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

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Be slow of tongue and quick of eye. CERVANTES.

What The AFRO Stands For

A seat for every child in a modern school building that is safe and comfortable.

A teacher for every 25 pupils.

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

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

Mixed schools will save city millions

Some of our friends are of the opinion that we can save money immediately by mixing the schools.

They have pointed to the fact that Superintendent of Schools Fisher announced that the present school building program would continue and the fact that it needs expansion.

This only immediate saving, Dr. Fischer pointed out, is that $50,000 earmarked for a special printing department in the new Garver Vocational School will not be spent as all printing pupils will now be sent to the new Forgenthaler School.

Other substantial economies, however, will be effected in the long run. To list a few:

We will have one school system instead of two with one administrative office (the latter is already in the [illegible] set up), and parents will save money in transporting children from distances to attend schools.

Eventually, we might find that instead of seven or eight high schools, we can get along with six.

FEPC home stretch

Hypocrisy and inconsistency emerged the temporary victors Monday night as the members of the City Council spent more than five hours debating over the proposed FEPC measure.

The bill, taken from the hands of the legislation committee, now remains on the second reading file and will be considered once again this coming Monday night. Unless something unforseen occurs, it will probably pass by an 11 to 10 vote.

The stormy session this week saw the opponents to the bill doing everything within their power to weaken the measure and to antagonize its proponents.

The sponsors of Ordinance 1839 were even forced to accept a series of amendments rather than face defeat of the measure by a one-vote margin then and there.

The single vote which turned the tide was that of Councilman J. Curran, Democrat, Third District, who demanded that certain requirements in the bill be removed.

The inconsistency of certain members of the Council became apparent following the introduction of certain amendments by Mr. Curran.

One member refused to vote on the Curran amendments because of opposition to the whole FEPC measure. Yet, when the lily white Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen introduced a "class legislation" amendment, removing it from the jurisdiction of the measure, this same member suddenly became eager to cast a vote in favor.

This very same "class legislation" amendment, eliminating certain labor unions, was actually the only gain made by the bill's opponents. Whether or not such an amendment is legal remains to be seen.

Still, the bill's very vociferous opponents have now threatened to place it on the ballot this November if it becomes law next week.

This last ditch action shows to what extent those who are against this bill, will go.

Frankly, we doubt that in this day and age the majority of the voters would reject this measure. We believe that there are enough forward thinking people in Baltimore who see the need for an FEPC.

Furthermore, we believe the Council will pass the measure Monday night, contrary to unsought advice from sources who are on record against it.

Thus, Baltimore, already among the first cities below the Mason Dixon line to begin mixing its public schools, should become the first southern city to guarantee to all its citizens equal opportunities to earn decent livings, regardless of race, color, religion or creed.

This should bring forth pride rather than resentment.

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

Newspapermen have a warped sense of humor.

The AFRO city desk (half) wit returned from an East Baltimore assignment Thursday morning with this classic announcement:

"I was over by the state penitentiary just now. Ain't nothing shakin' but Grammer."

Twenty-three more firefighters

The appointment last week of 23 new firemen trainees reminds us of how quietly and effectively integration has proceeded in the Baltimore Fire Department.

Since the doors were opened to us 10 colored men have become firefighters. They have been working out of fire houses throughout the city, without incident.

Twenty - three more men began their 10-week training period on Monday. When their work is completed they, too, will be integrated into the regular fire department.

No abuses have been reported, no "incidents," nor any overt signs of resentment seen since the Board of Fire Commissioners took its democratic step in 1953.

This is not surprising. We were sure it would work to the benefit of the whole city — and it has.

24 days too long

The on-again, off - again hearing of Sgt. Louis Rehak, charged in the fatal shooting of a Korean war vet, is now set for June 15.

This makes the third time in as many weeks that the hearing has been scheduled. On two previous occasions, it was postponed by the State's Attorney's office because its investigation was incomplete.

We hope this time there will be no further delay.

The public is entitled to know all the facts surrounding the May 18 shooting of Army Veteran James Broaddus.

Was he, as some eyewitnesses say, asleep on a canvas - covered couch in his back yard when Sergeant Rehak pumped four bullets in his body?

Or did he attack the police sergeant with a chisel as the officer contended?

Why was the policeman in the Broaddus home in the first place when the suspect he sought was already apprehended two blocks away?

These are important questions which deserve prompt investigation and prompt answers.

We've said before and repeat — State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro's office, in the past, has done an excellent job of investigating law violations in our city.

He has let the chips fall where they may—whether the accused were city officials, the mayor's son or the politician's cousin.

