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. Hating 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

Thought of the Week

The gods help them that help themselves.

Crownsville's children

Any more children sent to Crownsville are going to die.

Too strong a statement?

Well, at present there are no beds and no medical services for any more children at the overcrowded State Mental Hospital. Yet all new applications for mentally retarded children are sent to Crownsville instead of to Rosewood, where there is room.

Because of political pressure from the administration of Baltimore County and the influence of an important newspaper, the Rosewood State Training School stopped taking transfers from Crownsville after only 15 had been moved.

Governor McKeldin had ordered the transfer of 300 children from Crownsville to Rosewood.

Any more children sent to Crownsville are going to die.

The position taken by those who oppose further transfers is equivalent to saying that they would rather see the youngsters at Crownsville die rather than admit them to Rosewood.

If such is the case then it is time for the governor to take steps to see that his orders are carried out. His attorney general ruled that the state had no legal basis for holding the colored children out of Rosewood.

Crownsville is now overcrowded by over 700 patients.

With no beds for any more children, where are those who are sent there to sleep. On the floor?

Officials now claim that Rosewood has stopped accepting any more transfers because of a "remodeling program" which made it necessary to close up quarters formerly occupied by 100 patients.

This remodeling program was begun only after the transfers from Crownsville began arriving.

But there was room there at first, so why not now?

Any more children sent to Crownsville are going to die.

Let's apprehend the Strangler

The brutal strangulation of a 16-year-old junior high school student last week makes three such violent deaths in the same Southwest Baltimore area in the last five months.

Residents of the neighborhood are understandably in a state of nervous shock and apprehension. They don't know whom the so-called Strangler will get next.

Chief of Detectives George H. Mintiens reports that he has assigned every available man to the case and several suspects have been questioned.

So far, however, no tangible evidence has linked any suspect to this latest brutal murder, of either of the previous ones.

We think the residents of the Southwest Baltimore area have a responsibility to help the police—there must be some who have seen suspicious characters in the neighborhood.

We hope, if there are such persons, they will come forth and supply the information they have to the proper authorities.

The AFRO, in this edition, is offering a $200 reward for information supplied this office which may lead to conviction of the guilty party.

Police can work day and night but unless they have the cooperation of the people they seek to help, their investigation can prove to no avail.

The Strangler, now loose in Southwest Baltimore is a maniac. No one knows where he will strike next. Let's hope, with the help of civic-minded residents and the police he can be apprehended in short order.

There's another remedy

While on the subject of civic-minded citizens helping police to apprehend law violators, we're reminded of the police court case involving a patrolman whom eyewitnesses accused of pulling a gun on a small child.

Magistrate Howard Aaron, sitting in Southwestern Police Station on Saturday said he did not have sufficient proof that Officer Joseph Brown was the guilty party and therefore refused to order the patrolman's arrest.

The resident who took time from his work to appear in court to identify the officer, and the parents of the children who pressed the charges should not be discouraged.

If, as they testified, Officer Brown is the man they saw, they have another remedy.

They can appeal Magistrate Aaron's ruling by taking their charges to the office of State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro.

An appointment due in May

An appointment is due on the Baltimore Redevelopment Commission on May 21 when the three-year term of Albert W. Rhine, one of the present members, expires.

This is the commission which is directly responsible for the displacement and relocation of many colored families in Baltimore, under the disguise of slum clearance programs.

We have never had any representation on the Redevelopment Commission. But we should have someone on a body which has such direct effect on our lives.

The AFRO feels that each of the mayoralty candidates should be asked to commit himself to the appointment of this Commission which wields such influence on where we live.

11 more days until spring

Just around the corner is March 21st and the first day of spring.

One day this week the thermometer registered 22 degees. On Thursday it was 72. Jonquils are up six inches, tulips and hyacinths are above ground.

Elm tree buds are swelling and forsythia cuttings brought into the home flower in three days.

Lawns, drab and dead from winter's frost, are taking on color.

Winter is still alive, but spring is just around the corner.

Love Feast

With most of the leaders present except Mr. Price, the Democrats had a crowded "love feast" at the Emerson Hotel on Monday.

They need peace, harmony and cooperation if they are to win in the general election because the last primary was one of the roughest in recent years.

After a savage contest of this kind, time is needed to heal the wounds and forget the hurts.

Remarkably enough, all of the Democratic candidates for mayor in last week's primary spoke frequently in the colored areas and made distinct pledges of what they would do if nominated; all of them, that is, except Mayor D'Alesandro.

So far as we have been able to determine, the Mayor ran on his record and made no promises to anybody. One section of the organized Democrats in the 4th District supported the Mayor and the other section supported Harrington, and a third Mr. Price.

The Mayor had a comparatively easy time with the three or four candidates running against him. It will be a different proposition in the general election when there is only one in that case.

He might find it convenient to make some promises on his own account in the general election.

The Sunpapers and race tags

If the Sunpapers eliminated the racial designation "Negro" from its news stories, it would be ignoring or suppressing facts.

That is the opinion of the newspapers' editor-in-chief, Hamilton R. Owens, as expressed in a letter made public this week.

Mr. Owens was answering a complaint made by a Westminster Seminary professor who had urged the Sunpapers to abandon racial designations in its news stories in line with the nationwide trend to eliminate such stigmas.

