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

Patience produces the climate in which virtue has a chance to grow, where good work may lead to excellence.
—JOHN K. SHERMAN

Crownsville's Problem

The fourth violent outbreak within three years, clearly indicates something is radically wrong at Crownsville State Hospital.

We make no pretension at being experts on the care and treatment of the mentally ill, but professional knowledge is not needed to put a finger on the three principal reasons for recurring trouble at this institution.

These reasons can be listed as:
1. Overcrowding
2. Understaffing
3. Lack of an effective link to the community.

The responsibility for all three of these sore spots must be laid at the door of the state.

It was the state, which for years has kept Crownsville's per capita appropriation lower than any other institution of its kind in Maryland.

It was the state which closed its eyes to the disturbing fact that Crownsville, built to accommodate no more than 1,500 patients, was bulging at the seams with 2,445 inmates.

It was the state which failed to give serious consideration to the deplorable personnel situation, in which only one unarmed attendant was detailed to "C" building, housing 300 criminally insane men, when the most recent disturbance occurred.

It is the state which has been so slow in seeing the psychiatric value of recruiting and training colored personnel to care for these unfortunates of their own race.

It is the state which has ignored the importance of giving Crownsville a closer link with the community by appointing members of that community to administrative positions of responsibility.

And finally it is the state, because it clings to an outdated policy of racial segregation, that is wholly responsible for the crowded condition at Crownsville.

The proposal to transfer 300 mentally defective children from Crownsville to Rosewood State Hospital was approved more than a year ago.

Yet 285 of these children still remain at Crownsville.

The legislature in 1912 appropriated funds to erect the Eastern Shore State Hospital specifically to care for the mentally ill of the Eastern shore counties.

This hospital, designed to accommodate 1,400 patients, presently has only 610 inmates, all white.

We submit the problem of overcrowding at Crownsville could be solved today and without any further capital expenditures.

It would entail only the sending of the 285 children to Rosewood as first proposed and the transfer of all the patients from Eastern Shore counties to the Eastern Shore Hospital as the law provides.

The state must squarely face its responsibilities and act without delay to correct the troubles that continue to plague Crownsville and shame the people of Maryland.

The YMCA

The Baltimore YMCA Board of Directors is studying the question of integration.

So is the York, Pa., YMCA board.

It is a wise board, which when confronted with the desirability of a change in policy that is wrong, appoints a committee to study, investigate and bring in recommendations for a change.

The length of time needed for a committee's investigation, report and action upon the findings depends upon the persuasiveness of the chairman, executive officers and influential board members.

Unless reference to a committee is designed to furnish means for delay, almost any group ought to be able to make a report in six months.

Next May 17 will be the first anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's finding that segregation in public education is contrary to national policy and a violation of the Constitution.

Baltimore's public schools have quickly accepted the new policy. So did parochial and many private schools and the Baltimore Housing Authority.

The YMCA, the Boy Scouts, the National Guard are still in the discussion stage.

Hotels, which are private institutions set up to make money, might well still their consciences with the notion that they should not accept all travelers until the YMCA does.

The "Y" may not realize how important it is for Christian associations to set an example for other organizations not dedicated either to religion or morals.

Lessons from Primary

One thunderstorm doesn't make spring.

One setback for a political boss as resourceful as Jack Pollack does not mean he's through.

Mr. Pollack demonstrated that Tuesday.

The coalition ticket won one out of seven Pollack seats in the legislative primary last year and three out of seven in the general election last November.

Tuesday, the Fourth District boss, in a comeback, nominated all three of his men in the City Council Democratic primary.

Each of the three Pollack candidates polled in excess of 5,000 votes. Top man in the opposition received only 2,388 votes.

It was a disastrous rout for the anti-Pollack forces, but they asked for it and have only themselves to blame.

If they had unified their forces and named only three candidates to oppose Mr. Pollack's three, there would have been a real test of strength.

Instead, the anti-Pollack crowd put up 10 candidates and the machine mowed them down.

Actually in the Fourth District 17,874 ballots were cast for the Pollack candidates for Council and 16,955 for the 10 opposition candidates.

The figures speak for themselves but the spectacle of 10 candidates each telling the voters 10 different stories caused division and confusion any machine welcomes.

Voters have more sense than candidates give them credit for. They knew the candidates had put them in an impossible position so they stayed at home.

Ten candidates who did not see the wisdom of reducing their number voluntarily to three learned a hard and bitter lesson from the school of experience. We hope one lesson is enough.

It does not ease their feelings to learn that other primary candidates for mayor, city comptroller and Council in other districts lacked foresight, too.

The only solace the 10 defeated candidates have is that the continuing struggle for unbossed representation in City Council now depends upon the general election in May, and they will then have a chance to redeem themselves in the eyes of the voters.

Druid Hill Park

On his Sunday afternoon TV show a few weeks ago Gerald Johnson had something to say about those who favor reducing Druid Hill Park by 40 acres in order to accommodate the Jones Falls Expressway.

Their argument has been "What if we do lose a little of the park. It is taken over by colored people anyhow."

In commenting on this argument, Mr. Johnson says it is not true and points out that anyone who walks through the park on a summer day can see that it is enjoyed by thousands of white persons as well as colored persons.

Even if it were true that colored people alone enjoyed Druid Hill Park, that would be all the more reason for protesting their taking a slice of the park, because all peoples need recreational facilities and those we have at present are inadequate.

But we have gotten past the place where any public recreational facility should be set aside for certain races and its use by one segment of the population is no reason for its abandonment by another.

Exit hanging

A bill to abolish hanging as a means of executing criminals in Maryland was passed this week by the House and is now before the Senate.

If adopted, the new legislation would substitute the gas chamber for the gallows.

