Baltimore Afro-American

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

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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 to the firm belief that all are hurt so long as anyone is held back.

When men are rightly occupied, their amusement grows out of their work, as the petals of a fruitful flower.
JOHN RUSKIN

The Lightfoot Case

Claude Lightfoot got five years and $5,000 fine in a Chicago Federal Court for being a member of the Communist Party, well knowing that it advocates violent overthrow of the U. S. government.

Attorney General Herbert Brownell calls it a great victory in his fight to get rid of Communists.

The American Civil Liberties Union terms it a restriction of individual freedom and offers to help in appealing the case.

What do we think about this case? Lightfoot is colored. Considering the small number of colored Communists in this country, why is the first person to come to trial under the Smith Act a colored Red?

Mr. Brownell sought to and did soften the situation by selecting Chicago for the trial where judges, jurors and prosecutors could be colored and white.

Secondly, the conviction of persons accused of errors against the national security is never a pleasant subject or cause for rejoicing.

However, candor compels us to admit that Uncle Sam has been an Uncle Sap in his failure to more rigidly control, punish and eject those who traitorously act like agents of our enemies.

Those who have spent any time inside little Europe and witnessed its restrictions upon agents of foreign isms know how wide open we are and have been to enemy propaganda.

So we support the government's efforts to protect itself against Russia.

It is downright stupid to be spending 60 billion tax dollars to be strong in case of another big world war and still permit known or professed Communists to have all the freedoms of American citizens.

And we say this knowing full well that in some sections of the South, there are those who would use the Smith Act to stigmatize organizations like the NAACP and patriotic Americans like Channing Tobias, Mary Bethune and Ralph Bunche merely because they fight segregation and demand first class citizenship for colored persons.

These areas of our country regard an anti-segregationist as more dangerous than an avowed Communist.

In its early days, Congress has rule forbiding offering of petitions against slavery.

NAACP Administrator Roy Wilkins correctly notes that Congress has not approved a single Civil Rights law in 78 years.

Today Louisville, Kentucky has effectively muzzled individuals and the press and prevents free discussion of residential segregation.

We could be happier about the results in the Lightfoot case if we did not recognize the possibilities for abuses to rise from it.

Shoes for Eartha

Up to this week, earthy Eartha Kitt had played the lead in 81 performances of "Mrs. Patterson" on New York's Broadway.

Last week, this sultry successor to Mae West and Lena Horne was too sick to go on and the show closed for one night.

Eartha was back next day, but she is still receiving treatments for her secret ailment.

Whatever she's sick of, we think, probably has to do with the modern fad of kicking off her shoes.

No matter where a woman sits down nowadays, whether at a public banquet, her office desk or a movie, she "kicks off her shoes."

A sitting woman is hardly ever able to move at once. She must first find and put on her shoes.

This shocking (to old timers only) habit of undressing in public prevails among all elements of females, from the high school girl to Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower in the White House.

Cold as it has been these past few weeks, Eartha, who is a native of South Carolina, should have been wearing her woolens instead, she was rehearsing in a draughty New York Theatre in her stocking feet.

Doctors say her kidneys may be infected.

But if this charming lady would permit us to prescribe, we would suggest she keep her shoes on for a week and note the improvement.

Sunday is NAACP Day

The Baltimore Branch NAACP celebrates its Founders Day and 46th Anniversary Sunday at Sharp Street Methodist Church.

It will be a notable occasion:

First, because few national organizations have achieved so much in the short period of less than 50 years.

Secondly, because the speaker of the afternoon is Mrs. Ann Arnold Hedgeman, assistant to the Mayor in the great city of New York.

Brilliant, eloquent, Mrs. Hedgeman illustrates in her person the eminence which women reach when opportunities are unlimited.

Finally, there is an opportunity for the citizens of Baltimore to honor Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, who for 20 years, as local president of the NAACP, has rendered this city and state a public service that has been unmatched.

Sunday brings an anniversary that all of us can help celebrate.

Morgan vs. Maryland State

Morgan and Maryland State have never met in football.

Formerly, there was some feeling that Maryland State athletes in too large a measure were recruited largely from outside the state with all college expenses paid.