But the Sunpapers' chief editor says to do so would put them in a position of "suppressing facts."

We do not agree.

The Sunpapers are already suppressing the news:—they do not now include racial designations like Italian, Chinese, Polish, Indian, Greek and Mexican in their news and crime stories.

So long as the only racial designation they use is 'Negro,' we can only agree with the Westminster Seminary professor that the Sunpapers are engendering the very racial ill feeling they profess they seek to eliminate.

We challenge the Sunpapers' editors to show us one crime story where a racial designation other than 'Negro' appears consistently in its columns.

PLAN BEGAN IN '38 The payroll savings plan for buying U. S. Savings bonds began in private industry in August, 1938. Today around eight and one half million wage and salary earners in this country are buying series E Savings Bonds on that plan.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

Mr. Walker

Some days on picking up the daily newspapers and looking at the headlines I become, oh, so fed up with it all. For a moment I'm really down in the dumps weighed down there by the sins of my fellow man, at home and abroad. The ills of the world hang heavy on my shoulders and mine is the burden to share all the ills of the universe.

Usually I'm a pretty happy sort of fellow with a minimum amount of intelligence and enough sense to realize that it's darkest sometimes just before the sun comes up. But I guess we all get that helpless feeling some time or other when we feel today's civilization is really sick and that we as individuals, are frightfully impotent to do anything about its getting any better.

That's how I felt momentarily one afternoon this week when I glanced at the front page of a newspaper and was shocked into soberness by these headlines:

"Israel Arrests 4 In Border Killing."

"Dulles To See Ike Again On Asia Outlook."

"Charged With Lying 9 Times Under Oath."

"Biggest '55 Atomic Test Blast Fired."

"Atomic Power Plans Revealed By Tito."

"Speeder Rams Pa. Roadblock, Fatally Hurt."

"Poverty In India Stuns An Observer As Reds Exploit It."

Does get you down, doesn't it? Nothing there to bring a chuckle or even to arouse a zest for living and a desire to see what tomorrow brings.

But fortunately there was one more headline on that front page which quickly erased all those other somber stories from mind. It picked me up and held me there with my feet planted on the ground. And I'm afraid I'll stay there upright until at least October.

That other headline read:

"Crowds Queue Up for Oriole Opener Tickets."

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VITAL STATISTICS — Forty-eight persons filed for divorces this week. Twenty-two persons were granted divorces. Twenty-five couples obtained marriage licenses.

There's a moral somewhere in these statistics but you'll have to figure it out for yourself.

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TV CRITIC — Evangelist Billy Graham was the guest on TV's Meet The Press last Sunday and demonstrated just why he's able to draw such huge crowds throughout the world and—what's more important—convert so many to Christianity.

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HE CAME across the TV screen so forcibly in replying to the questions the newspapermen tossed at him that you could "feel" the fire burning inside him.

And he handled each and every question with a dexterity seldom seen. No evasion from him, no sir.

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EVEN THE question of segregation in the church, which, incidentally, was dropped in his lap rather adroitly, he handled with finesse and almost to my satisfaction.

To what, he was asked, church did he belong?

The Rev. Mr. Sunday replied that he belonged to the Southern Council of Churches and the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

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WAS THAT a segregated church? was the next question.

If anyone came to the church of other races they would surely not be turned away, said the Rev. Mr. Graham. But he sidestepped any responsibility for what is happening in his church by explaining that he has been away for a long while and doesn't know what is going on there now.

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THE NEXT question asked was whether or not he thought segregation was a sin.

Then he went on to explain how he conducted non-segregated revivals in Nashville, Tenn. and Knoxville, Tenn.

Further, said the Rev. Mr. Graham, the Bible says we are all born with the same blood and anyone who holds that another is inferior because of race is sinning.

Amen.

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TRACK NOTES — Discovered a foolproof method of beating the horses this week. It was easy.

I simply went to Bowie the day BEFORE the race track opened. Couldn't lose.

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CRIME — Those six policemen, led by a lieutenant, who frisked down every male in that Druid Hill Ave. bar and grill Tuesday night would have been inviting another 'Frisking Suit' if it had happened in almost any other place than where it did occur.

As it was, if the officers had not been looking for something in particular they could have picked up all sorts of interesting paraphrenalia—from numbers slips to Bowie knives.

And if they had searched the women they'd have hit the jackpot.