The AFRO has long been against this ancient concept of putting criminals to death.

Capital punishment is a brutality civilization should not countenance.

When you hang a man you have not reformed him, nor has the state prevailed itself of his service.

All criminals could render some useful service to the state by working out life sentences instead of being put to death.

Most European states have banned capital punishment. Six states in America have discontinued it.

It is harsh and brutal and common in less civilized areas.

And what does it prove?

Rhode Island did away with capital punishment.

Connecticut maintained it.

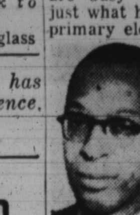
But the homicide rate the following year in Connecticut went up. In Rhode Island it did not.

"A hanged man is good for nothing," said Voltaire.

We agree.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER


Mr. Walker

ELECTION POST MORTEMS —Since the many political sages are busy this week explaining just what happened in Tuesday's primary elections, I'd like to inject my two cents worth by simply making note of a few observations.

Unofficial tabulations of the voting in the Fourth District, where Walter T. Dixon was the only successful colored Democratic candidate with 5,157 votes, show that the other five tan candidates polled a total of 8,086 votes among themselves.

Whether or not these votes would have gone to any one of these men if there had been fewer of them entered in the race, is, of course, now pure conjecture. Still, it's a fair assumption to state that the many candidates brought both disgust and confusion to the voters—as had been the warning from the beginning.

Now Messrs. Alpert, Liss and Dixon will meet Messrs. Koger, Lansey and Brinsfield in the general election on May 3. It's still a possibility two colored men will be elected to the Council.

But the fact that so many voters showed such disinterest in the primary (not an unusual occurrence, either) should serve to alert all of us that only in unity is there strength.

Meanwhile, all the defeated candidates can bask in the glory of their contribution to the reemergence of Mr. Pollack who once again sits in the saddle.

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MORE POLITICS — Creston (Doc) Woingust, who was Charles Law's campaign manager in the latter's bid in the Fifth District is happy over his candidate's showing.

Mr. Law polled 3,054 votes in his first time out, a showing which, incidentally, topped all his unsuccessful brethren in the Fourth District. It should be remembered, however, that Mr. Law was the only colored candidate running in his district.

How was the Pollack ticket able to make such a landslide of it in the Fourth? Well, in at least one precinct there appeared three workers for the Price and Harrington tickets while there were 35 workers out doing a job for the D'Alesandro ticket.

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SOME ITEMS — What has happened to the test court case against the Liquor Board ruling on colored and white licenses? Much talk some weeks back on pending action with the funds supposed to be available. Since then: nothing!

Incidentally, more people better pay attention to this redevelopment program in Baltimore. The only new homes being developed for colored, it seems, are in Cherry Hill or Turner Station. And, not belittling either community, everyone doesn't care to move to those areas.

COURT CASE—Attorney Bob Watts looking awfully smug after getting Dr. Allan U. Forte off with a 10-year suspended sentence in those illegal operation cases.

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NATIONAL GUARD—Most of the heroic colored National Guard officers have given up on getting their outfit reactivated as an integrated unit. Most of them now are trying to get in Army reserve outfits.

It's a blot on the State of Maryland that these experienced men, ranking from Colonel down to Warrant Officer, must stand by and see their outfit broken up because the State refuses to mix a training group which if ever called up to duty would be integrated.

And the State's "Time Isn't right" policy in this matter is pure hogwash. It was "right" when they called the jim crow Guard unit to active duty during the Korean hostilities.

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MOTORAMIA — Warren Wilkins, my paraplegic friend on W. Lanvale St., calls to report a Baltimore phenomena. There are no colored automobile agencies in this city. None. Salesmen, yes; but agencies, uh uh. Warren wonders why.

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SPEED NOTE — And while speaking of cars, Mr. Motorist, did you note that price in the papers the other day showing the sliding scale of fines for anyone caught speeding on the portion of the Washington - Baltimore parkway controlled by the District of Columbia.

It ranges from $10 for 46-50 miles an hour to $50 for persons caught breezing along over 60 miles an hour.

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MODEL PLANES—A disabled World War II veteran James L. Johnson, of 1543 Poplar Grove St., is interested in starting a model plane club. He wants to give the kids in his neighborhood something to do.

"It's something that will occupy their minds," says Johnson. Right now he has his own planes and finds it an interesting hobby.

Somebody who's interested in seeing that our youngsters find new outlets for their energies should contact Mr. Johnson.