Recent revelations showed this actually to be the case at the University of Maryland.

However, Maryland State passed the eligibility requirements and was admitted to the CIAA, the conference which includes many colleges in the East.

This year, the two teams met twice in basketball and each has won once.

There is no third game scheduled.

But if the teams can compete in basketball, there is no reason why they should not meet in football.

And such friendly rivalry as may be engendered ought to be good for the box office.

Censor-free newsreels

The House of Delegates in the Legislature passed a bill 59-37 this week exempting newsreels from motion-picture censorship.

We should be in favor of it if there had been any results in which newsreels have been censored recently, but the facts are that the proposed bill is not to free newsreels of censorship but to severely handicap the Board of Censors by depriving them of an income of $10,000 from this source.

Mr. Sidney Traub's censorship board has done an excellent job in eliminating ribaldry and other indecencies, from motion pictures, and if they appeared in censored, the board may, at present, eliminate them also.

Hollywood is not at the place where it will treat minority groups fairly, and the censorship board has been one agency that has compelled them to do so in the State of Maryland.

We hope the Senate will not go along in any movement to impair the usefulness of the motion-picture censorship board.

State proposal to collect taxes

If you owned a two-story home on which you payed $127 in taxes in 1952, you are, paying $165 now, or an increase of 37 per cent in real estate taxes.

If you had a former two-story house on which you were paying $57 in taxes in 1952, you are paying $88.24 in real estate taxes now.

Increases in real estate taxes, increases in Maryland income taxes, and the proposal to deduct these taxes from your wages, give every citizen some concern about how much is going to be left in his pocketbook.

The proposal of the State Legislature to collect state income taxes from your employer raises the additional question that, if income taxes can be taken out of your pay envelope, why not real estate taxes?

It might sound a little far-fetched, and it might be a little difficult to do, but if we permit the state to do the one, how can we prevent it later on from doing the other?

If the state collects its taxes from each individual, then each person knows how much the state is taxing him, and will make a protest if he seems to be overtaxed.

If we permit the state to hide its taxes, it gets away without the controls which we ought to throw around it.

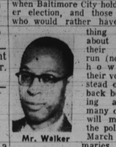
BUY SAVINGS BONDS . . .

Has the weather suited you the past few months? Remember, skies are always blue for those who buy U.S. Savings Bonds regularly. Where you work or where you bank, thrift is made easy with SAVINGS BONDS.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

The time is fast drawing near when Baltimore City holds another election, and those citizens who would rather have something to say about how their city is run (no matter how small their voices) instead of sitting back belly aching as too many of us do, will march to the polls in the March 1 primaries.


Mr. Welker

Election time is the time when the average John Q. Citizen is counted as feverishly as a homely maiden who has just inherited a million bucks while alone on an island with a dozen men.

The ordinary Mr. and Mrs. John Doakes usually find during campaign times that they are constantly stopped by strangers they've never seen before and probably will never see again who shake their hands and tell them how glad they are to see them.

Some folks resent it. They get mad and the minute the candidate is out of earshot mumble ominously about how "you never see 'em until they want your vote."

And nowadays, what with Baltimore's colored vote reaching a maturity and a power once again to be reckoned with, the colored voter is being pursued more strongly than ever before in this year's political campaign.

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IF ONLY half the promises now being made are kept by the candidates Baltimore will witness an overnight change in our city government that will be startling to the eyes.

Some changes for the better are to be expected, no matter who wins; for certainly the colored citizenry of this city can expect in this day and age to participate more and more in the functioning of the city government.

But if you'll pardon my pessimistic way, I can't picture for the immediate future the rosy future that some of the candidates are tossing out to us.

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POLITICIANS just don't give to be giving. And they don't break with the past unless forced to. Whether or not they do break with the past and give us a more heterogeneous city government depends solely on you, Mr. and Mrs. Baltimore.

And from now until election time, be you Democrat or Republican, yours is a duty to study carefully the qualifications of each candidate.

It's your vote (providing of course you're registered) - and you should use it to your best advantage.

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INCIDENTALLY, if, as a local columnist has predicted, there is to be more of the scurrilous racial literature as was distributed during the gubernatorial campaign, I can think of only one position the voter should take.

