representation on the city's governing body.

Surely 225,000 people should have some say so about how their city is run.

Tribute to all 'Ideal Mothers'

Mother's Day will be observed throughout the United States on Sunday, in the country's annual tribute to "Mom."

This newspaper offers special tribute to the AFRO's "ideal mother of 1954," Mrs. John M. W. Ferguson of Fayetteville, N.C., and to other mothers whose achievements caused them to be nominated in the AFRO's contest this year.

At the same time, we keep in mind all mothers everywhere, many of them toiling obscurely and against great handicaps to rear their children properly.

The unsung heroines of the home, as well as those who are receiving public acclaim, merit our admiration and respect on Mother's Day.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

MARCH OF TIME — The W. T. Grant stores have seen the light and have joined the fast growing list of stores here in Baltimore which now see nothing harmful in serving us at their lunch counters while we're sitting.

Now you can place one more battle star in the cap of the Committee of Racial Equality. That hardy band of jim crow fighters who quietly, but effectively, are knocking down many of the last vestiges of discrimination.

It hardly needs mention here that CORE's picketing in New York who marched in front of Grant's W. 125th St. store in the heart of Harlem, made a lasting impression on the store's New York stockholders.

Mr. Walker

HIGH FINANCE — Need money? Who doesn't? Well, if you ever had a policy with the National Insurance Co. of Tennessee and allowed it to elapse, chances are there's something coming to you.

Office here at Fallsway and Gay, in the Old Town Bank Building, has names of about 300-persons who are due from $5 to $200 for policies which have matured. Better check that attic chest.

MISSING PERSONS — The mother of a local singer was highly upset this week over a missing brother she hadn't heard from for nearly four days.

He eventually turned up sound in body and mind, however.

Seems the vanishing one had received a government check just prior to his disappearance. That should explain things.

POLITICS — The Rev. Harold G. Nixon of Turner Station was urged to run for the House of Delegates because of Maryland statutes which bar preachers from the State Assembly.

So — the minister is now a candidate for delegate to the Republican State convention and will appear on the primary ballot in June anyway.

On the Democratic ballot look to see the name of William Jeffries as a candidate for the Democratic executive committee.

"Jeff" labors in the AFRO composing room when he's not preaching, politicking and civic endeavoring out Dundalk way.

PHONE CENTER — Fellow calls in, says he has good story. his friend is going to give up his United States citizenship and go to Denmark for an operation.

Invited him and his friend to for a chat. Haven't seen him nor hair of either. Maybe they both took the boat.

TIDBITS — The FEPC bill passed by the kidsvho are now "running the city" was introduced by Patterson Park High School students.

Primary Day is June 28. Not too many days left to register. IF YOU DON'T VOTE YOU CAN'T SQUAWK!

Did-ja ever stop to think how commercialized Mother's Day has become?

NAACP's Maryland State conference, all day Saturday, May 22 at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church. Have you joined?

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

NEWS ITEM: This week in Baroda, India hundreds of spectators watched as Hamida Banu, a woman wrestler, beat a male wrestler in her third bout to decide who should be her husband.

Baba Pahelwan, the male wrestler, was the third to clash with Hamida with the promise by the woman to marry the one who got the better of her.

Methinks it is highly probable that each of the male wrestlers meant to lose.

We had script on FEPC hearing

We could have written the script for you before the show began.

We are speaking, of course, of the day the opponents to the "baby FEPC" ordinance had their chance to attack it.

The old red herring of FEPC being Communist inspired was mentioned early in the Monday hearing by a representative of something called the American Citizens Association.

Then there was mention of the councilmen trying to snare the colored vote with Ordinance No. 1839.

And, naturally, the spokesman who "approves" freedom but not by force.

And the group which is not against the bill itself—provided it eliminates their body from its jurisdiction.

And everybody, just everybody, seemed not to have actually read the proposed Equal Opportunities ordinance. Why? Because every opponent of the measure argued under the impression it would "force" an employer to hire.

The councilmen spent most of their time correcting the speakers on this point, Monday.

As we said, we could have written the script before the show began.

Words to live by

By REV. R. T. NEWBOLD JR.
Pastor
Grace Presbyterian Church
Baltimore

Up from the pages of the Old Testament comes the name of one whom we need not apologize for referring to as an ideal mother.

Her sincerity grips you. Her persistency appeals to you. Her gracefulness is striking. Truly she "typifies the ultimate in mother - love, in spiritual joy and renunciation."