Baltimore ahead

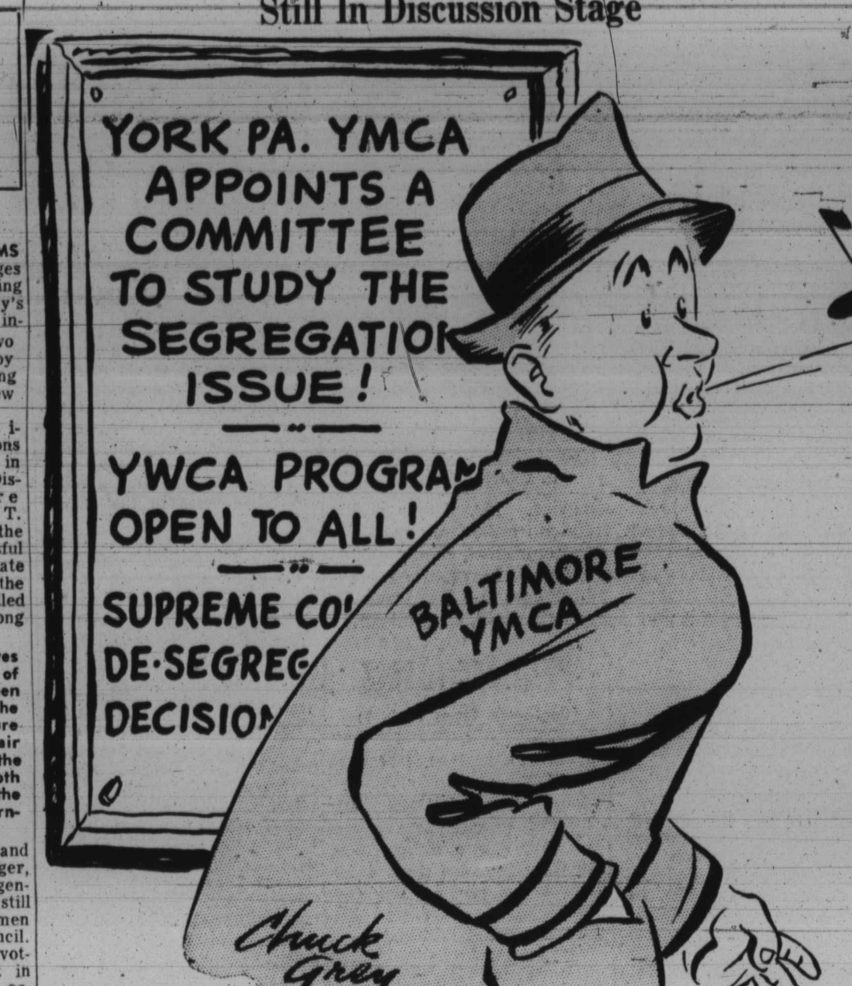
Baltimore is backward in some respects, but we have to remember, too, that it is still far ahead of many cities to the South of us.

For example, Memphis, Tenn., run for years by Boss Crump, has no public schools for colored crippled children.

Crippled colored children are being taught at home after hours by teachers of the colored public schools.

Baltimore has had a fine school for crippled children of both races for years and now since integration has come, they may attend the same school.

Still In Discussion Stage



NEWS ITEM—Young Men's Christian Associations in York, Pa. and Baltimore are still undecided as to what they will do abo ut opening their doors to all "Y" members.

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.

Auto agency sign

Dear AFRO:

Several days ago a friend of mine visited an automobile agency in the 4000 block Edmondson Avenue for the purpose of purchasing an automobile.

He was sold on the idea of leaving there with a car until he noticed two separate rest rooms: one for "Colored" and another for "White."

Upon seeing the signs, which designated the discriminating circumstances, he departed with no intention of ever returning.

Quite to the contrary he remained calm as he related his experience to me and he concluded our discussion with "Even gold from a beggar's hand buys bread from any man."

True enough, we are far from beggars. With competition as it is today, I'm certain, he will have no trouble locating a wiser dealer who proves to be more of a businessman.

J. LEON NETTLES

Housing in Towson

Dear AFRO:

Regarding your story and pictures of Sandy Bottom, I wonder if the Fathers of Towson are really interested in the colored residents of this area?

I wonder if it ever enters their smallest thoughts of what it would be to see a decent colored settlement for us?

It has never occurred to them what a blessing it would be to have their maid or handyman, their chauffeur, their childrens' baby sitter or their laundress come to work and say "our homes are comfortable" instead of saying "we survived through the years, but I don't know what the next year will be like in those old houses."

Your correspondent was putting it mildly. There are a few things he missed.

Did he see the rats running around big as puppies? Did he see the room of some of these houses or the electric wiring? Did he see inside of these outhouses or was it raining when he was here?

We as residents don't want to move into the city. All of our roots are tied here or around Towson. Our children would not known how to adjust themselves to be cooped up in a 9 x 10 yard when they have been in the country all their lives.

The older residents would not know how to find their way around as they are; some nearly blind, some on canes. They would not have that feeling of knowing "if I can't get home some of my neighbors will see me and help me."

We love Towson as well as some of the others. Why is there not enough room for us as there is for them?

Some of the builders say if they build colored homes we could not pay the rent for them. Have they asked all of us, or only one or two who can't pay rent wherever they go?

Why not build us homes according to our purses, not according to our race? We need homes badly, homes where there are bedrooms for large and small families, where there are bathrooms.

We need homes that we can proudly say are homes, not where we ourselves are ashamed to go to.

There is room in and around Towson for all, let him be colored or of any race. And if the colored are given a chance here in Towson, we can do anything the others can do, according to our purse strings.

CARRIE POWELL
Towson, Md.

'Miracle Boy'

Dear AFRO:

We take this means to express to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers our deep sense of gratitude for the thoughtfulness exhibited in presenting the case of our son Joseph to the public.

We are grateful for all telephone calls, and gifts from whatever source that they have come.

May God bless you to continue your work in the spirit in which you presented this case of courage, sacrifice and cooperation.

(Rev. and Mrs.) J. A. EVERETT

Mr. and Mrs. Everett are the parents of the eight-year-old Turner Station youngster called the "Miracle Boy" because of his fight for life after suffering a brain tumor.

Reporters' Report To The People

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The door of the offices of U. Theodore Hayes, 1519 Pennsylvania Ave., will very soon bear the name of another young attorney, Solomon Bailey, 33, who will join the assistant attorney general in the practice of law.

Mr. Bailey finished the University of Maryland Law School in 1951, is married to Mrs. Thelma Bailey and has two children. He was formerly a housing enforcement officer with the Health Department.

Went to the movies last week for the first time in several weeks. All through the picture I kept waiting for the film to stop for a commercial. Shows you what looking at television can do for you.

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MISS ALPHA ROBERTS, a senior at Morgan and a native of the Virgin Islands, was a recent visitor at School No. 126, where she spoke on her homeland.