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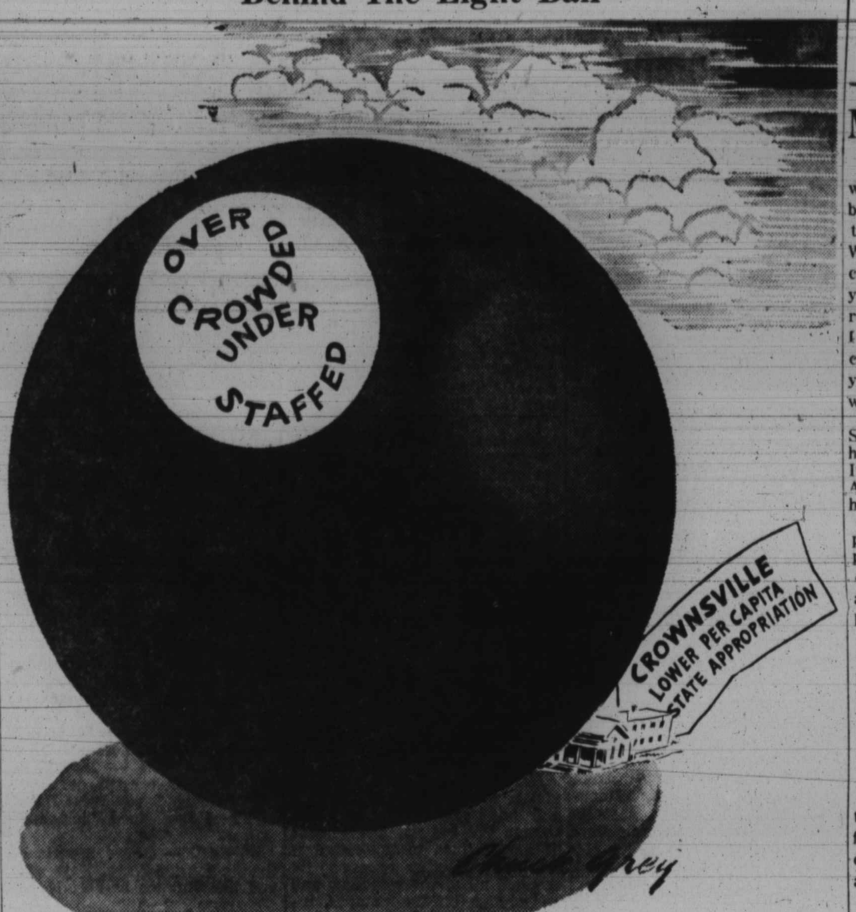
WEATHER ITEM — That old saying of my grandmother's that "if it rains before seven it'll stop before eleven," certainly took a whipping Sunday when the clouds opened up their eyes and bawled all day.

On Sunday it was a case of rain before seven and lasting until seven.

Behind The Eight Ball



NEWS ITEM—Crownsville State Hospital built to accommodate no more than 1,500 patiens, is bulging at the seams with 2,445 inmates. Eastern Shore State Hospital, built to take care of Eastern Shore mental patients has only 610 inmates—all white. Colored patients are sent to Crownsville.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

More on count your blessings . . .

The words in this space last week from the Dale Carnegie book, brought these letters in the mailbag from Mrs. J. L. W. Lanvale St.: "I was particularly despondent before I read your column. When I finished reading Mr. Carnegie's advice, I did just what he said—I became ashamed of myself. Thank you for printing those valuable words . . ."

And Mrs. M. H. of N. Gilmor St., said: "Just a note to say how much I enjoyed that advice. It must have helped so many. At least I hope so. I know it helped me."

J. R. Annapolis, Md., drops a postcard which adds: "Often people who write for newspapers and magazines don't know whether what they write is appreciated. This is to let you know I enjoyed the excerpts you printed from the Dale Carnegie book. once in a while that we have much to be thankful for, especially if we have our health and are able to work and support our families."

Mrs. Phillips

These letters have encouraged me to include these further excerpts from Mr. Carnegie's book entitled, "How To Stop Worrying And Start Living." He writes:

Would you like to know how to make even dishwashing at the kitchen sink a thrilling experience? If so, read an inspiring book of incredible courage by Borghild Dahl. It is called "I Wanted to See."

You may borrow it from your public library or purchase it from your local bookstore or from the publisher, The Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Price $2.25.

This book was written by a woman who was practically blind for half a century. "I had only one eye," she writes, "and it was so covered with dense scars that I had to do all my seeing through one small opening in the left of the eye.

"I could see a book only by holding it up close to my face and by straining my one eye as hard as I could to the left."

But she refused to be pitied, refused to be considered "different." As a child, she wanted to play hopscotch with other children, but she couldn't see the markings. So after the other children had gone home, she got down on the ground and crawled along with her eyes near to the marks. She memorized every bit of the ground where she and her friends played and soon became an expert at running games.

She did her reading at home, holding a book of large print so close to her eyes that her eyelashes brushed the pages. She earned two college degrees: an A.B. from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Arts from Columbia University.

She started teaching in the tiny village of Twin Valley, Minnesota, and rose until she became professor of journalism and literature at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She taught there for thirteen years, lecturing before women's clubs and giving radio talks about books and authors.

"In the back of my mind," she writes, "there had always lurked a fear of total blindness. In order to overcome this, I had adopted a cheerful, almost hilarious, attitude toward life."

Then in 1943, when she was fifty-two years old, a miracle happened: an operation at the famous Mayo Clinic. She could now see forty times as well as she had ever been able to see before.

A new and exciting world of loveliness opened before her. She now found it thrilling even to wash dishes in the kitchen sink. "I begin to play with the white fluffy suds in the dishpan," she writes.

"I dip my hands into them and I pick up a ball of tiny soap bubbles. I hold them up against the light, and in each of them I can see the brilliant colors of a miniature rainbow."

As she looked through the window above the kitchen sink, she saw "the flapping gray-black wings of the sparrows flying through the thick, falling snow."

She found such ecstasy looking at the bubbles and sparrows that she closed her book with these words, " 'Dear Lord,' I whisper, 'Our Father in Heaven, I thank Thee, I thank Thee.' "

Imagine thanking God because you can wash dishes and see rainbows in bubbles and sparrows flying through the snow!

