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 should speak for America."
— Frederick Douglass

"Ignorance never settles a question."
— Benjamin Disraeli

No reserve is better than one with jim crow

Representative Adam Clayton Powell performed a patriotic service in winning approval of an amendment to the National Reserve Training bill.

The amendment, accepted by the House in a 126 to 87 vote over the bitter protests of the bureaucrats, provided that any State, Territorial, or District National Guard or Air Guard that excludes or segregates any person on the basis of race, creed or color, or national origin, shall not have the power to take men out of the Reserve to fill vacancies in the National Guard.

We agree with the majority in the House of Representatives that this amendment is not only reasonable, but in light of present National Guard practices in many states, establishes a badly needed safeguard in the nation's manpower program.

The record, for a nation that boasts to the world that it is a democratic, is indeed a shameful one.

Thirteen states, all in the South, either by law or custom, do not permit the enlistment of colored recruits, although this segment comprises in some instances as much as 50 per cent of the population.

In addition, there are 21 states which still cling to the unconstitutional practice of racially segregated National Guard units.

These facts of life made the Powell amendment important and necessary.

Any reserve plan that doesn't take into consideration the full use of all available manpower, is not only unconstitutional, it's downright crazy.

Word that the Pentagon was willing to side with the Southerners in their frantic effort to retain segregation was the most disheartening development of the whole sorry business.

Especially is this so in face of the proven battle record that segregation imposes a needless moral and mental burden on our fighting forces.

Surely, our professional soldiers can't be blind to the danger of trusting the defense of this country to a limited percentage of our population while the potential enemy, already blessed with manpower superiority, makes no such foolish limitations.

But over and above this, we submit it's time for the Congress to face up to its responsibilities and approve a reserve bill that complies with the Constitution.

As for us, we are convinced that we can't have a Reserve and National Guard in keeping with the Constitution, we don't want any at all.

Gloria's still our champion

Tears welled in the eyes of Gloria Lockerman when she was eliminated from the National Spelling Bee in the ninth round last week.

The 12 - year old Maryland champion, an eighth grade pupil of Booker T. Washington Junior High School, spelled the word "meerschaum" to be her undoing.

Totally unfamiliar with the word, meaning a clay used for pipes, Gloria fell back on her sense of phonetics and began spelling it "m-i-r . . ." when the bell signalling an error rang.

While we can understand her great disappointment, Gloria really has no need to be sad. She's still our champion.

She made a surprisingly strong representation for Maryland, having brilliantly survived 30 of the toughest words before "meerschaum" tripped her up.

That's a superior batting average in any league.

Seven committees for Mr. Dixon

Our new City Council President, Leon Abramson is due a low bow for the excellent committee appointments announced on Tuesday.

Our Fourth District representatives fared exceedingly well, having been selected to serve on committees dealing with subjects of vital importance to residents of their area..

We were particularly happy to see the appointment of Solomon Liss as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, whose pressing function is to act on the Rent Control Bill.

The present bill expires at midnight, May 31, and in the face of a continuing housing shortage, it should be renewed.

We have confidence that Mr. Liss will resist the pressure of real estate interests, and report out an adequate extension of this measure.

The man who led the Fourth District staff, Mr. Walter Dixon, has been named to seven committees, all of which handle matters important to the city as a whole.

He will be chairman of the Health Committee; will serve as vice chairman of the Housing Committee, and holds seats on the Education, Harbor, Public Utilities, Rules and Ways and Means Committee.

This is an auspicious beginning for our first councilman in almost a quarter of a century.

We welcome a new bishop

Episcopalians consecrated a suffragan (assistant) bishop of Maryland Tuesday.

Three bishops of the church placed their hands upon the rector of Old Saint Paul's Church, Saratoga and Charles St., and made him a successor to the 12 apostles.

The new bishop, Rt. Rev. Harry Lee Doll, came to Baltimore originally by way of Houston, Texas and Alexandria, Va.

There were days when these columns have asked as of old, can anything good come out of Virginia or Texas.

The Episcopal Church is one of the most backward of all the denominations in Maryland.