Also understand that the school ended Brotherhood Week with a program that included Father Richard Swift and a choir under the direction of Mrs. Mary Newton and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis. Thomas Wallace was at the piano.

A young Korean veteran, Milton Reese of 2006 Penrose Ave., is seriously interested in studying music and would like someone to recommend a good school. He also writes lyrics for songs. He would like to study the accordion.

Joseph Tabourne has been elected president, and Russell Carrington Jr., has been named vice president, of the newly organized Pre-Medical Club at Morgan State College.

Other officers are Minnie Anderson, secretary; Harold Bradly, assistant secretary; and Charles Sanders, treasurer. Dr. John King is advisor.

The touchy question of the Barrett Training School is scheduled to be discussed at the monthly meeting of the State Board of Public Welfare today (Friday). One of the board members is rumored to have written a letter to the governor about the school.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

"If at first you don't succeed try try again." That was the lament of one young fellow this week who tried to take his life not once, but many times on the Erdman Ave. bridge.

The gent created a traffic jam when first he threw himself off the Pulaski St. bridge, then hurled himself into the path of a giant trailer truck.

He fell 35 feet on the bridge below and sustained only an injured left leg. Had an argument with his mate and was singing the blues. Police swear that when they reached him he was saying "let me go lover."

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FIRE SEEMS to be plaguing the folks out around that "One Spot" place off Washington Blvd. One kid died as the result of a fire last week-end, another house nearby burned last year, and across the highway stands the remains of a cabin where two kids lost their lives three years ago.

All were owned by the same man and insulated with sawdust from top to bottom.

On the eve of the recent election I was peeved to no end when the politicians took over the time, spot on TV usually reserved for one of my favorite comedy programs. I shouldn't have been.

They came on fast and furious and when they finished calling each other names, were in hysterics. Best comedy show I've

ONE DISAPPOINTMENT Monday was the "Tonight" show which originated from the B and O roundhouse. Steve Allen as a rule usually has an entertaining show but while here he apparently had nothing to work with.

Can't understand why some talent from the "Avenue" wasn't thrown in. Come to think of it, didn't see a tan face in the audience either.

Ever heard that saying about once the golf bug bites you it becomes a habit that's hard to break? It's true. It's happened to me.

Gained confidence in the game recently when I beat a fellow who was "supposed" to have been playing for years. Just think, George, that was the second time I ever had a club in my hand.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

VOTE NOTES — Campaign workers for Charles Law in the Fifth District were so enthusiastic they crossed the barriers into the Fourth, urging voters to back the candidate.

As a result, one voter in the 33rd precinct, 15th Ward nearly turned the polling place out when she learned that Law's name was not on the machine.

In Josiah Henry's home precinct, 11th, 13th Ward, voters kept jamming the machines when they tried to cross the party line. The Republicans and vice versa. This was true in several areas throughouut the city.

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THE NEWLY appointed election judges in the 25th precinct, 15th Ward were overly cautious Tuesday. A voter was not permitted to cast his ballot until his handwriting had been checked, double checked and triple checked.

This is the area where one person is supposed to have voted 10 times in the Nov. 2 election by forging names, according to a handwriting expert.

In the 33rd precinct, 15th Ward, the Republican election judge reportedly failed to show up and Ernest Perkins, attorney and candidate had to swear in the first Republican voter to fill the vacancy.

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BY NOON, Tuesday, rumors were flying high, wide and handsome that the Fourth District Political boss, Jack Pollack had dropped Walter Dixon.

The tale was based on the fact that Dixon's name on the placards had been mutilated in the Pollack precincts.

Maybe so, BUT when the returns began pouring in after 7 p.m. Dixon was right up there with his running mates, Maxwell Alpert and Solomon Liss. In fact, he ran THIRD in Pollack's home precinct, the 35th of the 15th Ward.

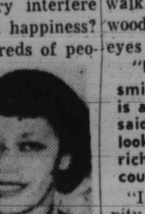
And figures never lie.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

Formula for not worrying . . .

Do you worry? Are you one of those who lets worry interfere with his peace and happiness? There must be hundreds of people who do. In the past week, alone, I have met a half dozen people who confessed they worry so much they cannot eat well, are almost on the point of a nervous breakdown.


Mrs. Phillips

I like Dale Carnegies admonitions about worry as contained in his best seller—"How To Stop Worrying and Start Living." I recommend particularly chapter 15 entitled, "Would you take a million dollars for what you have?" Here are some excerpts from that chapter:

I have known Harold Abbott for years. He lives at 820 South Madison Avenue, Webb City, Missouri. He used to be my lecture manager. One day he and I met in Kansas City and he drove me down to my farm at Belton, Missouri. During that drive, I asked him how he kept from worrying; and he told me an inspiring story that I shall never forget.

"I used to worry a lot," he said, "but one spring day in 1934, I was walking down West Dougherty Street in Webb City when I saw a sight that banished all my worries. It all happened in ten seconds, but during those ten seconds I learned more about how to live than I had learned in the previous ten years.

"My grocery store had been closed the previous Saturday; and now I was going to the Merchants and Miners Bank to borrow money so I could go to Kansas City to look for a job. I walked like a beaten man. I had lost all my fight and faith.

"Then suddenly I saw coming down the street a man who had no legs. He was sitting on a little wooden platform equipped with wheels from roller skates. He propelled himself along the street with a block of wood in each hand.

"I met him just after he had crossed the street and was starting to lift himself up a few inches over the curb to the sidewalk. As he tilted his little wooden platform to an angle, his eyes met mine.

"He greeted me with a grand smile. 'Good morning, sir. It is a fine morning, isn't it?' he said with spirit. As I stood looking at him, I realized how rich I was. I had two legs. I could walk.