You and I ought to be ashamed of ourselves. All the days of our years we have been living in a fairyland of beauty, but we have been too blind to see, too satiated to enjoy.

In other words, if we want to start worrying and start living, we should count our blessings, not our troubles.

And now you also understand why Mr. Carnegie's book has remained on the bestseller list ever since it was first published in 1948.

This and that of many things . . .

Mrs. Thelma Lawrence, Douglass High teacher, who has been hospitalized since the death of her husband, Woodley, is much improved, able to leave the hospital and spend weekends at home.

Exclusive: 'Twas the mother of an AKA pledgee who wrote Morgan officials complaining of secret probation jobs assigned her daughter which sparked the suspension of all Greek letter organizations at the college this week!

Sixth grade pupils of Mrs. Alma Blackwell's class at Elementary School No. 135, spoke beautifully when they appeared Thursday morning on WMAR-TV show where they discussed American money.

It certainly makes you feel good to listen to youngsters who are well-trained and speak clearly and distinctly without having to refer to notes.

This is the Cloverland Farms program emceed by Bronson Stanley. It is called "Students View The News."

Also appearing on Thursday morning was Mrs. Arethia Mayo, Girl Scout executive, who explained details of Girl Scout Week activities being held this week in connection with the Scouts' 43rd birthday. She too was perfectly at ease and appeared to be well-versed on her subject.

Visitor in our city last week: Mrs. Smaiswat Bongsadadt, secretary of secondary education with the Ministry of Education, in Bangkok, Thailand.

She visited schools in our city. Was shown the town by Mrs. Vivian Cook, Dunbar High principal, who was her professional hostess. She was houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Johnson of 1036 Edmondson Ave. (Mr. Johnson, you know, is chemist at Edgewood Arsenal).

Mrs. Bongsadadt was among speakers at the Brotherhood Assembly held at Dunbar. Other speakers: Celso Deniz, vice consul of Brazil, in charge of the Baltimore consulate; and Mrs. Vicki Neroz, wife of the first secretary of the Israel Embassy in Washington.

Baltimore City Health Department gives these figures on our city populations of July 1, 1954: Total population, 966,000, composed of 258,000 colored citizens and 708,000 white.

This means Baltimore's colored population total is 26.7 per cent of the total as against 23.8 per cent in 1950.

Home from Ft. Hood, Tex., and out of the army after three years is Cpl. Ivory N. Russell, 2527 Riggs Ave. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Russell, 1605 Clifton Ave. His wife, Thelma, and two-year-old daughter, Cathy.

Also honorably discharged at Ft. Meade: Pfc. Calvin T. McCleary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raphael McCleary, 917 N. Calhoun. He served two years in Munich, Germany;

And, Sgt. John F. Johnson, husband of Mrs. Musette Johnson, 1552 McKean Ave., and son of Mrs. Elizabeth Lee. He served two years in Greenland.

For that club or civic group interested in helping a worthy cause: Student nurses at Henryton Tuberculosis Sanitorium have a recreation room, no recreation facilities. Here's what they need:

Used piano, record player, radio, TV set and table, six lounge chairs, four card tables, 24 metal folding straight chairs, four bridge lamps.

All told, it will take about $1,000 to furnish the recreation room but if several groups will help it will mean much to youngsters who are training in an isolated community which offers no recreation.

If you're interested, call Father Cedric E. Mills, rector of St. James Church at Laf. 3-4588.

NICE PEOPLE—Dr. Charles Stallings, who heads the art department at Morgan State College is quite a personality.

Besides being a skilled artist —he did the handsome mural in Morgan's Refectory — he is a charming speaker. Heard him Saturday when he addressed the Philomathian Club.

He was perfectly at ease in that room full of women and discussed art and related subjects in a relaxed and entertaining manner.

By the way, he says it took him seven months to design the mural at Morgan and twelve more months to complete the work on the wall. He starts out with a paper sketch on a small scale, then transfers his work to the wall area where he works.

Although Dr. Stallings says he is 34, he looks 26 and is quite suave.

He has been at Morgan since 1946. Is a product of Lincoln University (Mo.); State University of Iowa and Pennsylvania State College where he earned his doctorate.

During the war, he served with an Army unit, and played clarinet with a band outfit.

Add another name to the Ph.D. roster in the field of speech. Dr. Lowell Tilbry Moseberry was awarded the degree at the University of Southern California on January 2.

Incidentally, two of the professors who served on Dr. Moseberry's committee are members of the doctoral committee for our own Madge Hibler, Morgan State College speech professor who has been granted leave for 1955-56.

Miss Hibler hopes to complete academic requirements and engage in research studies in aphasia as preparation for her dissertation. She will return to Baltimore to resume her duties at Morgan in September, 1956.

Thoughts of the week . . .

John Hunter wrote these words:

"Dear Master, in whose life I see
All that I would, but fail to be;
Let Thy clear light for ever shine
To shame and guide this life of mine."

Sir John Lubbock wrote these lines: "The idle man does not know what it is to enjoy rest. Hard work, moreover, not only tends to give us rest for the body, but, what is even more important, peace to the mind."

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.