Its pulpits, its schools, its hospitals, its orders, its home are strictly jim crow.

From the lay leadership of the diocese come strongest possible statements in favor of white supremacy.

Despite the great wealth of the church, and this state for a change of direction and a change of heart, we are not discouraged.

Such changes usually come as the aged reactionaries are replaced by younger people whose minds are free of bias.

So we welcome the new suffragan bishop of the Episcopalians as a possible source of the leadership the state lacks.

Work Bench

By CLARENCE MITCHELL

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — What is the anatomy of a race riot?

The answer to that question was provided by careful work on the Highland Park swimming pool disorders that once plagued this city. It was told at a meeting of citizens interested in civil rights.

The pool is owned by the city and is now open to all who want to swim. This was not always the case. Once, a colored swimmer would have found himself engaged in a foot race for safety, instead of a cool plunge.

Careful exploration of the names and addresses of those who caused the trouble brought investigators face to face with the culprits and the environment from which they sprang.

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MOST OF them were children of immigrants who had recently come to the United States. They did not understand that the word "public" meant everyone.

They thought that the pool was the property of their neighborhood. It was the meeting place for them, and their girl friends.

During interviews they explained their actions by saying they were protecting their sweethearts. They were never able to identify why and against what they thought protection was needed.

Above all, they wanted to be Americans. They thought that it was American to oppose racial equality.

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THERE IS no trouble now because the offenders know that they will be arrested if they cause disorders. They also know that although some people do not practice it, the real American system is color blind.

Another Pittsburgh area trouble spot has been public housing projects. They are in county, rather than city, jurisdiction. Here, too, most of headache was caused by recent arrivals in the United States.

The public projects were open for interracial occupancy. Whites would apply, but when they discovered that colored people would also live in these dwellings the applicants would withdraw.

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FOLLOW-UP checks showed that these people lived in some of the county's worst slums. Why would a person prefer to live in a slum when he could move to a clean apartment that was also interracial?

As with the swimming pool, there was confusion about what the country really stands for. Those who had refused to live in the same project with colored people thought that they would lose status.

They were helped in reaching this conclusion by unscrupulous slum landlords who did not want vacancies in their run - down flats.

Today, that picture is different. The objects in question have a higher percentage of white occupants than colored. The tenants have a fine spirit of community cooperation and responsibility. They even have established records for prompt and consistent payment of rent.

There is a lesson from this industrial area. If we can reach the prejudiced and tell them the real American story, the ranks of the bigoted will steadily grow thinner.

Interfaith group pleased

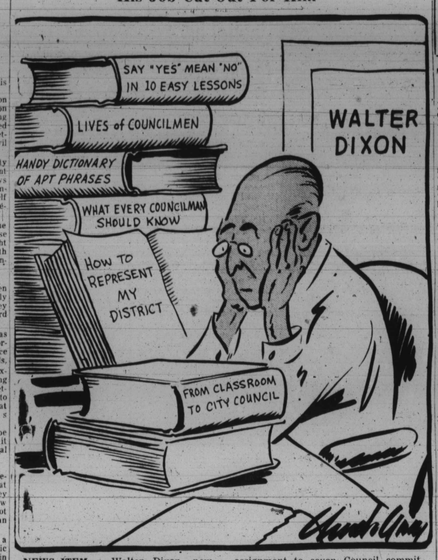
Dear AFRO:

Please accept our thanks for publishing an Interfaith story in the AFRO.

It is cooperation of the type displayed by your publication that will be an invaluable factor in helping to fill the stadium on Interfaith Night.

MAURICE R. SHOCHATT

His Job Cut Out For Him



NEWS ITEM — Walter Dixon, new Fourth District Councilman accepted assignment to seven Council committees, Monday.

Speak Your Piece

Contributors to this department must sign their names and addresses to their letters if they wish them published. The AFRO will withhold publication of names if requested to do so by the writer.

Sign in Pocomoke

Dear AFRO:

I was surprised to see a sign on a corner with this information:

"Public Rest-Rooms City Building: White Only."