"I felt ashamed of my self-pity. I said to myself if he can be happy, cheerful, and confident without legs, I certainly can with legs. I could already feel my chest lifting.

"I had intended to ask the Merchants and Miners Bank for only one hundred dollars. But now I had courage to ask for TWO hundred. I had intended to say that I wanted to go to Kansas City to TRY to get a job. But now I announced confidently that I wanted to go to Kansas City to GET a job. I got the loan; and I got the job.

"I now have the following words pasted on my bathroom mirror, and I read them every morning as I shave:

"I had the blues because I had no shoes,
Until upon the street, I met a man who had no feet."

About ninety per cent of the things in our lives are right and about ten per cent are wrong. If we want to be happy, all we have to do is to concentrate on the ninety per cent that are right and ignore the ten per cent that are wrong.

If we want to be worried and bitter and have stomach ulcers, all we have to do is to concentrate on the ten per cent that are wrong and ignore the ninety per cent that are glorious.

The words "Think and Thank" are inscribed in many of the Cromwellian churches of England. These words ought to be inscribed on our hearts, too; "Think and Thank."

Think of all we have to be grateful for, and thank God for all our boons and bounties.

Logan Pearsall Smith packed a lot of wisdom into a few words when he said: "There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second."

If we want to stop worrying and start living, rule 4 is:

Count your blessings — not your troubles!

This and that of many things . . .

Here's a project for a group interested in helping a worth while cause:—Henryton Student nurses have a rumpus room at the tuberculosis institution but no equipment for recreation.

Needed: a piano, record player, lounging chairs, ping pong table et al. If you're interested, get in touch with Father Cedric Mills of St. James P. E. Church, (Laf. 3-4588) or call Miss Selma Kerr or Miss Elease Parker at Henryton.

The 1935 Douglass High School class is planning a 20th anniversary reunion in June. Next meeting is Friday night at the home of James H. Edwards, 2007 Wheeler (Mad. 3-4023).

Mrs. Ethel J. Jackson, an Atlantic City resident, was buried in her hometown—Lorely, in Baltimore County last week. Her husband, Thomas M. Jackson lives in Atlantic City but she has three brothers and four sisters, all of whom reside in Laurel, Md.

Proof that beauty and brains do mix:—Elaine Davis was recently inducted into the Pi Lambda Theta Honorary Society at Johns Hospkins University.

Rebecca Carroll, also a city teacher, is also a member. She was inducted at the University of Chicago.

The Children's Rehabilitation Institute for Cerebral Palsy at Reisterstown, Md., sends you and you and you appeals to become "friends for cerebral palsied children" but they welcome only white children at the institute.

Jeannette Chisholm, who has given annually to the institute, received this shocking news from a spokesman at the institute.

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INFANTICIPATING — The Isaac (Ike) (Comedy Club coowner) Dixons; the Theodore Hythes (Margaret); the Iglehart Keetses. (Roberta); the John Lanes (Genesta.)

New heir—the Maurice (Hot Rod) Hulberts are parents of a baby girl—their first child. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 ounces a Sunday ago at University Hospital. They've named her Vanessa Franstyne. Mother is the former Henrietta Isabel of Memphis.

The Elmer Hendersons (Earline) will have their baby girl christened at a Catholic Church in Washington later this month.

TRUE STORY: Mrs. Jennie Richardson, mother of Chuck Richardson, the radio announcer, suffered a serious setbcak this week. She's been confined to her home at 2313 W. North Ave. for several weeks.

Here's what happened: A white physician, examiner for the United Insurance Co., visited her for the usual insurance examination.

During his visit, he lost the top to his thermometer. Angered, he launched into a tirade using racial epithets and those four-letter words.

Family is boiling mad and has consulted a lawyer. May be a suit if the shock to Mrs. Richardson delays her recovery.

Little notes on my cuff . . .

Election Postmortem: As predicted too many City Council candidates in the Fourth District and two few registered Democratic voters voting meant only one candidate won in Tuesday's primary, and he was a Pollack-backed man.

One worker in the 17th ward said he rang doorbells until he was silly, yet only a bare 200 of the 899 eligible voters in his precinct turned out.

And, he said, the people who have the training and background and should take an interest in politics stayed home. One teacher and her postal clerk husband in his area went nowhere near the polls.

Ditto a physician and his teacher-wife in the same precinct. But hardworking John Q. Public did vote and yet only 200 of them in that one precinct. You figure it!

Rebecca Chapter's Five Point Circle, Myrra Grand Chapter, picks winner of its annual baby contest Sunday afternoon at the Masonic Temple.

Prizes range from $1.25 to $10.00.

If you have an FM Radio, you can tune in on television programs—that is get the sound but not the picture.

For example, WIC, Washington, is on 72 of your FM radio.

Postal Alliance members are voting for one among them to win title of "Alliance Man of Distinction—1955." He will be honored during the group's cabaret party at the Coliseum on March 19.

Hairstylist Ann Blair is holding a grand opening of her new beauty salon at 1355 W. North Ave. on Sunday, March 6 with three shows and refreshments at 5:30, 7:30 and 9 p.m.

C and P Telephone Co. is quietly integrating staff members at its downtown offices on St. Paul St. Two girls, formerly at the all-colored Division St. office, were upgraded to stenographic jobs last week.

Thoughts of the week . . .

These words on brotherhood were said by the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt at a Flag Day celebration at the United Nations on June 14, 1942:

"Grant us brotherhood, not only for this day but for all our years — a brotherhood not of words but of acts and deeds.

"We are all of us children of earth. Grant us that simple knowledge. If our brothers are oppressed, then we are oppressed.