Dislikes NNAWP

Dear AFRO:

I am writing to let you know that there are some white people who have no prejudice and who do not sympathize with the views of the National Association for the Advancement of White People.

The NAAWP has made the following statements at various times and places:

1. All people who oppose them are working for "Communistic-front organizations."

2. That they are spreading race-hatred..

3. That they are un-American.

4. They also accuse the Supreme Court of rendering "silly decisions."

In answer to the first statement, they are the ones who are aiding the Communists, by spreading the doctrine of "racial superiority" — that has a familiar ring of Hitlerism.

Did Communists write the Declaration of Independence? Let them study that venerable document thoroughly.

As far as spreading race-haired, how could such an organization promote brotherly love?

If I were a colored man it would make me hate the white man all the more. No one likes to be called inferior, unfit to work with, or to attend the same schools.

Is it un-American to believe in the brotherhood of man, or to want equal rights for every American regardless of race? If this be true then the framers of the Declaration of Independence were un-American.

The NAAWP is as un-American as the Ku Klux Klan. I feel that the NAAWP is the one which be investigated as an un-American organization.

Because the Supreme Court rendered a decision in favor of desegregation it has been accused of rendering "silly decisions." They were only defending the Constitution of the United States. They were only at fault in putting of the decision this long.

If this group does not believe in the principles of equality as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, surely some of them must profess to believe in Christ and His teachings.

Let them read the Gospel of St. Mark, Verses 30-31, in which Christ commanded us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Certainly you do not show love of your fellow man by practicing racial vigotry.

(Mrs.) ETHEL SRNEC
Ferndale, Glen Burnie, Md.

Bouquet for Provident

Dear AFRO:

Have you ever thought of how refreshing and uplifting it is for one to read a compliment about a person, an organization or what have you?

Well, how about letting your readers know some of the nicer things about our own Provident Hospital?

The two of us were roommates in Room No. 206 from the last week in December through the second week in January of this year.

During all of this time, we were cared for by that amiable staff in the best manner possible. Everyone performed his duties with so much ease and dignity that it was certainly a pleasure to be a recipient of their services.

Everything was run so very smoothly that our friends were also most favorably impressed. We are most grateful to the entire hospital staff for its untiring services.

We are likewise grateful to our relatives and friends for the part that they played in making our room cheerful and bright with lovely floral designs and beautiful cards of convalescence.

(Mrs.) MARTHA CRAWFORD
(Mrs.) MARY E. DAVIS

Niece thankful

Dear AFRO:

I am writing you to thank you for what you have done for my aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Dorris, parents of the five children who were burned to death.

I thank you very much and I hope God will bless all of you, the whole AFRO and all.

I am 15 years old and go to Cherry Hill Junior High School. I am in the ninth grade and will graduate in June. I hope to be a teacher.

(Miss) DOROTHY TUCK

Wants letters

Dear AFRO:

I would like to hear from as many foreign children as possible.

I am 11 years old, I am in the seventh grade, I go to Luther Jackson School and would like to write to boys and girls my age all over the world.

DIANNE MERCER
Route 1, Box 53 Vienna, Va.

Reporters' Report To The People

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

The wholesale firing of a group of waitresses in a local bistro created trouble for a mother of five children a few days ago.

The story goes that one waitress too many had her hand in the cash register. That is until the manager caught on and fired all six. Those fired think the mother squealed.

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IN PHILADELPHIA last year the city fathers adopted a plan to bring about a decline in the teenage crime rate. They proclaimed that juveniles had to be off the streets by 11 a.m.

Learned this week that some Baltimore mothers are aware of the plan and want to know how they can get it started here.

When one teenager was confronted with this "threat" (that's what she calls it) by her parents last week she replied: "So what. They may get me but I'll do the same thing over again when they let me out."

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COURTESY is the pass word at Provident Hospital. An idea of John Procope has resulted in courtesy cards being placed all over the place. They say:

"Courtesy is a creed at Provident. Courtesy and kindness beget courtesy and kindness. Please help us adhere to this policy by advising us of any seeming deviation from this creed."

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THOSE POOR 23 "first families" are still waiting to move into the new Lafayette Cts. Around the housing bureau office folks are saying "I don't know" when they are asked when. By the time tenants move in folks will be saying "the old Lafayette Cts." instead of the new.

A school boy who saved a youngster's life a few days ago on Druid Hill Ave., was honored Monday at a luncheon of the Maryland Motor Truck Asso.

A special certificate was awarded to Robert Jones for saving the life of a young girl who stopped to pick up her books unmindful of the flowing traffic.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

The Republicans were slightly red-faced at their $50-plate dinner at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Wednesday evening.

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IN THE MIDST of introducing guests at the head table, chairman Albert Shuger paused and announced that Little Ol' Lonesome George Gobel had come to the dinner.

A round of applause filled the ballroom as a short man sporting the Gobel crew cut, stood up and waved his hand. From the back there was no doubt that the television comedian was really there.

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THE MAN was seated at a front table and it was quite easy for him to keep his back to the crowd as the applause increased and some persons were rising in their seats trying to get a good look-see.

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THEN the celebrated figure turned around. A woman sitting near me loudly remarked the doubts of others, "That doesn't look like George, but . . . well . . maybe, but it sure doesn't look like him."

