OUR CREED

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

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

Every measure undertaken with temerity is liable to be perplexed with error, and punished by misfortune.
—HERODOTUS.

The 21st Clean Block drive gets under way

A volunteer army of youngsters, assembled under the green and white AFRO Clean Block banner, marched forth Friday to engage in a summer-long battle with dirt and litter.

If past campaigns are indicative of what will happen in this, the 21st year of the program, more than 10,000 children and their adult advisors will be engaged in the fight against filth by mid-July.

We salute the enthusiastic spirit of public service that motivates these young people to undertake such a herculean task.

Moreover we solicit for them, the full and sympathetic cooperation of all Baltimoreans.

While cleaning up Baltimore and keeping it clean is the particular responsibility of Mr. W. P. Fannon and his Bureau of Sanitation, they cannot do it alone.

It is everybody's job and everybody's responsibility.

That is the major reason why young Clean Blockers, who are willing to do more than their fair share, deserve the appreciation and support of all Baltimoreans, who want to see their city the cleanest and healthiest in the nation.

The battle against dirt must not be confined to just one area or to certain neighborhoods.

It must be waged with relentless determination from block to block and house to house.

Governor McKeldin who, dating back to the time he was mayor of Baltimore, has always been an ardent supporter of AFRO Clean Blockers, has issued a statewide proclamation designating the period from June 24 through August 26 as "AFRO Clean Block Time."

Mayor D'Alesandro, whose administration for the past eight years has given not only moral, but financial support to the drive, has issued a similar proclamation in the name of Baltimore City.

Their help and interest each year inspires the AFRO Clean Block army to attack with renewed vigor the beauty-spoiling pranks of the litter bugs.

All Baltimoreans who take pride in the city they call home can join with this campaign for cleanliness.

They can do this by working with their enterprising AFRO Clean Blockers in cleaning their yards, sidewalks, alleys and streets and by painting and repairing their property.

They can also help by making substantial contributions to the Clean Block Prize Fund, with which these hard-working recruits in the city-wide war against dirt are rewarded at the end of the campaign.

Let's make Baltimore so clean that even our ever-present litter bugs will be shamed into placing their trash into covered receptacles instead of scattering it over the streets and alleys.

State Bd. of Education

The State Board of Education this week adopted a resolution which in effect abolishes segregation in the five state teachers colleges, and (2) directs the county school officials to carry out the Supreme Court desegregation mandate "at the earliest possible date."

The State Board, which acts as trustee for the teachers colleges, was unanimous in its findings. This obviously was proper, and full compliance with the board's direction is in order throughout the State of Maryland.

There is one point in the board's resolution, however, that leaves us stumped. The board kept in force the old rule which requires a student who enters a teachers college to obtain board approval prior to transfer to another teachers college.

The law, as outlined in the resolution and as interpreted by the Supreme Court, without question permits a student to attend any school of his choice . . . provided that schools is not crowded.

Why then, should students now in teachers colleges be penalized by Maryland's former unlawful and unconstitutional setup? This will be needless imposition on these students, many of whom did not choose the college they now attend but were forced to go there by the state's faulty laws.

It seems to us that a remedy of this situation could easily be suspension of the old rule, at least for one year. Otherwise, we envision the board having a large number of transfer requests, which, if denied, may nullify the intent of the desegregation resolution.

Under Maryland law, the State Board of Education is the controlling and policy - making body governing the public education system. Such a body should not hedge one whit in its program to desegregate the schools which now answers to be going in the right direction when it advises "voluntary compliance with deliberate speed, without court compulsion," in its directions to county school officials.

This little policy loophole, which, as we see it, may allow continuity of segregation on the upper class levels in the teachers colleges, could defeat much of what board members intended to do if allowed to stay.

A proper victory . . .

A two-year fight by the Northwest Improvement Protective Association and the NAACP, against the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, has ended in a well-earned victory for the civic organizations.

The victory came when the Court of Appeals upheld a lower court's ruling that a landlord can not make any more apartments in an area than the law allows.

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IN THIS particular case, the house involved was at 1128 Druid Hill Ave., located in an area within two blocks of Redevelopment Area 12 where the city is seeking to decrease already overcrowded conditions.

Fortunately, residents in the 1100 block Druid Hill Ave., are of the type who will not sit idly by and permit landlords, to invade their neighborhood who would, violate the law.

Neither are they the type who will accept callous rulings by the Zoning Board, which in this case the Court of Appeals said acted "arbitrarily and without substantial evidence to support" its decision.

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AND BECAUSE they thought they were justified in trying to, protect the identity of their neighborhood, these property owners carried their fight to the highest state court and to ultimate victory.

The fact that the Zoning Board was upbraided once again by the courts is also of particular significance. This board, which has the power to regulate the building and conditions of the homes in which we live, has long been the subject of criticism in the D'Alesandro administration.