He should make every effort to learn what people are responsible for the issuance of such reprehensible literature and vote AGAINST those persons.

There's no place in these times for such literature to ever crop up.

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RAMBLINGS: Any parents who are worried about their kids skating in the streets can get a street blocked off by simple means, I've learned.

Simply write a letter to the Supervisor of the Bureau of Recreation asking that during certain hours of certain days your block is closed so the kids can skate. The bureau will study the situation and if such can be done without inconveniencing too many it'll be done.

Understand that the Methodist ministers in Baltimore will begin holding meetings as a single body come September.

Colored and white groups will integrate them. Getting themselves straightened out now for the merger, says my informant.

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LADY DRIVERS—Two members of the opposite sex I know are bragging of their speed (it isn't nowadays). But these two are unusual motorists—even for ladies.

One, whose new "limousine" is now six months old has only totaled up 26 miles on it. That's less than a mile a day. She must still have some of that first gallon of gas in her tank.

The second one also has a new car. And when the weather breaks had she leaves it at home and travels via the Baltimore Transit Co. This is pure madness.

"Buster"

Because Thurgood Marshall is not only one of the most distinguished Americans of our day, but equally as well known among the common people, most of them adopted his familiar term of endearment in addressing his wife as "Buster."

It wasn't elegant or descriptive, but it made others regard them as friendly homefolks all over the country.

Tuesday, Mrs. Thurgood Marshall was buried from St. Philips Church in New York.

She was, in a real sense, the other half of Thurgood Marshall. They were college sweethearts, and for 25 years have been inseparable.

Of her husband, Mrs. Marshall said: "We have been very happy together. If I had my life to live over again, I wouldn't change any part of it. I have wanted most, all these years, to help him make good."

Mr. Marshall has made his mark in the world. Again, here is evidence that, behind the man who makes good in a public career is the good wife.

NEWS ITEM—Senator Harry Cole and Delegate Emory Cole introduced 10 civil rights bills in the Maryland Legislature.

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.

Juvenile Delinquency

Dear AFRO:

Delinquency can be controlled. For want of a better word I use the term delinquency, however, I wonder who is delinquent—our children or the municipal system which tends to breathe delinquency by our unconcerned attitude.

Visit any movie, ice cream parlor, public park in warm weather or one of a hundred places where children are prone to gather and you will find them wandering around like a bunch of lost souls during school hours.

Those of us who are not naive realize that delinquency and a problem child can be developed through neglect as well as being unconcerned with his daily activities.

Homosexuals and fagins can almost always be found in any place where a truant child is avoiding school.

As a private investigator, I recently talked to a nine-year-old boy who told me he was in school because his teacher's policy was that if he came five minutes late he was to return home and could not attend school that day. Is this a policy of the School Board or the individual teacher?

Stand on any downtown corner during school hours and see children walking by in groups as large as four or five past the policeman on the beat without a care in the world about being questioned by the officer as to why they are not in school.

I think we all realize our police force here in Baltimore has some of the most competent officers in the country. Yet, they are out-numbered by a large army of juveniles which our Police Department can not even start to cope with.

As a citizen familiar with these conditions, I strongly recommend that a specific group of individuals be formed to work in teams whose prime purpose would be to question or stop any youth under 16 years of age and order that child to a central station where he could be held until the parents can pick him up.

This special group of officers would be professional police but citizens concerned with the problem of keeping our young people off the streets and away from bad elements.

Every magazine or newspaper you pick up today shouts "Juvenile Delinquency." For as little as $25,000 a year, which I am sure many civic organizations would be happy to donate to, this problem could be overcome to some degree by lessening our fatality and unconcerned attitude.

MARSHALL M. MEYER
SPECIAL OFFICER
TOWANDA RHEA

Lincoln-Douglass Day

Dear AFRO:

The Pennsylvania Avenue-Lafayette Association would like to use your open forum to publicly thank the AFRO for the important part it played in the success of the first Lincoln-Douglass Birthday Celebration and also the phenomenal success that it was.