(And she was clapping all the time she was talking).

Finally the Mr. Shuger admitted that the man whom the guests had been applauding was Congressman John R. Rhodes from Arizona.

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AND BY the way, those Republicans certainly know how to eat for 50 smackers a plate. 'Twas a five-course meal and I ran out of silverware before I was through.

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I STARTED with two knives, two spoons and two forks which carried me though the grapefruit and strawberries, cream of fresh mushroom soup, filet of sole marguery (creamed diced fish).

And also the breast of guinea, Smithfield ham, sweet potatoes and fresh asparagus, all the coffee you could drink (hot too) and all the hard rolls you could eat.

For dessert, the waitresses had to pass out additional forks for the frozen chocolate eclair which had vanilla ice-cream filling.

A very tasty dinner, believe me.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The average policeman is a man holding down a job for which he is underpaid and overworked. Not only is he unappreciated by the public at large, every day he runs the risk of winding up on a slab with a bullet in his body fired by some young hoodlum who had not done a decent thing since the day he was born.

It's a life that tends to breed callousness and a disregard for the rights of other human beings, so that when you come into contact with an officer whom 43 years on the force have failed to quench his gentlemanly instincts, your faith in human nature is restored.

Such a man is Capt. Joseph Baroch of the Southwestern District, whose manner and technique in dealing with people creates more respect in one moment for the police force, than all the tactics of a few men who actually have no right to wear the uniform of a policeman.

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THE LITTLE FOLKS Theatre, under the direction of Miss Anne Mercer, last Saturday took a group of talented youths to the Astor Theatre to give the audience a sneak preview of its weekly shows which take place every Saturday at 11 a.m.

In memory of Mrs. Bertie Thomas who recently died at Lutheran Hospital where she had been a patient since Sept. 1954, a number of the employees contributed to the purchase of a floral design.

Contributors included: Mrs. Annie Polardy, Mrs. Delores Shammer, Miss Delois Thomas, Mrs. Cora Lewis, Mrs. Mary McCall, Mrs. Dorothy Belbridge, Mrs. Mary Ammer, Mrs. Arlene Kess, Mrs. Mary Wills, Mrs. Florida Lee, Mrs. Alice Dansey, Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Mrs. Delores Savage, Hudson Taylor, Earl Ehlers, Lloyd Reid, Eugene Anthony.

—YMCA

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and J. A. B. Callis, a retired schoolteacher.

They were the first two men questioned.

MR. PREATWIDGE was asked: "Do you believe the time IS NOT ripe for YMCA integration:"

His answer: "Thirty-five years ago when I used to stand out in front of that same YMCA (the Central Branch) where I am now a board member—I was ready then.

"When I was a child of five, I used to look in the window and wish I could go in. It took me 35 years to get up those three flights of stairs (to the board room)."

MR. CALLIS was asked the same question.

His answer: "I have been working with the local YMCA for 25 years and we have accomplished something. I do not think we are not ready, but it takes time.

"The 30 members of the Board of Directors that manages the YMCA are working to get a policy established. There is no question in my mind that the right stand is going to be taken.

"I am sure that everything is going to come out all right as far as the association is concerned.

"We are taking the various activities step by step, because the YMCA is a big organization that gets its support from the public. I do not subscribe to the doctrine, but there are some who believe integration would hurt them financially.

"All my life I have suffered the injustices that segregation has brought forth. There is no question of my position when the matter comes before the board.

"Most people assume that integration in the schools was an overnight jump. That was not the case. There were any number of things that had been done to prepare for integrated schools. I think the YMCA should be given the same consideration.

"Integration in public housing is a different case. True, it is a public institution, but it is backed by the Federal government."

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CHARLES R. LAW, chairman of the Turner Station Branch was also asked the same question. He answered:

"No. I believe that the time is ripe for integration of facilities and memberships. That is what we are working toward."

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W. EMERSON BROWN, insurance executive and chairman of the Board of Managers of the Barrett School for Girls, Glen Burnie, was asked a number of questions. His answers follow:

Q—Don't you think that the publication of the title "Druid Hill Avenue Branch" on all membership cards is simply a means of jim crowing you?"

A—Yes.

Q—Wouldn't the same thing be true about your religion?

A—No.

Q—Is it of any help to the YMCA to know that you are Protestant or Catholic or Mohammendan or Buddhist?

A—Only to the extent that the YMCA movement is supposed to be a Christian movement and officials might like to know what proportion of the membership is Christian.

The membership application blank now asks what church you belong to and what church you attend. I believe it would be better to ask: "Are you a Christian?" If a person answers "No," they would not be prohibited from joining the Y. There are many people who do not attend church who are Christians. On the other hand, there are many who attend, that are not Christians.

Q—Isn't there room in an organization operated by Christians for all religions?

A—Of course.

Q — Mordecai Johnson (president of Howard University) said, "If we insist that the world be Christian, we will lose; if we insist they be white we'll lose; and if we insist they join our society as subordinates, we'll lose."

Do you agree that the one path for our democratic system to win strength which will determine the course of the world is, as Dr. Johnson says, "to have the capacity for brotherhood stretching across the lines of color, language and religion." And if we don't have that kind of system will Communism take the world away from us?