It would be a mistake, we think, for him to spoil his fine record for prompt investigation in a case involving the police department and on the eve of the June 28 primary in which he is seeking nomination for reelect...

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

Picking up just where we left off some three weeks back, the 4th District State Senatorial campaign now seems to be in the throes of a good knifing job.

Or can anyone explain how circulating petitions to get-on the ballot as an independent candidate.

Mr. Walker

Things are tough enough with both Harry Cole and Dr. Gill in for a primary battle.

And if Mr. Douglass is successful in getting the necessary 500 signatures needed by June 13 to get on the ballot then what?

Nobody In Annapolis

It appears here that somebody's trying like mad to see to it that no colored representative shows up at Annapolis next year.

Since they gotta go to school with us some Negroes have relocated than ever before in seeing that we don't go to the Assembly with us.

Course an alert citizenry would be aware of what's going on and put it up.

It's simple. If more than one colored candidate appears on the ballot there's going to be a splitting of the vote, the one with the best chance of election will have received votes taken away from him and in the end the winner will be . . . . . ? Answer that for yourself.

To me this is no "little thing." It's a big deal.

LAW SCHOOL — George L. Russell Jr., Jay G. McRae Jr. and Jacques E. Loefls, all June graduates from the University of Maryland Law School, are now busy as Army counsel Welch cramming for the bar examinations which they'll take July 12-13.

FOSTER PARENTS — The Department of Welfare is tossing a party tonight (Friday) for all the foster parents in the city with whom they've placed children. Miss Francis of the "Ding Dong School" is expected to entertain.

COUNTY STATISTICS — Did ya know that in Garrett County there are only 10 persons who are not white. They make up .05 per cent of the county's 21,259 population.

Should be simple to mix schools there, shouldn't it?

In Calvert County however, the non-white population is 5,128 or 42.4 percent of the total population of 12,100.

GROOVY CANDIDATE — If rhyme will do it, Linwood G. Kroger Sr., candidate for congress in the 4th Congressional District should be a shoo in.

Couple of weeks ago I questioned his flyers which were handed out at the Coliseum appealing to the hopsters who attended a Sarah Vaughan concert. Could they vote, I asked?

Here's Mr. Koger's answer:

"All hopsters do not vote—it's true,
But there momeos and their dadeos too.
And if they are really in the groove
On June 28 to the polls they'll move.
And if they are really on the ball
I'll be a Congressman — that's all."

Mr. Koger, I digs you the mostest.

IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS —Will the local hotel operators stand outside the public schools this fall to sample public sentiment, or by that time will they have opened up their doors to everybody?

How long will the YMCA and YWCA continue their Christian silence on integration and "work something out?"

Doesn't that swank Eutaw Place private club seem to have an awful lot of trouble with its help?

And what's with this 50 cents cover charge that's busting out all over just like the month of June?

If the Supreme Court gives the southern states two more years in which to fully integrate all their schools does this mean that Maryland county schools will maintain their segregated status until 1956?

Does Baltimore's Sally Rand have a contract with that national magazine which calls for her photo to appear therein every two weeks?

Does the fact that four out of every 10 white youths involved in crime in 1953 in Baltimore were involved in auto thefts while only 1.1 out of every 10 colored youth were likewise involved mean that we're not motor conscious?

And didn't the Baltimore School Board embarrass the Washington D. C. board by abolishing jim-crow schools here right away while they're still meandering around in the nation's capital in spite of a request by law to speed things up?

And how can one explain the Episcopalians refusing to convene in Houston, Texas, while the NAACP will meet in Dallas? Or is Dallas "up north" from Houston?

Poet's Nook

The American shame

This plaque called segregation
Is being wiped out slowly,
It is a very common thing
To be regarded lowly.
A cigar at election time,
We accept with generosity.
And then they spend their term at large
Spreading animosity.
Be not misled by anyone
Like propaganda carriers,
For we cannot relax until
We've crushed the color barriers.
My birthright is American,
My heritage, the same.
But it is sad, there still exists
This segregation shame.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

Reporters' Report To The People

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Well, Councilman Reed (D - Fifth District) was at it again this week.

He boldly introduced a resolution blasting the School Board's decision to open all schools next fall.

A week earlier he introduced a resolution fighting integration in the schools, and three days later the School Board made its reply, showing what it thought of Mr. Reed's narrow - minded viewpoint.

Councilman Laugh

When the second resolution was read, Monday, many of the councilmen burst out laughing and several times Mr. Reed begged the president to "call for a little order, please."

The councilmen was thoroughly disappointed with his fellow men when none of them showed any interest to discuss the resolution that night.