As you know, Saturday, Feb. 12 was one of the coldest days we have had this winter. Yet, as early as 8 a.m., crowds began to pour onto the Avenue and continued throughout the day and evening.

We, the merchants, had hoped for a good response to the sensational bargains we were offering, but were unprepared for what really happened.

We are grateful to every man, woman and child who participated in the sale and celebration. The holiday spirit we had hoped to see on the Avenue was there. Crowds waited patiently outside of stores when we could not admit them because of the crush inside. Shoppers were courteous to our sales people who were doing their best to serve them.

Everyone seemed to understand the nature of the sale and we hope that each one went home with a goodly share of bargains.

We were heartened by the number of essays submitted by students for judging in the Lincoln-Douglass Essay Contest. The mature thinking of these boys and girls shows a reservoir of leadership quality which we hope Baltimore will benefit from in the future.

This Lincoln-Douglass Celebration will become an annual event. We shall have the experience of our first effort to guide and help us to make the second even bigger and better.

Thank you again for your cooperation. We look forward to working together next year when Pennsylvania Avenue celebrates the birthdays of Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglass.

HERMAN KATKOW, Chairman
Pennsylvania Ave. Lafayette Market Association.

Reporters' Report To The People

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

A free lunch, drinks, and transportation to a Liquor Board hearing were made available to 60 persons last Thursday but in my estimation the grandstand play impressed no one.

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The play was the doings of a tavern owner in the 200 block S. Paca St. Place wants to change from white to colored trade. The 60 were brought along to back up the move.

The applicant testified that all were residents in the area. Someone cracked, however, that it appeared that the fellow simply went to the door, yelled free lunch and people came running from miles around.

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LIFE ON THE labor front as far as integration is concerned, locally, seems to be making one step forward and one backward.

No sooner does the telephone company put two young ladies in their traffic setup at the main office, then rumors jump up elsewhere that we are being looked over when it comes to integration and promotion at HABC. What goes?

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Seven promotions since last June and only one involving the elevation of a colored person.

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REMEMBER A week ago when it was revealed that a mother dropped dead in the presence of her daughter? Family says it's not true. They say that Mrs. Ward had been sick for sometime and died in bed, fact is she had been ill for more than a year.

What's this about folks using the grounds around Arbutus Cemetery to take driving lessons. Hear tell they are also going horseback riding in the vicinity.

Program called the "Interracial Men's Roundup" has been planned at Union Memorial Methodist Church for Feb. 26. The program is the first of its kind and Methodist men within a 20-mile radius have been invited to attend the Men's Day Program.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

There is quite a bit of talent possessed by 17-year-old Miss Janeese Petree of 1919 Harlem Ave., who is currently a junior at Morgantha Vocational School.

The young lady has produced a number of very creditable pictures and poems, and her talent was recently recognized when first efforts were selected to hang in the Department of Education Art Annex.

There was a terrific show on television's "Medic" on Monday night that depicted the effect of the H-bomb on a typical but unnamed city. The show drew its emotional impact not by concentrating on a single first aid station where victims of the horrible H-bomb blast were brought for treatment.

It was both frightening and fascinating as it made the viewer realize that such a thing is very much in the realm of possibility. It wasn't too pleasant to watch, but it was a convincing demonstration that television is capable of producing something other than "Howdy Doody" and "My Little Margie."

HENRY BOWEN, who has operated a shoe repair shop in the 500 block Presstman St., for 10 these 30 years, learned the trade from his father. Both could often be reached by stowing away on a boat.

Mr. Bowen has become a landmark in the area around his store which, incidentally, serves as the meeting place for some of the best pinochle players in town.

The northwest area of the city has been invaded this week by a group of young ladies who catch residents off guard by telling them that they (the girls) are trying to win a contest to Hawaii, and would such a nice lady or man, as the case might be, give them their names so that they could be counted in a survey.

Once the name is revealed, the girls say that the only way they can win the trip is to sell subscriptions to various magazines, and before the unwary customer knows what is happening, the girl has drawn up an order form.

Then she tells the customer that cash on the line is required, there is no such thing as "bill me later," they want the money then and there. All this is just by way of warning you that you might be the next person to be approached.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

That Lincoln Day speech Sen. Harry Cole delivered to the Senior Women's Group of 1919 Harlem Ave., was applauded by his colleagues. In fact, that was the first time any colon had received an ovation since the session started Jan. 5.