A—I am a great admirer of Dr. Johnson. I agree with the spirit of what was said. I can not say that Communism is going to take the world away from us, but something is going to happen unless we find a way in which all mankind can be treated the same.

Q—Dr. Johnson was basing his statement on the fact that 36 per cent of the human race is under the democratic system fostered by this country. Russian Communism has 36 per cent and the remaining 28 per cent, mostly colored peoples, in the world are on the fence.

Who are the people the general secretary and the Y directors are so afraid of that they do not immediately integrate YMCA memberships?

A—They are concerned about the 36 per cent who are under the democratic system. Their method of conducting the Y must begin now with the 36 per cent in a way that will leave no doubt in the minds of the 28 per cent, now on the fence, that the democratic way is the best way. Immediate integration is the only answer.

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THE FOLLOWING question was asked of the residents quoted below:

"Since all YMCA funds go into one treasury, shouldn't all Y members use in common any YMCA facilities in the city?"

The answers follow:

Dr. Willard Allen, Grand Master of Md. Masons said:—

"Yes. That would be the only Christian way."

The Rev. Wilbur H. Waters, pastor of Emmanuel Christian Community Church and a member of the Park Board replied:

"The order should be natural. Since all membership fees are channeled into one fund, the facilities of the YMCA should be channeled to all members.

"For years I have sustained a lively interest in the welfare of our young folks because they are going to be the leaders of tomorrow.

"When an organization that flies the Christian banner does otherwise in failing to instill in these young folks the full meaning of democracy, something is amiss."

John L. Berry, insurance executive and former magistrate at Northwestern Police Court.

"Yes, all Y members should use common facilities now."

E. Everett Lane, Magistrate, Northwestern police court.

"I should say so. The question is not even debatable. If it is a Christian association, there is no alternative but integration. Certainly Christianity is based on the brotherhood of man."

Joseph H. Neal, staff representative of the United Steelworkers of America, answered:

Yes. The YMCA's health building program is far in the building program is for youth through athletics and it has been proved that integration works in sports. I see no need for the Y to continue its pattern of segregation."

Dr. Louis E. Harmon, physician and leader of the Y's camp fund-raising program:—

Of course they should be allowed to use any facilities. The YMCA stresses leadership above all else and yet it is not taking the leadership."

Linwood G. Koger, attorney and Republican candidate for City Council:

"Yes. It is unchristian to be segregated."

Dr. Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools an active Y worker answered:

"Yes. A member of the YMCA shoud be able to use all facilities at the YMCA of his choosing."

THE FOLLOWING persons were also asked: Do you believe the time IS NOT ripe for YMCA integration.

George V. Lottier, retired postal worker and YMCA worker of many years:

No. I remember stopping at the YMCA in Buffalo, N.Y., some 20 years ago, presenting my Y card and being received without incident. Integration is and has been at work there for many years. The time is ripe for us to change and break away from old Southern traditions. It is ridiculous to practice segregation in the YMCA."

Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director, Baltimore Urban League:

I disagree vigorously with the idea that the time is not ripe. Integration can be achieved successfully now in the YMCA.

Rufus E. Hackett, insurance executive and present chairman of Druid Hill Ave. Branch YMCA membership drive:

"I think the time to end jim crow is past due. Whenever integration issues come up, some body says the time is not ripe. They may not think it is ripe for 500 years. I say the time was ripe years ago."

Dr. William M. Garner, physician, said:

"I know the time is ripe."

Dr. Barnett M. Rhetta Jr:"

"If the YMCA lived up to the principles which it claims to abide by, integration would have come long ago.

FRED Z. NICHOLS, director of Industrial Relations, Baltimore Urban League, was asked: "Do you think our YMCA secretaries should come from further South rather than the North, because general secretaries from the North in recent years have been too slow in recommending integration?"

His answer was: "I can not see where the origin of a general secretary for the YMCA would be of importance.

"I feel that his ability to do a job; understand the nature of his work; ability to get along with people; ability to keep the principles of the organization ever before him, determines whether the man basically has the capacity to do a good job. A man of this caliber would readily visualize the need for immediate integration."

George L. Parrish, attorney, was asked: "Shouldn't we take the branch names off the membership cards and put up signs instead which say 'open to all'?"

"Definitely. I think that a member of the Y should be able to attend any branch in the city or state. Membership should not be limited."

Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., a member of the School Board, was asked: 'Isn't it true that the sin of segregation in the YMCA is the sin of the general secretaries, the Central Branch, the directors and anybody else who is not lifting his hands to integrate the YMCA's without delay?"

His answer: "Segregation, no matter where you find it is a sin against Christian principles."

Robert B. Watts, attorney and member of the Board of Managers, Druid Hill Ave. Branch YMCA, was asked two questions. The interview follows:—

Q—Do you see any real progress that has been made?

A—Some progress has been made toward integration in the YMCA, but it is far too slow and ineffective. At a meeting last year in Columbus, Ohio, the National YMCA agreed to take steps toward integration, but the YMCA in Baltimore has been too slow in this respect.

Q—Do you believe the YMCA should operate in secret and should tell its members not to agitate for full rights as Y members?

A—No. The YMCA should take the lead in the integration fight and set an eample for other organizations.

Milton B. Allen, attorney, was asked: "Don't you think that the publication of the title 'Druid Hill Avenue Branch' on all membership cards is simply a means of jim crowing you?"