You might be interested to know that Mr. Reed was one of the members on the committee to study FEPC, and that committee was tied up three hours, Monday, arguing over the bill.

WONDER WHA' HOPPEN

To the young man, last week, who opened an outdoor cooking establishment in a vacant lot at Caroline and Monument St.? He built a fire in an old oil drum and was frying sausages for passersby.

To the 15,000 bees who held a convention at a lamp post between Baker and Preabury Sts., the other day, much to the dismay of residents in the Gilmor Homes?

No one yet knows what attracted the bees to that post.

To all those civic workers and citizens who promised to attend the Park Board meeting, Thursday?

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Authoritative reports have it that one of the candidates in the current election tussle, who has resigned from the American Veterans for Democratic Action, during the time that he was actively seeking a job with the State Department.

The resignation came when the candidate was notified that the FBI was checking his background and had come across his membership in the liberal ADA.

The candidate immediately quit the ADA — a gesture that did him no good since he failed to land the job in Afghanistan.

Steve Morris, the assistant manager at the Royal Theatre, underwent a minor operation last week and is now in the best of health. Steve started a week's vacation on Thursday, during which he plans to "loaf and take life easy."

A Real Pleasure

Dr. Furman Templeton of the local Urban League will have a pleasure on June 16 that rarely comes to a father. He will award diplomas at the graduation exercises of the William M. Alexander Elementary School No. 112 and among the pupils to receive them will be son, Furman Templeton Jr.

Mrs. Mae Allen of Douglass High School will be an advisor at an exhibit sponsored by the Maryland Scholastic Press Advisers Association of Maryland and the District of Columbia. The exhibit will be on display at the annual convention of the Maryland State Teachers Association at the Fifth Regiment Armory, Oct. 14-16.

Betting quarters around town will give you odds that the hearing into the shooting of James Broaddus, will not be held before June 28. The reason? Who knows?

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

It was a miserly crowd that turned out to witness the 20th municipal track and field meet at Druid Hill Park Saturday.

If the folks had known, it would have been worth the trip to see James Knight win the mile walk in 8 minutes and 59 seconds.

The unusual thing about the lad from Webb Center is the fact that on the following day at Patterson Park in the SAA meet, he finished 15th in the 10-mile walk.

What's unusual about that? For one thing, Knight was in fast company. Harry L. Laskin, a 27-year-old native of Germany, won the event in 1:623.5 for the 22nd St. YMHA of New York.

After all there were 30 participants in the race. Many who placed higher than 15th have been in the business longer than Knight.

Promised myself that I wouldn't utter a word about the Whitehurst - Moore bout. But after all I told you so. Or, did you already know?

Hard Luck Howard

Also promised the fellows at Fort Howard that I would tell them what the little men on the Patapsco River was doing in that tower with binoculars.

The ancient Spartans have been told, lots down the names and numbers of all ships entering and leaving Baltimore harbor. Guess he has a right to do so. He works for the harbor department.

Had a short talk with the Step Brothers backstage at the Apollo Tuesday. They claim that Baltimore is still the hardest town on the theatrical circuit to play.

Know why? We don't applaud. I'm guilty. How about you?

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

CITY DESK IS PULSE OF A CITY

If you like people and excitement, and you want to know what's happening in your city, get yourself a job on a newspaper, daily or weekly. If there's any place where you can keep your finger on what goes on where and why, it's the city desk.

In our office, the City Desk is a horseshoe affair located in the main editorial room on the third floor of the AFRO Building.

Reporters who cover beats in the city sit around this desk and write their stories.

The man who sits in the rim of the desk is the editor or city editor.

Last week, the editor was Mrs. Phillips on vacation. Yours truly was the editor in the rim.

Thought you'd be interested in some of the things people call in to a newspaper. My notebook records these calls in one day last week, proving that people depend on their newspaper for help and general information:

"There's a cat which has been on the roof next door to me for three days. He's very weak. What shall I do?"

"I want a reporter. My sister is in jail threatening to take her own life. She's a good girl and I don't know how she got in trouble.

"Please send a reporter to talk to me. She's a good girl . . . the only thing was she was on five years probation for receiving stolen goods. But she's a good girl. Please send me a reporter."

"I want to get a divorce, but I don't want it in the AFRO. Where shall I apply?" (Rule No. 1 — never call a newspaper to report something you DON'T want in a newspaper - - that's a sure way to get it in.)

"Will the NAACP handle my son's case? He's going to be a policeman and he wasn't doing a thing . . ."

"My church is planning a program next month. Please arrange to send a photographer."