Here then, as she appears on the pages of first Samuel, is Hannah, an ideal mother.

Accepts Responsibility

She may be safely labelled an ideal mother, because she recognized and accepted her teaching responsibility.

The first lessons in life a child receives, whether they be negative or positive, come not from a tutor in a classroom, but from a teacher in the home.

It is challenging, therefore, to hear mothers today expressing the idea that teachers outside of the home should accept responsibility for the failures of their children. Truly parents cannot escape this responsibility.

Mothers Are Teachers

For often in failing to teach their children what is morally right, they allow them to become attracted to that which is carnally wrong. So often the parents' failure to teach their children that which is safe, leaves the child to learn that which is harmful.

Parents are teachers—teachers entrusted by God with the charge of teaching their children. Public schools and colleges strive to put something in the head of the child, but it is left to the parents to put something good into his heart.

The schools often strive to teach the child how to keep his body clean; it remains for parents to teach them how to keep the soul unblemished.

Yes, parents are teachers! It is then important that mothers recognize and accept the teaching responsibility which is theirs.

Teach By Deeds

Let us move further and agree that an ideal mother teaches more by deed than by word. Surely this was Hannah's way of teaching. How frustrating would it have been for Samuel if he observed the life his mother lived was not in agreement with the lessons she taught him.

No, this mother of past centuries was not guilty of this, but many mothers in this twentieth century are.

Truly, as we look back over the years, we can be thankful for those mothers who, like Hannah, taught more by example than words.

Introduces God

We can be grateful for those who are doing so today. These mothers do not have to flinch, because of what they say. For they teach what they live and they live what they teach.

One further word must now be said and it is this: The ideal mother introduces the child to God. Thackeray, in his "Vanity Fair," points out that "mother is the name for God on the lips and hearts of little children."

This is no more than another way of saying that the child's first conception of God is influenced by her relationship with his mother, with what his mother represents to him and with what she has taught him.

Cherishes Truth

Many of you are grateful today for mothers who introduced you to God through the medium of the Bible and her example. Those mothers were not always able to read from the Bible, but they lived by its teachings. They did not know about the theories concerning its stories, but they cherished its truths. They never knew how to pronounce its difficult words, but they knew how to relate its simple teachings to life.

They may not have cared much about reading from other books, but they were always eager to hear someone read to them from The Book. These form the glorious company of those who force us to make every day Mothers' Day as daily we rise up and call them blessed.

Hodge-Podge

— By R. Matthews —

Read someplace recently that there are over 30 million television sets in the U.S. today.

Digested this bit of information and immediately forgot all about it until a couple of nights ago.

Decided to go bowling. Got to the bowling alley and the place was packed and jammed. Didn't feel like waiting around to get an alley so left to attend a movie.

Drove past a couple of movie theatres and nothing looked impressive. Wasn't in the mood to sit through some picture about elephants.

Well, I said to me, why not drop into some nightclub, have a couple of beers and listen to some good music.

Convinced myself that this was a good idea, so dropped in to a spot noted for modern jazz music.

There were about 15 people in the place, and absolutely no evidence that a band was on hand to dispense music.

These 15 people were raptly watching a baseball game on television—left.

Tried another bar which loudly proclaimed "music every night." Bless Bess, this place had a gang watching television too.

Decided to try once more. Walked into another bar and what do you think I found—right!—10 people sitting around drinking beer and watching television.

Began to wonder where the rest of those 30 million TV sets were. Knew exactly where one of them was however.

Went home, grabbed a bottle of beer and watched the ball game on television — Never shoulda left home.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

AN OPEN LETTER TO MY MOTHER

O mother, sweet mother, who always stood near
Comforting, clothing, and shielding from fear,
Teaching and trusting me though I betrayed
Your plans and your prayers in mistakes that I made.

Yes, mother, my mother, you always did see
In sickness and sorrow the way to keep me
From error and heartache; — I know by our bond
I shall love you forever and even beyond.

Frank Keith

I am grateful to Poet Keith for the above words which express so well my own feelings at this Mother's Day.

When you write about someone you love and cherish, it isn't easy to find the words to tell exactly how you feel. So I'm borrowing some thoughts from others more gifted than I, to tell you dear mother thanks, thanks, a million time thanks.

I agree with the writer who said, "life can only be understood backward, but must be lived forward. How differently we would behave if we could but gain the understanding first."