Would like to send this picture over the full circulation of your paper. Send a photographer down and cover this story please.

I believe taxation without representation is still tyranny today as it was in the early days when England practiced this form of policy in the days of the Boston Tea Party. Tyranny is tyranny in what ever age or period of time.

All peoples are paying taxes for the upkeep of city buildings in Pocomoke but because of race, color and creed, only whites are allowed to use these accommodations.

We can at least boycott the Tax office in this matter and I am sure all white people would glory in our stand against taxation without privilege to use the rest rooms. In this fair city.

J. W. PRUITT

Blackboard Jungle

Dear AFRO:

It have just been a shocking film entitled "Blackboard Jungle." It is an insult and slur to every self - respecting colored person. As a colored person I have to look like a criminal . . . called a black b— and a b—.

Even at the end . . . when in a way this movie was made by Jews — but not one Jew is disgraced in it — though many other races and creeds are.

ONE FOR FAIR PLAY

Let them talk

Dear AFRO:

While I am a firm believer in the equality of all men, I am also a firm believer in the right of free speech and thought. For that reason I am bitterly disappointed wherever I hear anyone recommend that the supporters of segregation be silenced.

I most certainly do not believe in the venom that gush groups of the National Association for the Advancement of White People and the Baltimore Association for State Rights Inc. spread to influence gullible and weak minded persons.

However, these misguided souls have a right to speak as long as they do these things in an orderly and legal manner. It is the same right that we as advocates of democracy enjoy, but this right would be worthless were it not extended to all persons — regardless of what they believe.

To say that these people should not be allowed to speak, is to say that all the democratic ideals that we have been fighting for are a worthless fraud. They have their rights, as we have our rights and let's not be narrow minded enough to say that they do not have the right to speak their belief.

HARRY CROWN

Poet's Nook

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE MEMORIAL DAY, 1955

Death knows no color, race not creed.
As on that first Memorial Day
Said proudly, bravely bowed and said:
"These dead are hallowed here," he knew
Thousands of slaves had fought
Thousands died
And Stripes to win Freedom for all
Our Race, and gladly paid the price
For us.
So now in Nineteen fifty-five
While bugles sound, and the muffled drum
Honors our dead in all our wars
Mark well; this a year like
Of which none never dawned before!
The right to learn, to work, to dwell
Where e're we will is woven in this year!

—HARRY LEVETTE for ANP

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. Phillips

This and that about town . . .

Walter Moore, who resides on St. in Sparrows Point, considers himself the luckiest man in Baltimore.

He was talking with a group of friends at 821 N. Wolfe St. on Sunday.

He had just gone in the house for a glass of water when a woman driver rounded the corner and crashed into the steps where he had been sitting with his friends.

Norman Thompson, leader of a church quartet, was killed and his other two friends, Arthur Sevilles and Herman McTier were injured.

Of his narrow escape, Mr. Moore says: "My time wasn't up that's all. The Lord moved me to go into the house and get that water."

I believe that.

A Friday ago, we predicted in this column that Orchard St. Methodist Church, then headed by the Rev. D. M. Pleasants might have a new minister when appointments were read at Sunday's Washington Annual Conference.

A reader allied as a friend of Mrs. Phillips suggested this was irresponsible reporting. Well, on Sunday, the Rev. D. M. Pleasants was named pastor of Simpson Memorial Church in Washington. The new pastor of Orchard St. is the Rev. V. T. Key.

Looks like that was a pretty good prediction!

You know Methodist conferences differ a bit from other church meetings in this respect: Members and delegates make no outward comment or demonstration when things please or displease them.

Although many church congregations were unhappy about the reassignment of their pastors there was not a murmur when Bishop Love read the assignments before that crowd of 2,500 on Sunday.

In fact, it was so quiet in there you could hear a pin drop!

There was some talk that the Rev. R. M. Williams who was moved from Asbury Church to head the Washington District, might request a leave of absence or resign or — you know the usual false rumors you get when a person who has been on the job a long time is moved.