This year, the mayor has appointed one new member, a lawyer, who has shown interest in zoning. But the majority of the members are still political appointees who have heretofore shown a singular lack of knowledge and interest in proper zoning regulations.

IT HAS BEEN hoped that some colored representation would be appointed to this board. Certainly a board which so directly affects the population should include equal representation on it.

So far, however, there has been no sign that such an idea would even be considered.

Therefore, until the Zoning Board does show more consideration for the welfare and being of the many property owners whose lives it concerns, the people, represented by such organizations as the NAACP and the Northwest Improvement Association, will have to seek their relief in the courts.

Archie Moore

Thirty-eight year - old Archie Moore moved up to the next-to-the-last rung on the ladder to glory via his sensational third-round knockout of Bobo Olson.

Moore's climb has been long —20 years—and at times rocky. We hope there will be no further delay in giving Archie an opportunity to take the next big step—a shot at the golden prize of boxing, the heavyweight championship of the world.

It is hard to believe that boxing's overlords will deny this talented challenger his long-sought try at Rocky Marciano's crown. We hope we do not face another Harry Wills - Jack Dempsey fiasco.

Oldtimers will remember how Dempsey ducked Wills as a challenger for years until patient Harry finally was sidetracked. After the long chase, Wills was eliminated as challenger by a 13-round loss by a foul to Jack Sharkey.

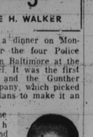
Moore, like Wills did, has been chasing Champion Marciano for two years. He has fought all foes in two weight classes, and well earned a title shot by any stretch of imagination. There should be no more delays in giving Archie the chance.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

They gave a dinner on Monday night for the four Police Boys' Clubs in Baltimore at the Southern Hotel. It was the first of its kind, and the Gunther Brewing Company, which picked up the tab, plans to make it an annual affair.

It was a fine dinner, with good food and some 104 boys of the 2,500 members of the four Police Boys Clubs were honored for their club activities and received medals for their work. Seven youths, including two colored, were chosen as outstanding and received $100 checks from Gunther. One boy, named the "Boy of the Year" received a $500 check.


Mr. Walker

Traffic Court Magistrate E. Everett Lane, a member of the selection committee which chose the "Boy of the Year," made the presentation to the youth, George Taliaferro, star of the Baltimore Colts and erstwhile salesman for the Mc-Nair Sales Company, was among the athletic luminaries introduced.

Making the awards to the boys were such men as Jim Tatum, University of Maryland football coach; Weeb Ewbank of the Baltimore Colts, and the coaches of the U.S. Naval Academy's basketball, and swimming teams.

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THE NEW police commissioner, James M. Hopkins, was there as was the acting commissioner, Chief Inspector Fred Ford. Jim Fuchs of Yale and Olympic shot put fame spoke as did Art Ehlers, Baltimore Orioles veep. Leroy S. Cohen, president of Gunthers also spoke as did Capt. William L. Hartung, director of the Police Boys' Clubs.

Each speaker urged his young listeners to live a clean, healthy life, to "play the game" squarely and to strive to be leaders in whatever field of endeavor they may choose.

Curiously, not one speaker mentioned the overworked phrase "juvenile delinquency." Although the Police Boys' Clubs are organized to combat same.

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ALL IN ALL it was a fine evening. Still I had some misgivings and an uneasiness which I couldn't throw off in spite of the fine words I heard.

For in spite of Magistrate Lane on the dais, and George Taliaferro as one of the sports celebrities present, the young colored boys present were all in one single Jim crow club and seated alone in the corner of the ballroom.

There are four Police Boys' Clubs in Baltimore, but colored youths can belong to only one — the Northwestern.

I couldn't help but wonder at the effect such discrimination might have on those youngsters who attended the dinner. None of those kids could escape the fact that they were "separate" from the boys in the other clubs.

HOW THEY react to being separated, I don't know, but it is the inescapable fact that when the Supreme Court handed down its decision outlawing segregated schools it pointed out that colored kids in separate schools suffered a kind of inferiority complex because of such separation.

It seems to me that a kid living in the Southwestern Police District should belong to the Southwestern Police Boys' Club — be he black or white. And I think the Police Boys' Clubs are fertile ground for boys to learn to live, work and play together.

The fact that Baltimore is missing the boat on this will remain a sore spot with me until it's changed.

COUNTRY CLUB — The past weekend me and my wife and a bunch of other newspaper, magazine and radio folk had an enjoyable time at the Shangri La Country Club in Napanoch, N.Y.

Located on 755 acres of land, this "vacation paradise" is a 2-hour drive from New York City and located in the Catskill Mountains near the so-called Borscht Circuit. It's a dream.