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A COURTESY to Miss Ruth R. Gibson, supervisor of the Domestic Relations Division of the Probation Department who celebrated her 30th anniversary down there this week.

Members of the department gave her 30 of the most gorgeous American Beauty roses you'd ever want to see. She also received a double-strand of pearls and a box of candy.

Her motto "When you do for others, you do for yourself" has won her a number of friends of both races. And the courthouse was buzzing with the fact she had been there 30 years.

I UNDERSTAND that this alleged ghost voting is not confined solely to the areas where white families have moved out and colored families have moved in.

It appears to be happening in the white areas especially around the Jack Pollack precincts.

In fact, for any one who's interested, I know where there's a list of at least 60 white voters who have moved to other areas but who are still registered at their old addresses now occupied by new white families.

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THIS LIST also shows about nine cases where names of families who had moved were taken off the 1951 registration list and are found to be re-registered on the new list for 1954 at the old addresses!

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

Something you should read

You will want to read Sarah Patton Boyle's article titled "Southerners Will Like Integration" in the February 19 Saturday Evening Post.

Mrs. Phillips

Mrs. Boyle is the wife of a professor at the University of Virginia. Like others, she shared the Southwide conviction that:

(1) All Southerners are prejudiced;

(2) That she would be run out of town if she stated her personal conviction that segregation is a handicap to both races;

(3) Any defense of integration will only stir up trouble;

(4) Feeling runs high on this issue and the less said about it the better;

(5) That even if 95 per cent of the community were for integration, they must wait for the other five per cent before they act;

(6) That Southern whites are not only afraid to speak against inequality, but they are quick to believe unsupported rumors that prejudice is in action;

(7) That the South is blanketed by defeatism, the conviction has prejudiced Southerns can't be changed, and we must wait for the old guard to die off.

Educators have been slow to teach in the schools that where there is mental health, the individual has no racial prejudices.

So Mrs. Boyle had to find out for herself that prejudice and fear and segregation can be licked.

She was afraid the admission of Gregory Swanson (colored) to the University of Virginia Law School would mean trouble, even though 79 per cent of the University's students had voted for integration.

She says she "sweated out the first few weeks in suspense."

"Would Mr. Swanson invite incidents by attempting to eat with other students in the dining hall? **"Would he try to sit in the student section at the first football game? (Surely he would have sense enough not to do that).**

"If he did, someone would be certain to start trouble.

"Would he be foolish enough to do this, that and the other thing?"

She had her worries for nothing, Mrs. Boyle says. "Mr. Swanson did everything we hoped he would not be foolish enough to attempt and he suffered during his entire day here, no unpleasantness related to his race."

Mrs. Boyle winds up her article with a story told her by a local physician, a "converted Southerner."

It concerned an elderly patient, She was ill and needed a public health nurse.

"I can get you a corking good one," the doctor told her, "but she's colored and I won't send her unless you agree to address her as 'Mrs.' She's a cultured lady and I'll not have her insulted."

"I'd rather die," the patient said with finality.

"Your choice," said the doctor.

Two days later the patient phoned: "I'll call that colored women 'Mrs.' if you will send her."

Her voice was weak.

When the South gets to the point where it can laugh at its fears of integration, the problem is well on its way to solution.

A genuine native creep . . .

Here are some excerpts from an excellent editorial appearing in the January Esquire and reprinted this month in the Crisis. It is written by Paul Gallico under the title, "This Man's World"

"If you were to ask me who I consider the most unprincipled politician in the United States, I think I would surprise you with my answer, for it would be Herman (Hummon) Talmadge, Governor of Georgia.

Mine is an old dislike of Herman, but it has been happily revived recently by his public statements with regard to what the state of Georgia will do following the nonsegregation ruling by the Supreme Court.

In fact, I started disliking Talmadges when Hummon's father Gene was Governor of the Cracker State.

The old gallus-snapping demagogue got himself into office and kept himself there by appealing to all the lowest prejudices of the feeble-minded members of his population.