A—It absolutely is not necessary. The only possible excuse is that the organization wants to practice discrimination. The reason is obvious. We have grown to accept this type of discrimination and we should not accept it."

NOSIAH F. HENRY JR., lawyer and member of the Board of Trustees at Morgan State College, was asked four questions. His interview follows:

Q—If the YMCA has taken a poll to determine what the membership thinks of integration, would you like to know the results?

A—I most certainly would.

Q—If they haven't taken a poll, why haven't they?

A—If they followed Christian principles they would need none.

Q—Don't you think that such a poll would show that 80 percent of YMCA members are ready for integration and have been for a long time?

A—It should. Christianity is based on brotherhood.

Q—If they haven't taken a poll, don't you agree they shouldn't say that they know it is best to keep colored Christians from full enjoyment of the facilities in the Central and other branches?

A—Certainly they should not. Through the years they have been saying that the public would not accept integration, yet when the schools were opened, Read's Drugstores, Five and Ten Cent Stores, Yellow Cabs, the Transit Co., Housing Authority, abolished segregation, the policy was cordially accepted by the public.

The YMCA Board of Directors are the victims of prejudice. If they themselves were indoctrinated with brotherhood as taught by the Christian church, then they would have no fear. They would immediately adopt integration as its policy.

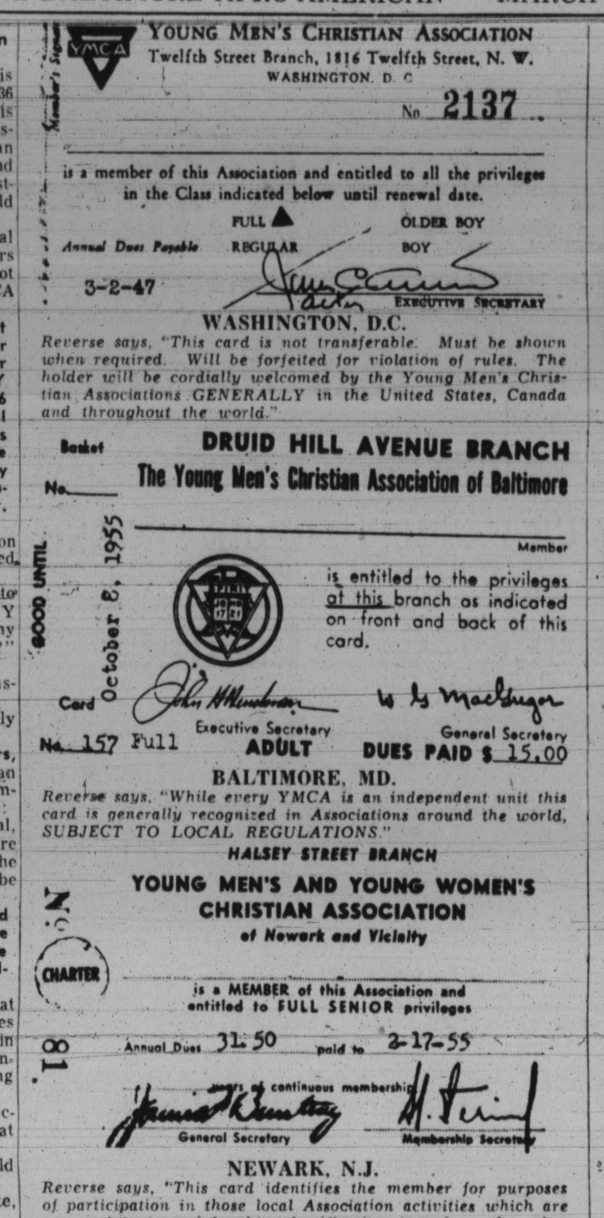
YWCA explains its policy

Asked what is its policy, Miss Lilian Sharpley, executive secretary of the Central Branch YWCA, issued the following statement:

"The YWCA of the USA has pioneered in improving race relations in this counrty. The tenets of our Christian faith mean that we naturally welcome all women and girls into our membership.

"In most communities this has happened in an integrated groups, but in communities where segregation has been the legal or traditional pattern, local YWCAs have tried to work quietly and without fanfare to give members desirable interacial experiences.

"In Baltimore we have and are following these basic principles and are making steady progress."



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YMCA CARDS—Three YMCA branch membership cards are pictured here—Washington, Newark, N.J., and Baltimore. Only Baltimore spells out the fact that the card only entitles the holder to "privileges at this branch," meaning the segregated Druid Hill Ave. Branch. Note other cards simply say member is "entitled to . . . privileges."

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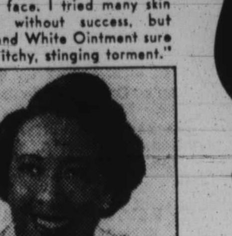
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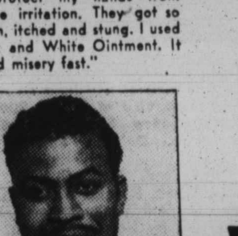
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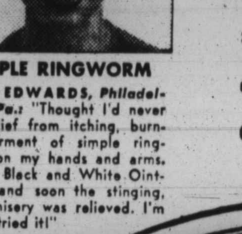
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