And, mother dear, I nod my head in agreement with Aline Hardwick's comments on the above lines. She says: "How true these words are! Each day now brings a new understanding of the many lessons you tried to instill in our lives in those dear days gone by."

And she is so right. I remember how you used to force me to take that cod liver oil and how I fussed and fumed.

I find myself using the same words on my five-year-old you used on us — "But, darling, cod liver oil makes you grow big and strong."

I smiled to myself and remembered you where she answered, "I don't like it. It doesn't taste good." Now I know what patience — what care — went into rearing the five of us.

But Aline Hardwick says it better, mother dear —

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all those years you so patiently stood by, saying but little in answer to the impatient cries we made.

For all the clothes we wore a little while, then discarded just mussed, which found their way into your already - overcrowded ironing basket.

Thank you — for the lovely trays you brought to our bedside when you were feeling far worse than we, but would tell no one so.

For always having dinner ready; no matter when we arrived, or whom we brought with us.

For loving us, in spite of ourselves and no matter what, and for the silent tears you shed, some for joy over our achievements, some in grief over our shortcomings.

Thank you, too, for never expecting us to remember to say "thanks!"

Remember — mother on mother's day.

And if your mother is not living, honor a friend's mother or a foster mother!

Lynn Corson reminds us that foster mothers or mothers by proxy are an important part of our community and they deserve praise and honor on this day.

Maiden aunts, childless neighbors, teachers, widows, Sunday school teachers.

Miss Corson writes:

"Let us, then, remember how thankful we are for these mothers by proxy, who in every essential way, save one, have been a blessing and benediction to us."

Speak Your Piece

Hates subversives

Dear AFRO:

I loath Communism for Democracy is perfect for the American way of life.

However what is best for China, Figland or Yugoslavia should bend no consequence to America. I am much uninformed, but for my country's sake I have only contempt for subversives.

Whether you're burning a farmer's house or stealing "top secret" documents you rate pretty low on my Good Citizen poll.

I'm wondering if Governor Talmadge's policy is subversive. I'm also wondering if McCarthy will investigate the Klan or public eating places, or maybe McCarthy is subversive himself.

It is time we forget Poland, Red China and airfields in Spain and build a stronger United States of United people.

PAUL D. McCALLISTER

Tuberculosis control

Dear AFRO:

This year's spring series of community chest-X-ray surveys, jointly conducted by the City Health Department and the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, were a success.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the valuable contribution which you have made to the success of this program.

The need for continued efforts in tuberculosis control is obvious to those of us who are actively engaged in this work.

Your cooperation, however, has enabled us to keep the citizens of our city aware of the problem and of what they, as individuals and groups, can do to protect their own health and the health of their families and their community.

—PAUL H. NEFF
Director of Public Relations

Bathtubs, pro and con

Dear AFRO:

Thanks for the editorial suggesting we need running water in every home, but bathtubs are a luxury. I am a sparrow bath man myself. I dare anyone to say I'm not scrubbed clean.

JACK HARMON
Cambridge, Md.

Dear AFRO:

I hate bathtubs. I like a shower bath.

ROLY SMITH
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear AFRO:

Bathtubs are for women and girls so their hair won't get wet.

ARCHER JONES
Richmond, Va.

Dear AFRO:

Bathtubs are unsanitary. Fifty years from now they will be museum pieces.

WALTER ASKINS
Baltimore

Dear AFRO:

Of course there should be a bathtub in every home. A bathtub means a bathroom and privacy. We women need a tub bath. Nothing is better than a good soak. Men dislike bathtubs because we women make them wash them out when they have used the tub and left a dark ring at the waterline.

(Mrs.) PRATT SLADE
Washington

Thanks from Carver

Dear AFRO:

On behalf of the Carver Vocational Technical High School, we, the members of the Student Council, wish to express our appreciation for the support given our school by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

It is gratifying to know that you are willing to prove that our school is making its contributions to the community as other high schools are doing.

ANNIE BRANDON,
President, Student Council

Red Cross success

Dear AFRO:

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your outstanding coverage of the recently concluded 1954 Red Cross Fund appeal. The very fact that Baltimore city topped its goal is surely an indication of your much you helped.

—JOSEPH E. SHANER,
Chairman, Public Relations Committee
1954 Red Cross Fund

YW Dining Room

Dear AFRO: One of the best places to eat in Baltimore is the dining room of the Madison Ave. YWCA. The food is delicious and the service good.