Well, none of that came true — in fact I was sitting within six feet of the Rev. Mr. Williams when his assignment was announced and I can tell you that he took it graciously.

He left immediately after the conference for Florida to represent the Methodists at funeral services for Dr. Mary McL. Bethune.

You meet so many nice people in this reporting business.

At Union Memorial Church where the Methodists gathered last week, I had a chance to chat with Mrs. Birdie A. Brown, 538 Robert St., who is a pleasant, friendly person. She says she is 71 but she looks 10 years younger.

She has been a member of Union Memorial since 1910 when it was on Whateoat St. She is a native of Frostburg, Md., but has resided in Baltimore since 1906.

Some of you may remember her husband — Miley Brown — who conducted a shoe repair shop for years. He died in 1942.

Mrs. Brown now makes her home with her brother, James Gales and her grandson, James Cole.

At their annual awards dinner tonight (Friday) at the Chesapeake Club, the Fairfield Chemical Division, Food Machinery and Chemical Corporation honors five men who have served 30-34 years.

They are: Messrs. Walter E. Bryant, 709 Druid Hill; Jerry M. Meredit, 2704 Presbury St.; Charles E. Stevens, 912 N. Bond St., Linwood Stevens, 325 N. Payson St., and Frank A. Warrington, 5257 Belmont Ave.

Provident Hospital and the Nursing Staff honored Miss Augusta Swann at a tea on Monday.

She's the second year student from Illinois who was elected president of the Md. State Student Nurses Association.

Among those who attended, offered her congratulations and presented her gifts were: John Procope, Mrs. Bruce Alleyne, Miss Hazel Snead, Miss Helen White, Miss Hilda Thompson, Mrs. Odell Payne.

Also: Mrs. Earline Ford, Mrs. Anita Henson, Mrs. Mildred Inglehart, Dr. Evan Gilkey and students from Bon Secours, Sinai and Church Home Schools of Nursing.

Little notes on my cuff . . .

IS YOURS IDEAL? — Do you have an ideal father? Do you have a friend with an ideal father? Poor dad is so neglected these days with emphasis on ideal mothers, this column wants to meet some ideal pops.

If you know of one you'd like others to meet, drop a note to this column. $1 will be paid for each one printed.

Get those letters in before June 15 because Father's Day is June 19 and we'll be publishing the best letters in the issue of June 18.

Miss Frances L. Murphy was reminded this week of the first class she taught 61 years ago.

The note came from Mrs. Annabell Timlett Lewis of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. She remembered that it was in a small Baptist Church on 21st Street in East Baltimore.

Some of her classmates, Mrs. Lewis said, were Jessie Wilson, Genesta Reid and Mary Waller.

Teachers besides Miss Murphy included Miss Florence Gray, Miss Luck Corbin, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Edith Cooper and Miss Virginia Reily.

I was her pupil, Miss Lewis recalls. The principal was Mr. Garrison Trusten.

The church was rented as a public school by the city for week days and services were held on Sunday.

Three teachers used the church auditorium taking turns in having oral work.

Mrs. Lewis left Baltimore in 1909, Went to Boston, Detroit, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Delaware in various positions.

She ended her education at the 6th grade. "I thought that was enough at that time," she said. Much to my regret, I've learned how mistaken I was. I did not know what a God - send education could be," she added.

Miss Lillie Mae Jackson, the social worker at Crownsville in California a week ahead of time. She left via plane on Thursday for San Francisco where she will be one of 15,000 delegates at the 81st meeting of the National Conference of Social Workers, May 29 - June 3.

L. Anderson, employee in the plate mill at Sparrows Point, was taken ill Wednesday morning, soon after he reported for work, and died before he could be taken to a hospital.

Quite a shock to his fellow workers.

Policewoman Cornelia Lake Smith leaves the police department as of May 31 to continue her graduate work at Howard University.

She's been assigned to Southwestern District and studying on a master's in the evenings and on the weekends for the past two years. Now she'll spend the next year in school. Police department wouldn't grant her a leave so she had to quit.