But old Gene, I used to tell myself, was an ignorant man who probably believed his own demagoguery.

He was as I remember, steeped in the backward prejudices of his state.

He talked, looked and acted like a Cracker, and there was some excuse for a man behaving according to the way he was brought up and believed, though not whatsoever for the people of Georgia for electing him to the highest office of the state. But son Herman is a different article. He got himself an education—he went to college.

He went to war and became an officer in the Navy, with, as I recall, a pretty good war record.

He went away from Georgia and saw something of the world rubbing shoulders with people from other states and other countries.

Herman knows better. Which is what makes him to me one of our genuine native creeps.

For I am of the opinion that there is nothing more base than when an educated and enlightened man panders to the lowest instinct of a constituency in order to get himself elected to office and keep himself there.

I suppose Hummon could believe in segregation, jim crowism and the Negro as a second-class citizen, or no citizen at all if the Crackers had their way, since he is the son of his father.

But having had an education, he cannot believe that the days of discrimination because of race or color are not over . . . .

Thus his reaction to the Supreme Court decision is not that of an honest man with intelligence and dignity, but that of a political loudmouth and bully.

We've had some beauts on the national scene in the past, the Rankins and the Bilbos, but I find that Hummon somehow out-uglies them.

He can have nothing but contempt for the human trash, swollen with the poisons of race hatred, who attend his rallies stinking of unwashed clothes and tobacco juice, who slap him on the back and say: "Atta boy, Hummon. You tell 'em. . . .

But it must be a mean little soul to accept this for the personal advantage, power and prominence.

The nights must be disturbed, the Cadillac must seem like a tumbrel and the Governor's mansion a charnel house.

No flowers grow where human dignity lies self-interred.

Here was a boy who now had guts and deliberately chose to do something.

With calm deliberation he selected to represent all that is worst in our system. This must be a recurring nightmare. At least one hopes it is.

Segregation surely must be necessary to the race hater in order to teach race hatred to his children. For the young do not seem to segregate . . . .

Political expediency aside, I have never understood how anyone calling himself a Christian could reconcile his religious beliefs and his conscience with Negro hating.

Or, for that matter, with color hating of any kind but the colored man in particular, since the vast majority of American colored people are fellow Christians, churchgoers and devout believers.

A man thinks out loud . . .

Here are excerpts from a letter signed, Doc Simkoe, which ought to call for some answers from lady readers:

Dear Editor: I have been living a bachelor life for the past year or more. I have an apartment with the average comforts of home. This, coupled with a early training as a boy, to cook, iron, market, wash and perform the essential duties around the home, I feel I am often too critical of the young woman of today.

Most of these dear creatures are aspiring to be led to the altar thus making her a housewife the kid can now stop pulling the eight hours or at least she is not under the psychological pressure of "I can't afford to miss a day!")

Whats does she offer in return. I have jokingly asked that question and invariably I get the short direct answer of "Me." Let us take a look at many of these "Mes."

The first blow is you will find many that can not prepare a decent balanced meal. Yes, they can fry some meat and potatoes (often burning it on having it grease-ladened), put a knife and fork on the table, serve you right from the pan on the stove, and forget the salt, pepper and bread.

By the time she gets through stumbling through this, the meal is cold. I know a woman with children who serves many cold meals than a nation. She tries to justify her short comings or laziness by saying, "I just can't stand food piping hot."

I notice when I cook it she not only stands it, but sits for it and enjoys it. If you said something to this female about a balanced meal she would think you were speaking of juggling. To set an attractive table, is something of the past (from the looks to your plate).

Marketing and budgeting creates another problem for this home manager. Some of the frozen ready mixes and canned stuff this "glamour" brings home from the corner store is enough to discourage any one from eating.

She pays 2 to 10 cents more on each article, often an inferior brand, rather than take a few minutes to write out a list of the more economical buys, salad specials for that week.

Now shift the same dainty package into the home cleaning department. You will often run into this "Mother never made me do this, "or, "my sister did all the cleaning and I did the cooking."

Note: I just described her culinary art. Between gossip sessions—either telephone or back fence, radio and T.V. programs, an hour's work is finally completed in four hours. This includes hit and miss dusting, sweeping, moping — that's all brother.