However, in the summer time, it is uncomfortable because of the poor ventilation. Can't something be done about this.

J. K. LORING

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A citizens committee headed by J. Arnett Frisby will open a campaign for funds to air condition the Y dining room next week.)

Reporters' Report To The People

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

I was somewhat upset over the name excuses given by the representatives of the Brotherhood of Trainmen and Engineers on their opposition to FEPC in Baltimore, this week.

They tried to say that the ordinance before the City Council would FORCE employers to hire colored workers, but when that argument was thrown out, they rested on another angle which seemed mighty weak to me.

They kept pressing the point that railroad employees come under the jurisdiction of the federal government, not the states nor cities. On this basis, they said the ordinance should not refer to them.

Really now. They still hire some of their men from Baltimore.

Just The Facts

Let's look at the facts:

1. The Brotherhood is a segregated organization geared toward social and union responsibilities:

2. There are no colored trainmen nor engineers, though I'll wager several of our railroad employees more than meet the qualifications for these jobs.

Now, as I understand it, a trainman or engineer MUST join the Brotherhood after a certain length of time. It's stipulated in the constitution.

Social Problems ???

Since the Brotherhood is not strictly a union set up, could it be that the members are concerned over the "social" end of the organization?

If the ordinance is passed, employers will have to hire some colored trainmen and engineers. The bill states that a man must be employed on merit, regardless of race, color or creed.

That means that colored employees will have to be accepted in the Brotherhood whether the powers-that-be like it or not.

It's something to think about.

These are the same people who go around saying they have nothing against the principles of FEPC. They boast about their

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

That stuff about dog being man's best friend is all bunk.

There's nothing unusual about a dog biting a man, but when a pup chases a reporter up a sterling pole at Wolfe St. and Ashland Ave., what can you call that?

This joke I never really intended to tell on myself, but in view of the fact that I told one person about it I am sure that someone else knows by now.

The story is this: Stepped out of the Northeastern District police station one day last week to catch the bus. That was normal procedure.

Youth Excited

While waiting, a little boy ran toward me screaming with an attractive pup close at his heels. Tried to pacify the youngster by telling him that the dog wouldn't bite.

The lad said nothing but disappeared into a nearby store. Seconds later I looked around and found the boy gone and the pup with his fangs bared and frothing at the mouth.

Didn't take me long to realize that the dog had rabies and was heading in my direction. Three ladies realized the same thing and they took off.

Climbed Pole

Since Rover had my escape route cut off I scampered up the nearest pole. When I came down the agile ladies requested that I not mention their names.

The only reason I'm saying anything at all is because I believe one of the fellows from the station house spotted Arthur and had himself a good laugh.

As for Rover, well someone I know finally called the dog catcher. But tell me this, what would you have done? There aren't really no other way out, believe me.

"fellow" colored workers . . . the porters, the repairmen, the janitors, the stewards. Yet they want to be omitted from the ordinance. Humph!

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League, withdrew as a candidate for a seat in the Fourth Legislative District, because of Community Chest regulations.

The league is a member of the Chest and the latter organization has a rule that no employee of a member agency can run for political office. The news of Dr. Templeton's withdrawal disappointed a number of his friends and supporters who regarded him as the ideal candidate for the post.

"I deeply regret withdrawing from the race in view of the large support that had been indicated for my candidacy." Dr. Templeton said. The "large support" is no exaggeration as the Templeton bandwagon was really beginning to roll when he withdrew.

From Morgan State college comes the news that students in Jackson and Banneker Halls have published a campus newspaper called "The Hint" which has caused quite a ruckus at the school.

Some of the articles have been described as "sensational" with plenty of names to add spice.

One of the principal targets of criticism is an article "Kid Arthur's Locker Room Gossip," written by "Kid Arthur" (who else). An open letter in "The Spokesman," the college paper, calls Kid Arthur a "self-styled gossip gymnast." Wow!

The "Johnsonian Press" of the Harvey Johnson Junior High School was among the three city high school papers which were recently honored for articles on tuberculosis entered in the 17th annual press project of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

The local office of the NAACP is sponsoring a baby contest which will end on May 15 at the Sharp St. Methodist Church.

—Provident

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$17,110 they promised in the 1951 drive.