Bowen Keiffer Jackson, 18-month-old, son of the Bowen Jacksons is the newest member of the Baltimore NAACP enrolled by Mrs. Anne Beadenkopf.

Mrs. Sidonia C. Anderson, longtime member of St. James P.E. Church, who was buried on Friday, had suffered a long and painful illness.

Just as she was recovering from a third attack, she fell and broke her ankle so she had spent her last days in a wheel chair.

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, the (Continued From Page 1)

women.

Miss Dean flew the stage.

"I couldn't find a door fast enough," she told the AFRO, "so I just crouched at the bottom of the stage steps.

"If I could have reached the guy who hired me I would have told him a few things. These women didn't appreciate my art.

"He had no business having me there. I didn't know that was the kind of audience I was to perform for. I've never been so embarrassed in my life!"

JOEL NEWTON, chairman of the entertainment committee of Kappa Alpha Psi, said that while they knew the type of dancing Miss Dean is noted for, the committee was under the impression that she also offered other

—Open beaches

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In denying an application for a clarification or modification of a stay of execution of its mandate to the Baltimore Federal court, Judge Parker told NAACP Attorney Robert L. Carter:

"The case is in the Supreme Court. We've got no more to do with it than if it had never been here."

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THE NAACP attorney pointed out that the park facilities are "particularly enjoyable" during warm weather months and that a stay which will remain in effect during June, July, August and September will "in effect" deny his clients their constitutional rights for another year.

Mr. Carter said that the use of park facilities are "entirely optional" and that "no hardship would be involuntarily imposed upon anyone by present enforcement of the constitutional rights involved."

The NAACP attorney asked what recourse his clients have to bring desegregation in the parks this summer, since the Supreme Court cannot act on the appeal until next October.

Judge Parker said he knew of none "unless the Supreme Court does something about it."

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MR. CARTER LATER told reporters that his clients considering bringing a petition before the Supreme Court aimed at desegregating the parks next year.

In its ruling Mar. 14, the Appellate Court reversed a Baltimore Federal court decision which held that racial segregation — provided substantially equal facilities were furnished to Negroes — did not violate the 14th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

"It is now obvious, however," the court ruled, that separate facilities cannot be justified as a means to preserve the public peace merely because the Baltimore facilities furnished to one race are equal to those furnished to the other."

The City of Baltimore obtained a stay of execution of the mandate pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Then the city avers that it filed its appeal to the U.S. Supreme court in the first of May, and that this filing would result in a stay until the final disposition of the case by the Supreme Court.

MRS. D. ARNETT MURPHY UNDER KNIFE AT HOPKINS

Mrs. D. Arnett Murphy of 2427 Madison Ave., who entered Johns Hopkins Hospital Sunday, underwent surgery on Monday. She is expected to return home Saturday.

MISS KITTY DEAN

Says Kappas' cool reception embarrassed her

types of entertaining than stripteasing.

The committee wasn't expecting quite the exhibition they got, he said.

Mrs. Miles Harrison, a Silhouette (club of wives of Kappa men) and acting president at the last meeting of the organization, said: "The ladies did not approve of the type of dancing Miss Dean was doing and did not hesitate to show their disapproval.

"Formal dances are not the place for that sort of thing."

—Swimming pools

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cuit on March 14, 1955, serves as a precedent and basis upon which the plaintiffs are entitled to a judgment.

THEY ASKED permanent injunction restraining the Mayor and City Council from denying colored persons entry in any of the swimming pool facilities in the City of Baltimore.

Plaintiffs in these cases are: CHARLES H. ISAACS, MARION M. BANFIELD, MAMIE and MARIE LIVINGSTON, minors by JEFFERSON LIVINGSTON, their father and next of kin; ODESSA LIVINGSTON, minor by JEFFERSON LIVINGSTON, her father and next of kin; VI-OLA SMITH, minor by CHARLES SMITH, her father and next of kin; ROBERT WILLIAMS, minor, by MARY WILLIAMS, his mother and next of kin, PAUL COCKRELL.