"If they hunger, we hunger. If their freedom is taken away, our freedom is not secure."

"THE GOLDEN day is before and not behind."—Anon.

The late Dr. Francis J. Grimke, famed Washington minister, wrote these words on February 7, 1934:

"After all, the only life that is really worth living is not only the one that makes the most of its opportunities in developing itself, but also in reaching out a helping hand to others in the struggle of life.

"You remember Emily Dickinson's little poem which goes 'If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain; If I can ease one life the aching, Or cool one pain, or help one faintng robin unto his nest again, I shall not live in vain . .'

"The ideal set up in this poem is a noble one; and one that it would be well for us all to remember. It is the same thought embodied in the words of Jesus who said, 'The son of man is come, not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many.'"

Powell will attend Asian-African meet

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (Dem., N.Y.), said Wednesday that he will attend the Asian-African conference to be held in Indonesia next month as an unofficial observer.

Mr. Powell disclosed that he has been trying to induce the State Department to send a team of colored and white Americans to the conference. He said he has talked with Harold Stassen, director of the Foreign Operations Administration, Assistant Secretary of State Thurston Morton and other people.

He said the State Department was not in favor of sending a team to the conference, but he believes Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has changed his mind.

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HE QUOTED Mr. Dulles as having said at the session of the eight Southeast Asia Treaty nations in Bangkok, Thailand, recently that the United States was not opposed to the conference.

"However, I am going to go to this conference with or without the approval of the State Department," Mr. Powell said, 'unless they refuse me a passport and that will be quite a thing to do to a Congressman."

Mr. Powell said he will travel by military plane from Washington to Manila and will fly commercial from Manila. He said he is having dinner with the Indonesian ambassador soon and will discuss his attendance at the conference at that dinner.

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SAYING THAT he will be taken care of one way or another, Mr. Powell declared that he 'cannot be a delegate because I happen to belong to a nation that considers itself white when this is the only nation in the Western system that is not all white."

He said the United States has approximately 20,000,000 colored peoples, counting Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Orientals and Negroes.

He said he is leaving April 11 for Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, but will stop en route to inspect Guam, Midway and Hawaii. He is a member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over these islands.

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Wilkins at ILO session for US

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Assistant Secretary of Labor J. Ernest Wilkins has gone to Geneva, Switzerland, where he is the United States Government representative on the governing body of the International Labor Office which is holding its 128th session from March 1 to 4.

Arnold Zempel, director of the Labor Department's Office of International Labor Affairs, is assisting Mr. Wilkins.

WILLIAM L. McGRATH, president of the Williamson Heater Co., and George P. Delaney, international representative of the American Federation of Labor, are participating as employer and worker representatives, respectively.

The governing body of ILO, which meets three times a year, is responsible for the general supervision of the ILO. It selects items for the agenda of the international labor conference, considers proposals relating to the organization's budget and determines the time, place and agenda of ILO meetings and regional conferences.

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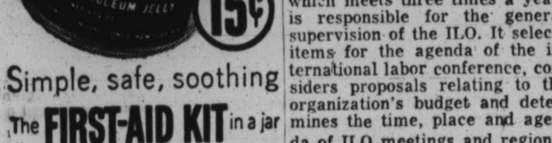

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Whitetop case slated for Monday

- Doctor says Simkins able to face jury
- Testimony to reveal payoff racket details

WASHINGTON

Roger W. (Whitetop) Simkins and seven other men will go on trial Monday morning in U.S. District Court on charges of paying bribes to police for protection of the local numbers game.

Simkins and five of the other men are alleged gambling kingpins of the local numbers racket. The other two men are suspended Police Captain John B. Monroe and Pvt. George C. Prather.

The trial will be held before U.S. District Judge Burnita S. Matthews, on orders from Chief U.S. District Judge Bolitha J. Laws.

On Wednesday morning, following a medical report by Dr. John F. Finnegan, 1746 K St., NW, on a physical examination he made of Simkins Monday p.m., Judge Laws ordered the trial to go on.

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DR. FINNEGAN said he found "no medical justification for further postponement of Mr. Simkins' trial. In my opinion, he is fully able to appear in court on or about March 7, the physician stated.

The examination by Dr. Finnegan was ordered by the office of U.S. Attorney Leo A. Rover, after a certificate had been presented from Dr. Roy Sexton on Monday to the effect that Simkins was not physically able to stand trial on March 7.

The certificate from Dr. Sexton was presented by George E. C. Hayes, attorney for Simkins. Originally scheduled for Jan. 17, the trial was postponed when Simkins had to have an emergency operation.

On Jan. 20 the operation was performed. It was also stated that Simkins was suffering from a heart condition.

However, Dr. Finnegan's report denied this. The report said: "I found no evidence of cardiac disease and the patient offered no complaints which would suggest pathology of the heart."

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DR. FINNEGAN said, "On examination Mr. Simkins appeared quite comfortable and he reported in general that he was feeling 'fairly well.' His complaints on specific questioning were of a general nature particularly involving 'weakness.'"

The examination by Dr. Finnegan was made in the offices of Dr. Wendell Parker and Dr. Sexton, physicians to Mr. Simkins, at 1801 I St., NW. The operation was performed at Garfield Memorial Hospital.

When the trial opens Monday morning the courtroom will be "wired for sound."

Some 16 loudspeakers will be placed before the judge, jury, counsel and press tables. The purpose will be to let everyone hear the playback of tape recordings made secretly during the months of undercover work done by Capt. Todd O. Thoman, police "decoy" in the trap.

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CAPTAIN THOMAN, then a lieutenant in the gambling squad, reportedly accepted over $10,000 in "protection money" from 14 persons named in indictments returned on Sept. 24, 1954.