WHERE CAN I?"

"Where can I send my child to camp this summer?"

"Where can I learn modern dances? Is there a dance studio in town?"

"It's a shame the way they treat people at Northwestern police station. When are they going to investigate that place?"

"Don't use my name, but please tell the people how Jack Pollack is working against them. He's gotten Calvin Douglass to petition for nomination for the State Senate in the Fourth District. . .

"If that happens, when the General Election comes along, Douglass would be running against Harry Cole and the colored people in the district would split their votes. Then, the man you would get in would be Bernard Melnicove.

"Tell the people what Jack Pollack is doing and how Calvin Douglass is allowing himself to be used as a tool. He tried to do it in 1951 . . . and that's one of the reasons Harry Cole lost by fewer than 200 votes. . .

"Dr. Lucy Loving died in Washington. She practiced medicine here for years. Very young people up at the AFRO might not remember her, but her years she was one of the busiest foot doctors in our city. She had white and colored patients and she was real nice. . ."

AN 8-FT. SNAKE!

"I just caught an eight - foot snake. What shall I do with it?" (Our answer: Call the city zoo.)

"The Edmondson Ave. Drive-In Theatre right in the heart of the colored section on Catonsville has the nerve to refuse colored customers." (In their "colored cars" we bet!)

"My child is a genius. What school can I send him to next year? He'll be six years old."

"There was an accident at Druid Hill Ave. near Gold St. . . . nobody's hurt but one car is on the sidewalk.

"My son graduates from Douglass High. Please get his picture."

And, the people don't want to settle bets: "Did Charlie White play with the Orioles before he went to Milwaukee?"

Well, he never got to the Orioles. He was a member of the San Antonio farm club, herded by the Orioles from the old St. Louis Browns. He was traded to the Milwaukee Braves for a pitcher, Vern Bickford, who was also released before the season opened.)

THIS AND THAT

You should have seen the look of pride on the face of Clarence Simpson, Liberian Ambassador to the United States, when he stood on the platform, ready to make his commencement address and Morgan's choir and band played and sang the Liberian national anthem!!

It is an excellent patriotic song with rousing music and the Morgan choir did it with real feeling.

A TRUE STORY — Down in North Carolina, a white telephone girl left her AFRO in the ladies rest room. She had been reading the story of the Supreme Court's decision.

The office manager, without investigating, sent for the colored janitor and accused him of leaving the AFRO in the ladies restroom.

He denied it, and the office manager apologized, but the janitor was as angry at the injustice that he resigned.

The telephone company loses a good janitor all because a white telephone girl wanted to read the AFRO in the restroom.

"It was a big thrill." That's the way Mrs. Marie Edwards of 1721 W. Lafayette Ave. described graduation exercises at Southern University this week.

She was on hand because her son, Augustus, was graduated summa cum laude.

Just before graduation, he was awarded the Woodrow Wilson Scholarship which will enable him to study at Cornell this fall. He's specializing in labor relations.

Drop a note of cheer to City Teacher Mildred Milner Jackson of 801 W. Lanvale. She's had two deaths within her immediate family within a week. Her husband, William A. Jackson, the mortician; and her sister, Mrs. Portia Miller Wilson of Philadelphia.

Drop a card of congratulations to Mrs. Lillian Wilson, the brilliant practice teacher at School No. 103 and the wife of Elroy Wilson, local undertaker.

She was first teacher of any race to get a special certificate at Johns Hopkins, University this week.

The certificate is given for advanced study in education and entitles the recipient to a Ph.D. (advanced study in education) is the same as completing requirements for a doctorate. She already holds a master's from Howard University.

And a special nod to Elma Tignor Douglass who received a B.E. (bachelor in engineering) from Hopkins this week.

While at Hopkins, he was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the school choir, Scabbard and Blade, a military group.

He was also commissioned a second lootie in the school's ROTC unit. After his Army stint, he plans to go into engineering.

There are, by the way, two graduations in his family this month. His brother, Rodney, finishes Morgan High on June 18. They're sons of Mrs. Ethel T. Douglass who is secretary at Johnson School No. 106. Their dad is the late Elmo B. Douglass.

Drop a card to Jerry Mc Master. He entered Ft. Howard for an operation on Thursday.

CUFF NOTES

Guy V. Simpson, the new Boy Scout district executive for the Chesapeake area, plans to bring his wife and two-year-old daughter from Suffolk, Va., next month.

And wasn't that a nice testimonial members of Morning Star Baptist Church gave a week or so ago for the widow of the church's founder, Mrs. Mary Winn?