Attorneys representing the city are Thomas N. Biddison, City Solicitor; Edwin Harlen, Deputy City Solicitor; Hugo A. Ricciuti, Assistant City Solicitor, and Francis X. Gallagher, Assistant City Solicitor.

THERE IS a lucky photo circled in this edition of your AFRO. Look for it, it's worth $5 to the person whose head is circled in the LUCKY PICTURE. If you're in the lucky photo, all you have to do to collect your $5 is to call at the City Desk, AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St. BEFORE 12 noon Tuesday.

—Hopkins students

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that colored students not violate Maryland law which required segregation in public bars.

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MR. GOLDBERG told the News-Letter that the committee would do anything in its power to make sure that any Hopkins student can participate in any June Week activities.

"It is regrettable that no one thought of the problem until this late date," he said. "I hope that next year's committee will be able to take the problem into account before the original contracts are made."

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THE SCHEDULE for June Week is as follows:

Tuesday, June 7, The Alcazar, The Senior Prom, Ralph Flanigan.

Wednesday, June 8, Bowley's Resort, The Bull Roast.

Thursday, June 9, Dixie Ballroom, the Sports Dance, Les Elgart.

Friday, June 10, Rain date for the Bull Roast.

Saturday, June 11, Southern Hotel, Senior Banquet and Dance, Moe Baer.

EDITORIALLY, the Hopkins News-Letter commented on the case as follows:

"The June Week chairman's speed in correcting the mistake has made it possible for Hopkins' colored students to attend every June Week function, although some restrictions (minor when compared to the Lord Baltimore's absolute no - colored stand) still exist.

"Unfortunately, however, not all persons concerned with the problem agreed with Goldberg's policy of speed and action.

"Some campus leaders, contacted at the beginning of the hectic half-week which ensued after the June Week sites expressed their feelings on the segregation question, advised that the problem be treated quietly, dealt with in closed meetings and committees, held off in hope that things would be different next year.

"The prevailing attitude was, Nothing can be done this year. Work slowly and quietly. In that way, perhaps the situation can be changed.

"Above all, no publicity."

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"IN FACT, in on case at least the attitude was one of complete apathy and hopelessness.

"One leader of the class, the only one who had thought of the segregation problem, stated that he had known of it because of previous 'experience,' but had said nothing because he 'knew nothing could be done.'

"He said, 'the problem has been to let sleeping dogs lie.'

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"THIS WHAT'S-THE-USE attitude—this policy of 'Don't make a fuss; nothing will come of it but trouble' —has been proven wrong, at least in the Lord Baltimore-Alcazar case.

"If no fuss had been made—if the problem, which was one of immediacy as well as one of the future, had been channeled through committees, perhaps to be forgotten again next year in the frenzy of first - term June Week preparations—no uniform changes would have been made.

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"THE RIGHTS and privileges of colored students as members of the Hopkins community would have been overlooked again, or they have been overlooked in in June Week preparations since the first colored undergraduate student received his degree in the late 1940's.

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"WE HOPE that this June Week Committee's final action of procuring non-segregated halls will be emulated by future members of the Hopkins community.

"We also hope, on a larger scale, that a positive viewpoint and a deep-rooted concern for the rights of others will become to an even larger degree than currently the forces motivating Hopkins students' actions."

When contacted by the AFRO Thursday Mr. Goldberg said "nothing has changed. June week activities will be held on the dates scheduled."

Asked if he knew how many colored students were in the June graduating class he replied, "Any other information you request will have to come from the University."

17 persons killed in weekend crashes

RICHMOND

Death ran Pampant on Virginia highways over the weekend claiming 17 lives in a series of high speed smashups that prompted state police officials to issue a call for "safer, saner driving."

U.S. Route No. 1 proved a death trap as four people died in crashes near the city of Fredricksburg. One man was killed Sunday only 300 yards from the spot where five died the day before. Seven others were injured in Sunday's accident, two of them seriously. In other accidents in the State, three persons were killed in Nottoway County in the state's third multiple fatality collision in five days.

Captain R. B. King, State police safety officer, reported that 34 percent of all road deaths in the State occurred on Saturdays. "Everybody's in too great a hurry to get away for the weekend," he stated.