However, only eight persons face trial monday. Mr. Simkins, in addition to the bribery charge, faces a charge of carrying a pistol after having been convicted of a felony.

To stand trial Monday in addition to Captain Monroe, Private Prather, and Simkins, are, Burnie H. King, oJhn (Lefty) Winston, Curtis H. (Bozo) Taylor, Charles (Geechie) Anderson and Albert H. (Real Estate) Smith.

The trial Monday will involve a total of 19 counts, including a major charge of conspiracy, and a total of 26 alleged overt acts which support the 19 counts.

Playing of the recordings of alleged conversations between Captain Thoman and the men whom he trapped is expected to take from three to five days.

In January they were played for the benefit of defense counsel and the straight hour-by-hour playing of them consumed three full days in a special courtroom. The press was barred from hearing the records.

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WHEN THE elaborately laid police trap was sprung on the night of Sept. 14 and the alleged gamblers and policemen were arrested, they were taken by police at the following points:

Simkins and Anderson at Eastern Ave. and Bladensburg Rd., NE; Prather in the 2500 block of First St., NW; and Taylor at 13th and Clifton Sts., NW. Captain Monroe was at home, 607 Oneida Pl., NW. King, Winston and Smith surrendered later.

Defending the accused men will be Myron K. Erhlich, Joseph A. Sitnick, William B. Bryant, Curtis P. Mitchell, George E. C. Hayes, Marion Schwartz, William H. Collins, Wesley S. Williams, Charles E. Ford and H. Clifford Allder.

Prosecuting for the government will be Edward P. Troxell and John F. Doyle, assistant United States attorneys.

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ROGER (WHITETOP) SIMKINS

G-Girl says man refused to marry her, asks $41,000

WASHINGTON

Miss Earlina G. Hunt, 3501 15th St., NE., Monday filed suit in U.S. District Court charging Alvin M. Milton, wealthy businessman of 22 Florida Ave., with breach of promise and asked $41,025 damages.

In her complaint, Miss Hunt charges that Mr. Milton gave her gifts valued to $13,150 in October 1952, when he had "accepted" her offer to marry him.

Later, he took back these gifts, the complaint says.

She charges also that Mr. Milton seduced her after promising on or about Oct. 10, 1952, that he would marry her.

The shapely young woman, who is a government secretary, also accuses Mr. Milton of breach of contract in failing to pay her $125 a month toward the purchase of the premises at 3501 15th St., NE., to which they took title on Feb. 3, 1953.

She charges that Mr. Milton has failed to make any of the monthly payments from March 3, 1953, up to the time of the complaint was filed.

Miss Hunt, who is the mother of a small girl by a previous marriage, says that on or about Oct. 2, 1952, she offered to marry Mr. Milton, and that he was alone and unmarried and that he accepted her offer.

It was on or about Nov. 23, 1952 the complaint says, that Mr. Milton broke his promise "by indicating, for the first time to plaintiff, that he was already married."

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SHE LISTED the following items as gifts given her by Mr. Milton during their engagement period: household furnishings valued at $12,000; a radio TV console valued at $800; and a diamond ring valued at $350.

On or about March 31, 1953, the complaint says, Mr. Milton "did take and convert to his own use" the items listed.

In a second count charging conversion, Miss Hunt added several other items to the list of things taken from her by Mr. Milton. They were:

An oil painting valued at $300; a platinum wrist watch with diamond stone setting valued at $250; a portable radio valued at $80; kitchen utensils, glassware, linens, pottery, figurens, valued at $200.

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FILED BY Milton M. Burke, attorney, the complaint asks the court to award Miss Hunt $41,025 damages, plus costs of the action and other relief.

She charges that breach of promise to marry and failure to live up to the alleged contract and the taking back of gifts by Mr. Milton have impaired "her affections, reputation, peace of mind, health, social status, and future marital prospects," plus the aggravation of seduction.

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MR. MILTON, who owns real estate and an apartment house, in addition to the Quality Service Station at 22 Florida Ave., NW., is a brother of L. D. Milton, Atlanta, Ga., banker.

Mrs. Ethel C. Milton of 1207 Columbia Rd., told the AFRO on Monday that she and Mr. Milton are still married.

Mr. Milton's associates said Monday that he has been in Florida for the last three months. He is not expected to return to Washington before spring.

Integration pains trouble principals

D.C. educator tells 200 his experiences, urges compliance

ATLANTIC CITY — School integration "is inevitable and should be accepted."

This was the forthright message brought to 200 school principals, half of them colored, who met here last week by Dr. Charles E. Bish, principal of McKinley High School in Washington, D.C.

Speaking at the 39th annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Dr. Bish declared:

"Behind integration is the policy of our armed forces, the power of our federal government and the power of our churches.

"WE IN THE 17 'segregation' states and the city of Washington should realize it is inevitable."

Dr. Bish was one of the principals in socalled border states and Southern areas who told of their experiences with integration since the Supreme Court's historic ruling last May 17th outlawing public school segregation.

He received special attention because the first group of 450 colored pupils entered his chool last September.

Replying to Dr. Bish, a colored high school principal in New Orleans, I.M. Augustine Sr., said:

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"IF IT (integration) is inevitable, then we ought to be thinking about plans we might use to put integration in operation.

"As long as we know it's coming, we should do something to set the stage. We principals are key persons.

The colored principals and the white principals ought to get together in the various communities and discuss the matter.

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"THERE ARE problems we haven't scratched yet. We should have more conferences like this.

Another colored principal, Elmer T. Hawkins of Chestertown, Md.—a rural community where school segregation remains—said he would welcome conferences on integration between white and colored principals in his state.