She celebrated years of joy when they presented her with a tree loaded down with $500 in cash!

Mrs. Winn was honored because for the 54 years she's been a member of Morning Star, she's worked closely with all groups in the church her husband started 62 years ago.

He was the Rev. R. T. Winn who died in 1923. The church he started with a handful of members now has over 2,000. Present pastor is the Rev. Nathaniel Wicks.

Send a hello to Anita Edwards Posey. Her two - year - old Bruce, is recovering from a spine injury. They live at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., where her husband is on the faculty.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Welcome postcared from Paris: "There is no place quite like it!"

Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of Baltimore schools, was born in Bellivar Heights, W.Va., near Storer College.

Professor Saunders, now over 80, recalls that when young Houston came to Storer the first day he was a barefoot boy.

Fewer than 50 per cent of the nation's teachers are now unmarried.

Heretofore, the teaching load has been carried by bachelor girls. Some call them old maids because women couldn't teach and get married not too many years ago.

Bell boys in hotels average eight miles a day.

Smart ones do twelve miles.

They used to do more in the days when they were not permitted to ride passenger elevators.

Thanks to my five-year-old daughter for the Sunday School lesson for this one she had to learn for the school closing:

"I thank you, God, for eyes to see

A baby moon above a tree,
I thank you, God for ears to hear
A trilling bird song, sweet and clear."

THOUGHT OF WEEK

From the pamphlet, "My Pal," published by Earl Roger, local insurance broker:

When is a man educated?

When he can be happy alone and highminded amid the drudgeries of life

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin . . .

When he knows how to live, how to love, how to hope, how to pray — glad to live and not afraid to die, in his hand a sword for evil and in his heart a bit of song.

JOSEPH F. NEWTON

Speak Your Piece

On Dr. Byrd

Dear AFRO:

I have noticed in several of your recent publications some of our top citizens campaigning for Dr. H. C. Byrd.

This is certainly an ironic and disheartening factor since it was this same Dr. Byrd who was so unfavorable to colored students entering into the University of Maryland.

It is disheartening because it leads me to believe that there are personal motives involved in the campaigners' plans, rather than motives which will promote betterment for their own people's welfare.

JO ELLEN C. LOFTON

Likes Ideal Mother

Dear AFRO:

I would like to congratulate the AFRO on such a splendid standard—that of promoting idealism in motherhood.

Not only is it an incentive to mothers everywhere, but it is a way of saying "thank you" to those who have achieved honor and success on the home front which often times is removed from the glamor of public life.

I think that this year's mother was one of the most deserving mothers and one of the best who has received the AFRO-AMERICAN Award.

(Mrs.) THELMA P. BANDO
Dean of Women
Morgan State College

On Watts' column

Dear AFRO:

The statements made by Mr. Watts in your issue of Friday, June 5 are indeed remarkable variations from the truth. The Governor's Commission called Princess Anne one of the best institutions of its kind in the country.

I have been down to the school in the past three months and it is indeed a progressive institution. It is a fine example of the liberal arts, agricultural, and practical training institution.

The faculty is one of the best trained in the land. In addition it has an interracial student body and teaching staff. The graduates have a remarkable record of employment.

It is a pity that more of the Maryland students have not applied for admission. Perhaps you would not have 300 Coppin students on the waiting list.

Now as to the employment practices at the schools at the University of Maryland. I worked there about seven years ago. At that time, there were a good number of colored men and women working in the buildings as laboratory technicians.

In fact, two departments were under the direct charge of two colored men. They actually taught students.

Today, if Mr. Watts would take the trouble, he could go down to the University and see quite a few things for himself.

In addition, no institution in the land at this time offers more in the matter of non-preferential treatment of the sick than the hospital. A visit to the new building would perhaps convert even Mr. Watts.

I think that it is about time that we removed the race question from the campaign and discuss questions of taxation, zoning, unemployment, interest rates, license fees, auto insurance, regulation of fraternal orders, redistricting, high cost of education, social security.

JAMES M. ROBINSON

Replies to Randolph.

Dear AFRO:

In reply to Lloyal Randolph and Mr. Hayes in the June 5 issue of the AFRO.

Randolph stated Dr. Byrd is the most grateful man you have ever met and that George Mahoney is anti-labor and a millionaire.

What does Randolph consider grateful? Dr. Byrd is an educator and while president of the U. of Maryland was one of those who expressed the opinion that a small unaccredited college like Princess Anne is equal to the U. of Maryland.

This is segregation and has so been ruled by the Supreme Court.

As to Mr. Mahoney being a millionaire, surely Mr. Randolph is striving to reach the same financial status.