DEAD IN THE SERIES of weekend crashes were:

Margery S. Snyder, Washington, D.C.

Catherine Hanlein, Washington, D.C.

Iva L. Jones, Washington, D.C.

Joseph Patrick, Thomasville, Ga.

Donald Carlos Spangler, 17, Philadelphia

Earnest E. Alexander, 34, Jefferson, N.C.

Robert Kilgore Cox, 73, Gate City

Donald G. Steffenson, 25, Nokesville

Gordon Johnson, Tazewell

Morgan J. Borum, Buckeyville

Lewis Reed Meinelth, Lamplin

Billie G. Henry, 37, Lynchburg

Private Spears Johnson, 31, Chambersburg, Pa.

Joseph H. Hamke, a sailor, Norfolk

Stanley K. Hartsock, 32, Russell County

William Recine, 34, Yonkers, N.Y.

James L. Jacquette, 73, Rock Hall, Md.

—Sportsman's wife

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used a search for the gunmen with only a sketchy description of the pair provided by Mrs. Fortune.

The lack of a complete description of the "Mutt and Jeff" duo, is reportedly hampering police efforts to track down the gunmen.

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THE SHOOTING took place late on May 17, when the men forced their way into the home at 1903 Gwynns Falls, and asked for Mrs. Fortune's husband, Rudolph Fortune, a prominent local sportsman.

Mrs. Fortune reportedly told the men that her husband was not at home and asked them to leave. "Oh you're one of those smarties. Let's let her have it," one of the men said. With that the taller man pulled a gun from his pocket and fired the shot which crashed Mrs. Fortune's forehead.

The men fled from the house and Mrs. Fortune was later taken to Lutheran Hospital where she was treated and released. For several days, Mrs. Fortune was confined to her bed at home, but on Thursday it was decreed her recovery has been complete enough to allow her to leave her bed.

Efforts by AFRO reporters to contact both Mr. and Mrs. Fortune have proved futile.

While there has been no official reason given for the shooting, it has been reported that the bandits were "gunning" for Mr. Rudolph to settle a gambling dispute.

Roomer found dead in bed

A 55-year-old man who lived alone at 1136 Whatcoat St., while his landlady was in the hospital, was found dead Tuesday morning.

The body of John Drummond was discovered in a second-end story bedroom by Mrs Ella Farley of 116 Whatcoat St. Police reported that rigor mortis had set in.

Mrs. Farley made the startling discovery when she entered the building to pick up some laundry left there by her sister, Mrs. Margaret Goodwin, a patient at Provident Hospital.

Reporters' Report To The People

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Friends of a local attorney, who at one time was considered a brilliant young man bound to succeed, are now worried that he is headed toward complete oblivion and disaster.

His trouble stems from too deep an attachment for the stuff that comes out of bottles found at any liquor store. Not only does he fail to show up on time for court, when he does show up, it is with a glazed expression, a rumpled suit and an unsteady gait that tells the world he is floating on a cloud.

Also on the legal front is the news that one of the city's law firms is breaking up, with one member of the firm, Ernest Perkins, opening law offices on North Ave., with a new associate.

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YOUNG LADY with red hair showed up in Northwestern Police Court Friday, with quite an interesting story. Said that she is trying to walk the straight and narrow after several years on the primrose path. Seems her boyfriend won't go for the deal.

In fact he beats her quite frequently in an effort to send her back to her former trade. She had a warrant sworn out for his arrest.

Policewoman Cornelia Smith at the Southwestern District, is reported ready to leave the police force this month, for full time study at Howard University. The efficient guardian of the law has been attending one class a week at the school, where she is working toward her master's degree.

Current reports have it that one of the National Guard officers who received a promotion when other officers resigned because of discrimination, has made "a grade A" job out of botching up the outfit and the powers that be are looking for a way to toss him out on his ear.

With Sen. J. Glenn Beall promising that he would support any qualified candidate, a search of the city turned up only one colored applicant to take the recent competitive exam for admittance to the new Air Academy. The candidate was unsuccessful.