Principals from West Virginia reported that integration has been put into effect in more than half the schools there.

Wilmington, Del., educators said that 68 percent of the pupils there now attend integrated schools.

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MONTCLAIR, N.J., was cited as a good example of how integration can go forward without untoward incidents by Donald B. Timmons, principal of Hillside Junior High School.

He explained, however, that he attended the convention "because all my problems are not settled."

He pointed out that when a fight breaks out between white and colored pupils, many people class it as a racial outbreak.

"But," he reported, "they really are individual battles, and this is the viewpoint the school takes."

Seven couples seek divorces

WASHINGTON

Seven couples filed divorce actions in U. S. District Court early this week.

Carrie Lee Leach, 1328 Vermont Ave., NW., vs. King B. Leach, New Cumberland, Pa.; Lillian M. Mulloy, 3323 D St., SE., vs. Frank A. Mulloy, 2010 Upshur St., NE;

Alma S. Jolley, 2111 2nd St., NW., vs. James R. Jolley, same address, for maintenance; Anastassia T. Holt, 2526 14th St., NW., vs. Elmer D. Holt, 4938 1st St., NW., annulment;

Betty Ann Guyer, 115 D St., SE., vs. Jerome Guyer, 4043 Grant St., SE; Carl O. Surratt, 924 M St., NW, vs. Helen Cleo Surratt, 5751 Ames St., NE., and Ruby V. Cole, 1718 17th St., NW., vs. George C. Coles, Roanoke, Va.

CHARLES COX PROMOTED

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Charles Cox, assistant professor of music at Florida A. and M. University, has been named acting head of the music department until June 1, replacing William P. Foster who is on leave to study at Columbia University.

Montgomery defers school policy action

WASHINGTON

Desegregation of Montgomery County public schools now hinges upon the next action of the United States Supreme Court.

The decision to await Supreme Court orders on application of its May 17, 1954 ruling was adopted, this week, by both the Montgomery County Citizens Committee and board of education.

The citizens group previously voted 10 to 9 in favor of immediate integration. A similar stand was taken by a large majority of the county's PTA groups.

Four members of the seven-man board of education told the AFRO, Wednesday night, they will vote for immediate integration if the Supreme Court orders it.

Their position is in line with the advice given board members by Forbes H. Norris, superintendent.

At Wednesday's meeting, the superintendent exhibited a chart designed to show how integration would affect the county's schools.

He said about 30 schools attended by white pupils and four by colored would be affected.

There are 90 schools in the county, including eight elementary and two high schools for colored.

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ON A COUNTY-WIDE basis, however, only about six percent of the school population is colored. In a few down-county areas from 25 to 75 percent of the pupils are colored.

A citizens committee spokesman said most of the opposition to immediate desegregation comes from these areas.

He pointed out, however, that school board members are elected on a non-partisan basis and are responsible to no party.

Following the meeting, Col. Lathrope Smith of Trevella, Md., declared:

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"I CAN'T explain what we did here. But it was for the best."

"But it was for the best." mediate integration and always have been," the colonel added after some hesitation.

Earlier in the meeting, Colonel Smith had said views of every member of the board on integration was already well known because of their campaign for election this summer.

SCHOOL BOARD members are elected every four years in Montgomery County. Colonel Smith emphasized he didn't think the report of the committee binding on the board members.

Several parents and teachers at the meeting including one colored instructor in the Rockville school system, interviewed by this reporter, agreed the decision should be left to the board.

THE LOCAL Montgomery County PTAs are already holding meetings throughout the area to consider the recommendations of their county executive committee that schools be integrated immediately.

The citizens report suggested at least three different ways to desegregated schools.

In addition, individual members of the committee have asked the privilege of filing additional memorandums explaining their personal views on integration, board chairman Willard McGraw explained.

Atkins heads DC law students

Howard hohor man ALSA vice president

WASHINGTON

William R. Atkins, an honor student in the sophomore class at the Howard University Law School, will preside over the District's 2,300 law students.

Atkins was elected recently vice president of the 11th Circuit of the American Law Student Association during a two-conference of the association in Philadelphia.

Delegates from all of the District law schools met with representatives from schools in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Atkins, a resident of Pittsburgh, took his undergraduate work at West Virginia State College and the University of Pittsburgh.

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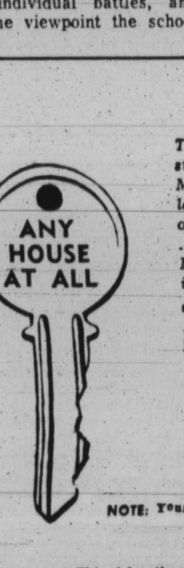

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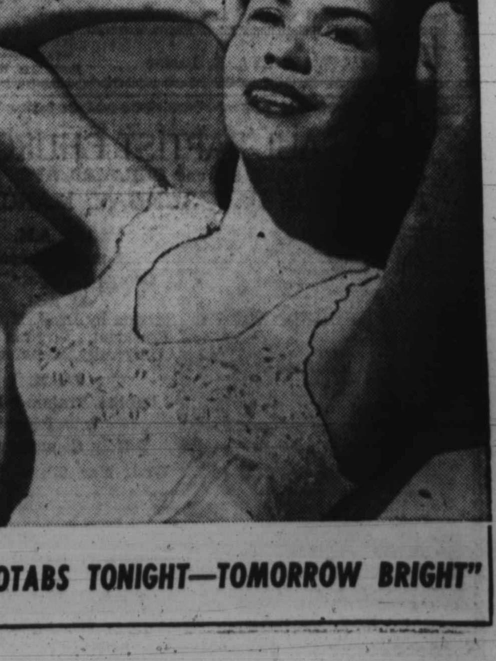

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