Mr. Mahoney is a self-made successful business man who came up the hard way from a poor family. The charge that he is anti-labor is false.

I know this charge has been proven false in previous political campaigns.

Dr. Byrd, although a candidate for governor since last fall, could not answer satisfactorily questions asked him by the Labor interrogating committee and when not unanimously endorsed later became labor conscious.

He suddenly stated he was in favor of abolishing the Taft-Hartley Bill which is opposed by labor.

Mr. Hayes stated that Dr. Byrd no longer holds his racial prejudiced views and will give equal opportunities to all.

Mr. Hayes, a leopard does not change his spots, but the spots become large as the leopard becomes older.

On the subject of millionaires, Lloyal Randolph, how about the supporters of Dr. Byrd, such as Jack Pollack, Brooks Leavy, Boston Lane and, oh yes, former Senator (Batta-Shoe Co.) Tydings. Are not these men possessors of considerable wealth?

Randolph and Dixon become champions of the welfare of colored people when election time is at hand. I believe that Randolph and Dixon are political lieutenants of the 4th District boss — Jack Pollack.

A vote for Dr. Byrd is, literally speaking, a slap at those who labored so valiantly against segregation in public educational institutions.

A copy of the article written by Robert Watts in the June 5 issue should be treasured by every person regardless of race, creed or color, who believes in th truth.

JACOB FREEDENBERG

Hodge-Podge

By R. Matthews

Was talking to a friend the other day who was bemoaning the fact that he has never had an identity.

Perked up my ears, couldn't imagine what he could possibly mean, why he certainly had a name—that should be identity enough.

Seems that he came from a very large family. One of his older brothers was a famous musician named, well—we'll call him Tom.

Until our friend left home, he was referred to as "Tom's Younger Brother." After finishing school, he married and thought he had escaped the yoke of being Tom's brother.

Unfortunately, he made the mistake of marrying a socially prominent social worker, whom we shall name Sylvia. Now he became known as "Sylvia's husband."

Our friend wasn't going to take that lying down, so he moved his family to another city, applied himself diligently to his job and became active in church and social affairs.

Finally, things were just getting to the place where he was being recognized as "that's Mr. John Doe."

Our friend was at last happy. He was a successful man, had a doting wife and two lovely children, a boy 10, and a girl 7.

Just about this time, his son passed by with a couple of his playmates in tow. We couldn't help overhearing their conversation:

First Child: "Who's that man?"

Second Child: "Oh, that's Junior Doe's father." No identity again.

Policemen and guns

Police brutality is a serious problem and to get to the source of this evil calls for combined efforts from all concerned.

Harsh words or wishful thinking will get us nowhere, nor will a prejudiced attitude help the situation.

A policeman's badge only indicates that he is a public servant, his nightstick is for those who should resist arrest; his gun is for his protection and the protection of citizens.

I'm afraid that someone disturbing the peace could hardly be called a criminal. It is my opinion that some of these marksmen (sans fans) every citizen a potential lawbreaker, and to shoot one of these potentials will boost his popularity with his fellow officers of the law.

I am of the conviction that a psychiatric examination instead of firearm wizardry could definitely clear up the situation.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

She favors Gill

Dear AFRO:

Many of your readers are wondering about and looking for the type of man who will be the two Republican candidates who are running for the State Senate from the Fourth District.

I, along with many others, know that letters favoring Dr. Robert C. Gill have been sent in to the AFRO. Where are these letters? The readers know that you can't print all letters received by your paper. However, not any of these letters were printed.

Dr. Gill is known, by me and many people of this city for his work in civic affairs and his willingness to stand up and be counted for the principles in which he believes. He is fearless in his fight for human rights.

For this reason we know he is not allowing himself to be used as anyone's tool. He is seeking office with the sincere desire to win and give service to the people of this State. He has made no commitments to anyone or any group.

It is true that he is an independent candidate. It also is true that he filed first. Are these unforgivable sins?

Should he have had the permission of the political machine, or could he think the people would like to decide? This is a Democracy, or is supposed to be.

(Mrs.) LeVALLIS L. BANKS

As to Sodaro

Dear AFRO:

The Supreme Court segregation decision emphasizes again that our liberties depend upon the laws of our country being administered without fear, favor or partiality.

Our position is secure only when those in public office make decisions without regard to race or creed, rich or poor, high or low.

The State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Anselm Sodaro, now seeking the Democratic nomination for re-election, has done an excellent job of handling violations of laws in such a way that ability is recognized all over the State and he is the president of the Association of State's Attorneys in the State.