Pinchhitting

By BOB THOMAS

There was a church full of people and you were there, one among many. It was not your church, nor your faith and you felt a little out of place.

You didn't know whether you could take part in the services, even if you had wanted to, because, you felt, there must be a difference in the method of worship.

So the services began. It was a special occasion — the consecration of a bishop — and the first part of the services was of a special nature and not representative of the ordinary religious ritual of the church.

You looked around and found there was not much difference in the interior of the church you are accustomed to attending.

The focal point of the worship — the altar — was the same. There was little difference in the pews, or the stained - glass windows. There was a "minister" and a choir and an organist. So little difference that most of you unconsciously felt you.

And before long, you realized that the most important part of the worship service had arrived. The words uttered by the "minister" were different — yes — but the act of worship was the same.

You saw no difference and you felt there could be no real significant difference in the sacrament of Holy Communion, in whatever church it may be performed.

You were convinced there is no difference in the core of worship, at least, between two churches. And you wonder more about sects and denominations and the many unimportant differences that set each apart from the others.

They worship the same God, the same Christ and believe in the same eternal happiness as the reward for good Christian living. Yet they are different.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Remember the story of the mother who was sentenced to 30 days in jail for neglecting her 8-year-old daughter and for making the younger drunk with wine?

Well, you would normally think that a child who only sees her mother on weekends and winds up in the hospital after each visit with the mother would have little or nothing to do with the mother.

But such wasn't the case.

During the entire trial, the cute youngster raised havoc with her father, so much so that he had to carry her out of court several times.

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THEN, BLESS my soul, towards the end of the hearing just before the judge pronounced sentence, the child broke loose from her father and ran to the front of the courtroom.

She threw her tiny arms about her mother's waist and crawled into the woman's lap.

Anyone could see the youngster was quite content as she snuggled in her mother's arms. And there was no doubt that the mother was pleased to see the child despite the mistreatment she had inflicted upon her.

This impromptu scene was quite touching' believe me. And I'm sure the judge had a rough time imposing that 30-day jail sentence, especially when the child broke into a loud wail as her mother returned her to her father with a loving pat on the back.

What's this about blood being thicker than water?

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MY POLITICAL bird is just about ready to blow her feathers these days. So much is scheduled to break wide open downtown soon, so she says, and a lot of us are in for a great big surprise.

For one thing, the replacement of a certain city official is expected to roll a lot of professional and would be politicos right back on their heels.

Now, my political bird ain't talking any further, natch, but she did say that with a lot of memory work anyone can find out what's going to happen.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Though the movie "Strategic Air Command" is showing at one of the downtown movie houses, not one of the 100 colored airmen and women connected with the Air Research and Development Command here will see it there.

That's what a secretary at the theatre told servicemen this week when she was asked if they would be admitted.

The airmen were thinking of attending the movie in a group until they were told that there were no facilities for the accommodation of colored people.

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CARE to witness a good stage play and have an outing at the same time? Drive out to the Hilltop Theatre in Lutherville.

So far I have seen about five plays there and at their North Ave., winter quarters. Except for one instance I have never seen another colored person at either place.

Probably the most distraught person in all Baltimore this week is the woman driver who ran into those three men who were sitting on those steps Sunday on Wolfe St.

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IN MAKING a left turn off Madison into Wolfe, she jammed her foot on the accelerator instead of the brake. Services, for one of the victims, were held Wednesday. The four rows of steps still haven't been replaced.

Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of Public Schools received a citation Tuesday for his contribution toward the achievement of equal rights for Maryland's citizens of color.

Bet a time he will never get one for making long speeches.

His acceptance address was brief and pleasing to the ear. Personally I don't mind listening to a speaker like that. It's those long-winded fellows that get my dander up.

Thoughts of the week . . .

Good will, like a good name, is got by many actions, and lost by one. — Jeffrey

The measure of a man's character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out. — Thomas Macaulay.

The most difficult part of getting to the top of the ladder is getting through the crowd at the bottom. — Arch Ward

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