31 Owe $9,909

Particular reference was made to the fact that 31 staff physicians who benefit most from the hospital, some of whom draw regular salaries, owe the largest amount—$9,909.

The balance of the $17,110 still uncollected is due from physicians not members of the staff, and other citizens. It is reliably reported that a member of the trustee board itself has not paid money pledged.

List Unavailable

After publication of the story, several physicians advised the AFRO that their pledges had been paid for sometime. In this group were Dr. B. M. Rhetta Sr., and Dr. C. R. Campbell, both of whom have paid $1,000; and Dr. H. Garland Chissell, who paid $500.

Efforts to get the hospital to release the names of other doctors who have paid their pledges were futile.

Miss E. Finch Morris, executive secretary to Superintendent John Procope, said she had no authority to issue such a list. It is known, however, that at least 13 staff doctors have paid their obligations totaling $7,500.

It was also learned that since publication of the AFRO story, several physicians and others have met their obligations.

$1,000 Collected in Week

Approximately $1,000 has been collected in the past week from physicians and others.

This prompt payment backs up a statement made last week by Edward N. Wilson, chairman of the trustee board. He said:

"It is urgent that we get the money promised. I have enough faith in the professional standing of the physicians on our list to feel that that when the matter is brought to their attention they will pay up."

At Meeting

Attending Wednesday's joint meeting of trustee and physician representatives were: M. Jenkins Cromwell, chairman; Otho Pinkett, secretary; Jerome Grant, Mrs. Vivian Alleyne, Charles P. Harris, Arnett Frisby, Courtlandt Brown and Mr. Wilson, all trustees; and

Dr. Berkley Butler, Dr. Bernard Harris and Dr. James D. Carr, representing staff physicians.

Dr. Butler is on the obstetrics staff. Dr. Harris is on surgery, and Dr. Carr is on medicine.

COUNCIL PLANS JAMBOREE

The Baltimore Junior Council of the National Council of Women is sponsoring a Cotton Jamboree on Friday, May 7, 8:30 at the Moulin Rouge Ballroom.

TO HONOR FROELICHER

Hans Froelicher Jr., president of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, will be honored upon the completion of his tenth year in that office at a testimonial dinner to be held at the Emerson Hotel on June 1.

Insurance Co.'s observe annual week

Sixty life insurance companies in America are participating in the 20th annual observance of National Negro Insurance Week, May 10-15, with a goal to write $50,000,000 worth of insurance during the week.

These companies throughout the country give combined employment to more than 12,000 field employees and approximately 3,000 more as home office and clerical workers.

With more than a billion dollars of insurance in force, these 60 companies have more than 150 million dollars in assets.

4 Local Companies

Four local companies are observing the week. They are Supreme Liberty Life, Mutual Benefit Society, Southern Life and N.C. Mutual Life. They have a goal to write a million and a half dollars of insurance during the week.

The local companies employ 350 persons and have $1,500,000 invested in mortgates on colored homes.

They also give scholarships and training opportunities to youth.

The present campaign was launched last week at a meeting for all insurance company employees.

14-year-old girl held in drowning of baby

A 14-year-old girl and her foster mother are being held by police in connection with the apparent drowning of a premature baby in the McCulloh Projects.

They are scheduled to receive a hearing this afternoon (Friday) at 3 p.m. in Central Homicide Court. The foster mother has been identified as Mrs. Emma Schalred, 53, of the 1000 block Stoddard ct. The girl's name has been withheld because of her age.

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THOUGHT OF WEEK

A woman who creates and sustains a home, and under whose hands children grow up to be strong and pure men and women, is a creator second only to God. — HELEN H. JACKSON.

A PREDICTION RE METHODISTS

I predict that the Rev. R. M. Williams, pastor of Washington's Asbury Methodist Church will receive a new appointment when the Methodists meet here in Baltimore on May 19.

He has been pastor of Asbury, one of the largest churches in the conference, for 25 years. 'Tis said, Bishop Edgar A. Love is a man who believes that changes after long periods are good for the church and the people. And you can find no one who will say you are wrong. Mrs. Phillips read it here first that the Rev. Mr. Williams may become pastor of one of the larger Baltimore churches.

If that happens, there's likelihood that the Rev. Richard Johnson, who is retiring from superintendency of the Washington District, will move to Asbury.

And if A moves to B, then two other BIG Baltimore churches will also have new ministers.

All of which promises to make the Washington Annual Conference sessions very lively.