He has frequently carried out his duties without regard to the persons involved, even when the accused are high city officials and important political bosses, all of whom are desperately fighting him because he says they must obey the laws as well as the rest of us.

With men like him in office, no person may fear that the law will not be rigidly enforced and it is particularly important to little people who unfortunately are in the minority of those who transgress the laws.

It is of the utmost importance that the State's Attorney, like the judges themselves, keep in mind that a whole race may not be judged by the transgressions of a few.

I think Mr. Sodaro is that kind of a man and we should eagerly see to it that he is renominated in the Democratic primary election on June 28.

JAMES L. MURRAY

1,080 workers lose jobs at Baltimore Signal Depot

Although negotiations for keeping the Baltimore Signal Depot in operation at Dundalk are still under way, 1,080 workers at the plant have been dismissed.

The drop represents a loss of 40 percent of the more than 2,700 workers once employed there.

For the next three days union officials have scheduled a series of conferences with the Defense Department.

In accordance with a directive issued by the Army four months ago, the Baltimore Depot must move to Tobyhanna, Pa., for economic reasons.

Must Move by Dec. 31

The Army ordered specified that the plant must be vacated by Dec. 31. Employees wishing to remain with the organization have been offered moving to Tobyhanna or remaining in Baltimore.

Plans have been discussed for bringing a second government agency into the city to provide jobs for at least some of the displaced workers who have declined to move.

Within the past four weeks the plant has undergone inspection by representatives from both the Air Force and Navy.

Workers

Slightly less than half of the workers at the Depot here are colored. More than 100 are home owners.

In order to keep their jobs they must move into a rugged mountain area outside Scranton and Strasburg, Pa.

The nearest town to the Tobyhanna plant, Strasburg has 75 colored families. Scranton has less than 600.

POSTAGE STAMP BOOKS

The Department will issue a booklet containing the new 3-cent Statue of Liberty "In God We Trust" stamps through the Washington, D.C., post office, on June 30, 1954.

SCOUT LEADER — Guy V. Simpson, who has been named executive with the Chesapeake District of Boy Scouts succeeding Yancey L. Whittaker, who resigned last September. Mr. Simpson comes to Baltimore from Suffolk, Va.

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Locke was known as 'little prof'

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Just about a year ago, an immaculately dressed, grey-haired little man went through his regular semester's end routine at Howard University classes on Monday and Tuesday, a day's respite, then final examinations on Thursday.

There was nothing unusual in the routine, especially for this professor who had followed the same procedure for the past 40 years at Howard. However, when the last student had turned in his examination booklet and had been wished "Godspeed," the 67-year-old "little prof," packed his books, exchanged the customary good-byes, and strolled across the 55-acre campus for the last time.

He was Dr. Alain L. Locke, retired head of the department of philosophy at Howard University, who died this past Wednesday in New York City.

Foremost Scholar

Regarded as a foremost American scholar and long recognized for his work on the cultural contributions and achievements of race, Doctor Locke was also one of the leading exponents of the "pragmatic school" of philosophy.

He first gained nationwide prominence in 1907 when he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University.

Until this time, only white persons had won that award, which, ironically, had been set up by the British diamond magnate who had reaped his millions from the mines of Africa.

Born in Philadelphia

Although little was known of Alain Locke before he won the Rhodes award, he did not come from complete obscurity to win this honor. His achievements as a brilliant student were well known in Philadelphia where he was born and at Harvard University where he did his undergraduate work.

His father having died while he was an infant, Locke was reared by his mother, a Philadelphia school teacher. He attended Quaker City's public schools and was graduated from high school in 1899 with a brilliant record.

Too poor to go to college, Locke enrolled at the city's normal school and, after graduation, taught for two years to earn the first installment on his tuition at Harvard.

Success Of Property

Locke's first weeks at Harvard were not without incident. Always a lavish spender, he became elaborate meals as his a "tonsize classmates.

He soroughly familiar with his financial status, the dean of the college called him in and, asked how he expected to meet his mounting board bill. Locke's answer was a boast which is still heard on occasion at the New England school.

If I act properly my body keeps in good shape and I can think clearly. I shall try to win enough prize money for excellence in my studies to pay these bills."

Win He Did

And win he did. Six months later Locke had his first scholarship and from that time until he received his Ph.D. in 1918, he never had to pay for his education.

Locke was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard and completed his work magna cum laude in three years.

When he decided to apply for the Rhodes Scholarship during his last year at Harvard, one major obstacle stood in his way. The rigid written examination caused him no apprehension, and the fact that no other member of his race had been considered for the award was unimportant to him.