It's owned by Dick Simans who also owns the Turbe Bar and Grill in Brooklyn, N.Y. and the welcoming mat was out for the Fourth. Estate which enjoyed, the swimming, golfing, tennis, horseback riding, ping pong, etc.

This place was formerly a millionaire's paradise where such folks as Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone used to go to relax. Now it's an interracial resort scaled to fit the pocketbooks of you and me.

Besides the spacious lodge with private rooms there are cottages available for groups or families and the meals are fine. All in all it's an enjoyable place to visit and have fun and anyone who doesn't have a good time there is simply a kill-sport anyway.

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FIGHT NOTES: Archie Moore seemed more interested in counting his purse than talking to Russ Hodges and the TV audience following his pulverizing of Bobo Olson Wednesday night.

Archie was using more energy with that comb than he did during the fight in which his "process" had been mussed up.

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GEOGRAPHY — Folks living on Cherry Lane in Annapolis live in Anne Arundel County. But their mailing addresses are Baltimore City as zones 22, 25 and 26.

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IT WAS to be expected, but I never thought I'd spot it in the column of my pal, Jimmy Booker, who writes for a New York sheet. Jimmy wants to know how Davy Crockett stood on the race question.

STRONG and SECURE

EDITORIAL

If the grownups would disappear

Possibly if the grownups would just disappear the youngsters would wipe out this segregation and discrimination business overnight.

This was demonstrated most effectively this week when the Boys' State, meeting in Annapolis, voted not to attend the joint inaugural ball tonight (Friday) with the Girls' State unless the seven colored delegates were permitted to attend and dance.

Efforts of the adults who are supervising the groups to minimize the affair appear ineffective and inept.

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THE STATEMENT that the boys' vote was premature since formal invitations had not been issued also seems inadequate, especially since the boys have voted and made their stand public.

And when one of the colored delegates attempted to enter a motion that the dance go on and that he and the other six simply would go home, he was shouted down by the whole assembly.

It's plain to us that the youngsters are more adult in their thinking than many of the adults today.

Of course the whole situation could have been avoided if the Girls' State had included some colored delegates, as it did last year.

FORESIGHT

I must foresee that which is brewing
Long the way which I must go,
For it can, be my sad undoing
By dealing out its want and woe.
Unless I think about tomorrow,
The good or evil it may bring
By chance I might encounter
sorrow
Which ever is a dreadful thing.
WILLIAM H. HUFF

Reporters' Report To The People

Pinchhitting

By BOB THOMAS

The Tri - State Elks Association staged a colorful parade Tuesday in Hagerstown and it was an occasion which brought loud applause to that fraternal organization.

But even while this parade was in progress, another one was taking place on the countryside between Baltimore and Hagerstown (and all over the country now), one that can never be equaled by the best efforts of man.

Spring, once again, was unfolding her natural fashions in her eternal and incomparable glory.

A brilliant sun lit up the expansive mountainous area in the western part of the state, kissed the green grass and the full-leaved trees and seared the asphalt roads winding and twisting in their upward climb.

All over the mountainsides, heavy - leaved trees clustered together, almost immobile on a day deserted by spring breezes; rolling acres of, evenly - mowed farmland were dotted with neat - topped farm houses and barns.

Herds of cows were plotted here and there, lazily chewing their cuds, or lying on the grass contentedly earth; a small stream rippled downhill, hurrying to a predetermined rendezvous.

The day was hot and sticky, but the farmer was in the fields tending the spring crop; another guided a heavy plow over the land in preparation for the next planting, and still another, his work done, sat in quiet meditation, smoking a corn-cob pipe.

There was a parade in Hagerstown and the Elks strutted proudly, as Elks will do, and the bands and the people cheered. But the big parade was not here—not the caravan through the narrow streets of the city.

Out in the wide open spaces, the grandest parade of all was in progress. Every year it's the same. Nature in its spring-primeval—panoramic pageant that exposes the constant wonders of God's handiwork.

Speak Your Piece

Criticizes AFRO

Dear AFRO:

I enjoyed a copy of your paper and was amazed at the manner in which you present the news.

You must not have a very high regard for the intelligence of the people who buy your newspaper.

You reported that a colored policeman in Washington killed his wife and a man who was in the cab with her. Was he a passenger or did she know him?

They had about six children. You then went on to show that he was a very fine and good man.

Then you reported that a car thief who refused to halt was also a very fine boy. To keep running when ordered to halt by a policeman after the commission of a crime is a good way to commit suicide.

CHARLES LUTHARDT

Editor's Note: The AFRO, to the contrary, does have a very high regard for the intelligence of its readers and, thus, tries to give its readers all sides of every story.

In the case of the tragic double shooting in Washington involving a park patrolman, the story quoted police as saying the patrolman "shot the pair because he believed his wife had been unfaithful."