They're set for Metropolitan Church of which the Rev. Kelly Jackson is pastor. See you there!

While on the subject of ministers, here's hoping AME Bishop L. H. Hemingway won't move Bethel's Rev. Harrison J. Bryant to another church.

He's a swell person and is doing a good job, and his time is not up. He's been at Bethel only four years.

And what's this about members of another W. Baltimore Trinity Church asking the bishop for a new minister to replace the Rev. A. R. Powell?

And again on ministers—Father Van Byrd, the new rector of the new Episcopal Church, Trinity, has a beautiful speaking voice.

And, the Rev. Marion C. Bascom of Douglas Memorial is back from Florida.

He was down there for the 63rd Founder's Day exercises at his alma mater, Florida Normal and Industrial College in St. Augustine.

Next month he goes to Pensacola for the 64th anniversary of his home church, Mt. Olive.

And isn't it nice that Zion Methodist is entertaining the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Barnes at a banquet? They're lovely people.

And, no one has been able to find out who walked off with the $500 left in the safe of that Westside church. Which church was it???

THIS AND THAT OF MANY THINGS

And, the welcome sign is out if you care to eat your lunch at the lunch room of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, diagonally across from the AFRO office. And the meals are good!

The house at 1415 Druid Hill Ave., which goes on the auction block today is not the home of the late Dr. S. Bernard Hughes, now occupied by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Hughes. They live at 1413 Druid Hill. She's selling the next door property.

Earl Gilmore succeeds his uncle, the late Preston Linberry as director of the Holland Funeral Home garage.

The estate has not yet been settled so no one knows who will inherit Mr. Linberry's partnership in the business.

Lisle Carter Jr., new Washington, D.C. Urban League secretary, was a Baltimore visitor on Tuesday.

Lisle's father is a New York dentist, and his mother (Mrs. Eunice Carter), a New York attorney, prominent in politics.

The new secretary is a graduate of Dartmouth and St. John Law School. He was a member of the N.Y. Urban League Board and did volunteer work for many years. He's a protege of Edward S. Lewis, former Baltimore league director.

And a typographical error last week misspelled the name of the Rev. Nannie W. Gibbs who was one of the guests at the fashion show featuring the cotton queen.

About four years ago, I visited the 2400 block Lauretta Ave. New colored residents were being stoned.

Recall vividly that when our car turned into the street of neat houses, facts peered from windows and doors. Some of the faces were hostile. All of the faces were white.

This week, I visited the 2400 block of Lauretta Ave. again. There were many faces—all brown—but they were friendly faces.

They were turned in the direction of 2418 Lauretta Ave., where funeral services were being conducted for Mrs. Audrey Coleman, daughter of a minister.

What a difference years make! Speaking at the services, one of the ministers said, "We all draw many plans, but few work." How true!

Members of Calvary Chapter No. 32, OES, are planning a testimonial on June 11 to honor Miss Annie Williams, grand worthy matron of the order.

She's the first grand to be a member of Calvary Chapter in 30 years.

Highest ranking cadet honored during ROTC Day at Howard University on Thursday was Timothy Boddie Jr., son of the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. He received an Air Force award, will get his A.B. in June.

Baltimore visitor this week—Lewis Stewart, who tells me he "keeps cars glittering" in the Newark showroom of an auto plant. He resides in Bloomfield, N.J.

Beale's Employment Agency is in new quarters at Druid Hill Ave., and Lanvale St., across from the Mitchell-Jackson law and real estate offices which are getting a paint job.

AFRO visitor this week was Henry Fitts, whom I have not seen since I was a child, and we lived in the same block of Myrtle Ave.

He and his wife, Mrs. Beulah Fitts, now live at 2739 Baker St.

Tell me that their niece of whom I was quite fond makes her home in Milwaukee, Wis. She's the former Elizabeth Battle of Greenville, S.C., but now Mrs. John Beckwith. They have four boys and a girl.

Elizabeth's mother, Mrs. Della M. Battle still resides in Greenville, where her husband, Dr. James A. Battle, practiced for many years. He died last year.

George Walton, deacon at Faith Baptist Church, says he was misquoted when he commented about the falling plaster at the church on Sunday.

What he said was, "I thought the whole ceiling was falling."

Note for Mayor D'Alesandro: N.Y.'s mayor Wagner heads the largest city government in the nation.

He has many colored people on his staff. One of his secretaries is a Anne Hedgeman.