The fact, also, that only two students from the State of Pennsylvania could receive awards was unfortunate for the other students, the confident young man thought.

Had To Be an Athlete

What worried Locke, however, was that in addition to being a brilliant, all-around student, to be eligible for a Rhodes award, a student also had to be an athlete. And, although he was an extremely versatile young man, his five-foot, one-inch, 90-pound stature had convinced him that he could never be athletically inclined.

Determined to qualify for the scholarship, the diminutive Locke toured the campus, observing the various sports, to see what, if anything, he might be able to do. One look at football was enough to convince him that this was not for him. Baseball, basketball, and track were also out.

Finally, he made his way to the Charles River where the crew was working out. He soon noted that although the crew members were big and strong, the coxswain, who did no rowing, was small and merely called out instructions to the rest of the crew. This was what he had been looking for.

Locke went out for the coxswain's job and although he never made the first of "varsity" boat, he did sufficiently well on the squad to have a creditable record as an athlete.

Race In Perspective

On the written examination, Locke made an exceptionally high mark, but the committee in charge of scholarships still had the right to choose from several of the leading contenders. It was here that Locke brought his race into a factor in denying him the award.

At the committee meeting, he was asked why he wanted to go to Oxford, and feeling that his race had prompted the question, he replied:

"Besides further education, I want to see the race problem from outside. I don't want to run away from it but I want to see it in perspective."

Locke's maturity of purpose was the deciding factor and it won for him the honor of obtaining a Rhodes Scholarship. His achievement proved to be more than a personal gain, however. Newspapers throughout the country carried the story of his feat and this did much to tear down the popular belief that the colored race was incapable of fathoming high education.

Brilliant at Oxford

At Oxford, his record was again brilliant. After graduation in 1911, he entered the University of Berlin for a year's study, then returned to America to take up a teaching position at Howard.

At Howard, Doctor Locke not only came to be known as the university's leading professor, but was also looked upon as the faculty "father." It was not unusual for young professors to bring their problems to him.

In 1935 one such young man was having considerable trouble deciding whether to devote his life's work to civil or colonial administration. Doctor Locke's advice helped him choose the latter and 15 years later the former professor became an internationally famous as Nobel Prize winner Ralph Bunche.

Doctor Locke's life was not all teaching and advice, however. Taking his leisure he found time to contribute regularly to no less than a half-dozen periodicals, was an active member in 10 professional organizations, and wrote also two books every five years.

Friend of Ellington

A great lover of music, his taste was not restricted to the classics as his vast collection of Duke Ellington records attested. A longtime friend of Ellington's, Doctor Locke's interest in his score from the Broadway musical "Beggars Opera" is saying that Ellington could become a great composer if he'd only develop his talent.

Although Doctor Locke taught philosophy for 40 years, he never propounded a specific philosophy of life. He did suggest, however, that the tenets of his discipline be carried over into the criticism and interpretation of life — especially in society and group relations.

DR. ALAIN LOCKE

Alain Locke dies in NYC

Distinguished retired HU prof.

Dr. Alain L. Locke, Rhodes scholar and retired professor of philosophy at Howard University, died Wednesday morning in New York City. He was living at 12 Grove St. at the time of his death.

Doctor Locke, author of eight books, was writing "The Negro in American Culture" when he died.

Born in Philadelphia, in 1886, he received his bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University, magna cum laude.

Granted a Rhodes scholarship in 1907, he received the Litt. B. degree from Oxford University and also studied at the University of Berlin. In 1918, he was awarded the Ph.D. degree at Harvard.

Howard in 1912

The retired professor came to Howard in 1912 as an assistant professor of English and instructor in philosophy. He was made associate professor of philosophy in 1917 and a full professor in 1921.

Professor Locke was eligible for retirement in 1952, but came back to teach another year in 1953. While at Howard, he was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters, by the university.

Phi Beta Kappa

Dr. Locke was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity, at Harvard. Later he played a leading role in the installation of a chapter of the society at Howard.

Outstanding among his books are "The New Negro," published in 1925; and "When People Meet." He was co-author of the latter with Bernhard J. Stern. "The New Negro" was credited with being one of the major influences in the changing attitudes toward the race during the 1920's.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, issued the following statement on Doctor Locke, Thursday morning:

"Alain L. Locke came to Howard University in 1912 as an assistant professor of philosophy and education. When he retired on June 5, 1953, he had served the university for 41 years. During the greater part of those years, he was professor and head of the department of philosophy.

With Distinction

"Dr. Locke was a graduate of Harvard University and a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.