Another story on the shooting quoted the accused husband's friends as saying, "he was a good man." It also reported police as saying that the slain couple had been keeping company for some years and that the husband knew about the affair and had tried to break it up.

These were the unfortunate facts in the case. The AFRO simply reported them.

We agree that anyone who flees "when ordered to halt by a policeman after the commission of a crime" is flirting with easy suicide.

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Dear AFRO:

It was indeed an honor to be on the front page of the June 7 edition of the BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN. Aside from receiving my degree, this was the biggest thrill of my life.

Many, many thanks from my mother and me for the picture on such a momentous occasion.

CECIL COOPER

EDITORIAL

Summertime

Lest it passed by so quickly you didn't notice it, summer began here officially at 12:32 a.m. Wednesday.

And if its first day is a forerunner of the remainder of the season, we're in for a hot time before fall arrives with its colored leaves and brisk winds.

With the hot season among us it is well to remember certain precautions we should take to prevent heat exhaustion.

Take it easy, don't rush. Wear light clothing, take plenty of salt, don't expose yourself too much to the sun.

Parents should remember that this is the season when additional risks of accidents and deaths to the young are especially prevalent.

Drownings are particularly heavy during the summer months and parents should see to it that their children only swim in areas properly supervised.

Summer is the time for vacations; it's playtime, fun-time for all. Let's enjoy it. Take it easy.

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. Phillips

This and that about town . . .

Baltimore has had weddings and weddings but they will have to go some to beat the beautifully staged ceremony which saw cute Christina Carr become the bride of Med Student Roscoe C. Young on Sunday at Sharp Street Methodist Church.

The green and white color scheme was carried out to a tee —with the bride's white satin gown beautifully accentuated by her attendants' green gowns which graduated in color from very pale green to dark green.

Add to that the green and white floral decorations which were done in the usual excellent Stanley Beckett fashion and you have an idea why the 1000 wedding guests are still oohing and aahing. Vernice Reynolds was the mastermind of the entire affair.

Mrs. Phillips

And this wedding was also a good example of how divorced parents should act when their offspring marry.

The bride's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reed, and the bride's father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Marston Carr all attended and participated in the festivities like sensible people should.

By the way, the newlyweds were loaded with three rooms full of gifts and enough sterling silver to last a century. Truly beautiful!

Remember some 15 or 20 years ago when the florist shop in town was called Sidons and Lester and it was located at George St. and Pennsylvania Ave.?

Well, the men who conducted that shop were Edward Sidons and Charles S. Lester. Mr. Sidons began the business and ran it alone until 1932, when Mr. Lester became associated with him.

After Mr. Sidons' death, in 1934, Mr. Lester continued it until 1951.

Mr. Charles S. Lester who died here this week is that Mr. Lester.

Funeral services were held Friday at John Wesley Methodist Church in South Baltimore where he grew up and was associated for years with his father, George E. Lester, who conducted a grocery business in Hanover and Lexington Markets. The senior Mr. Lester survives.

Visitors in our town this week included Charles E. Tyson (and he's no fisherman either), who is public relations director at Tuskegee Institute.

He was just back from the National Association of Intercollegiate Public Relations' Directors in Chicago, and was en route to Philly for a brief visit with

Mr. Trout says that he is looking for a good public relations assistant — and the job could pay $100 bucks a week to the right person. Write him care of Box 407, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

More visitors: Cute Inez Levy and her bridegroom, Charles Howard, both of Philadelphia, stopped here Tuesday with his cousin, Mary L. Allen.

Leaving: The Rev. Joshua O. Williams, former Sharp Street pastor, stopped in the office to make sure his favorite newspaper would reach him at his new home in New York where he is now pastor of Salem Methodist.

He and his wife and their six children moved into their new abode Saturday. Address: 2190 Seventh Ave., New York 27.

Left: Mrs. Camilla J. Parham, city teacher, left Sunday to spend the summer with her husband, Joseph, who is attending the University of Mexico.

Visiting: The Franklin B. Ricketttses, both of the Denton, Md., High School faculty, are here for the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim DeVore.

Stork: Mr. and Mrs. Forest Higginbotham (Gladys) are parents of a boy. Happiest person in their household is their tiny daughter, Gail.

Mrs. Lloyd Millards of Washington (she's the former Jean Holly of Baltimore) are visiting for an October stork. Their first. She's a government steno, he's a researcher.

Back home: Elder Russell, who has just garnered a master's degree from Arizona State College, is in from Phoenix for a visit with relatives.

Sick: Eddie Evans, affable McCulloh St. resident, is being cheered plenty by the 100 or so cards friends have sent to his Johns Hopkins Hospital room.

Drop a card to Charles M. Ringgold, Masonic leader of Mt. Auburn Cemetery, who died here this week is that Mr. Lester.