You had better accept this with a grateful smile because the next time she may not clean at all.

I truthfully have been to some homes and apartments, in my line of work, where there was no more of a femine touch than Gargantua would have. Many are actually dirty.

These same women will not hesitate to let you know they are ready to get married. The same limited offer of "Me" still stands.

Much of this was written in jest! I love all the dear little soft creatures and God bless them all. On the other hand, if you look hard enough, you will find some bits of meat hidden in this gravy.

Child well after birth by police

"Both mother and child doing well" ran a routine report from Johns Hopkins Hospital on Wednesday but that was about the only routine thing involved in the birth of a son to Mrs. Thelma Whalen, 33, of the 2100 block Clifton Ave.

The first "unroutine" thing care at 5:45 a.m. on Wednesday when Officers Joseph DiCarlo and Leland Morris from the Northwestern district, were summonde to the Clifton Ave. home where they reported they were met by an anxious husband, James Whalen, who said his wife was about to give birth.

Attempts were made to obtain an ambulance but to no avail, and so the two officers did the only thing left to them—they delivered the child.'

When an ambulance did show up, the infant was officially a member of the earth's population, and he and his mother were taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital where a check revealed that the child weighed 5 pounds and 1 and one half ounces, and appeared to be in good health.

MAN GETS 5 YEARS

Matthew Graham, 20, 100 block Wheeler Ave., was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary Friday morning in Criminal Court by Judge Michael Manley for criminal assault on a 7-year-old girl on Nov. 11, 1954. He was convicted on Nov. 22.

NOTICE!
It is dangerous to let cough from common cold hang on
Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough or chest cold is not treated. Start quick using Creomulsion as directed. Creomulsion soothes raw, irritated chest membranes, loosens and helps expel germ-laden phlegm, aids natural systemic tension and aids nature fight the cause of irritation. No narcotics. Ask your Druggist for Creomulsion for Children in the pink and blue package at your drug counter.
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HISTORIC EVENT — Dr. Marie S. Carpenter, new member of the Board of Education in Jersey City, made history on Feb. 9 when she was sworn in by Governor Robert B. Meyner (right) at the State House in Trenton, N.J., as the first colored member of the Board of Control of the Department of Institutions and Agencies. Her husband, Dr. Marcus Carpenter, holds Bible.

States threatening to abolish schools to lose Federal funds

By ALICE DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The four pro-segregation states will be denied federal aid for the construction of school buildings if they carry out their threat to abolish the public school system rather than to abide by the Supreme Court's desegregation decision, according to Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Federal aid, however, will be granted to those states which continue continue the policy of segregated schools until such time as the Supreme Court might hand down its final decree, Mrs. Hobby pointed out at a press conference last Thursday.

Mrs. Hobby and her aides analyzed the President's proposed education plan to grant federal aid to states for school construction for press members at the session. In reply to a reporter's question, she explained that the President's plan applies only to the construction of "public" schools.

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THE COMMISSIONER of Education Flowell, was asked later on if it is to be assumed by Mrs. Hobby's answer on the question that the Federal Government will refuse to grant federal aid to Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina if they abolish the public school system. Brownell replied that the reporter's assumption was correct.

Mrs. Hobby, however, ducked the question raised by another reporter on what the administration proposed to do about granting aid to those states which insist upon maintaining segregated school systems.

She tossed the "hot potato" over to P. M. Banta, general counsel for HEW, saying that it was a question which had to be answered by a lawyer.

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MR. BANTA said in effect that the plan was drawn up with the assumption that the Supreme Court would hand down its final decree this year. When this is done, the question of segregation in schools will be settled and the final decision will become the law of the land by which all states must abide.

But as it now stands, he added the federal government will have to abide by the laws which exist in the states.

He implied that the executive branch of the government did not wish to stir up dissention in the states until such had been authorized by the judicial branch.

In commenting on the position taken by the HEW officials on this issue, Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington bureau of the NAACP, stated that apparently these executives need to reread the Supreme Court's decision of May 17 which states that "segregation in public schools is a violation of the Constitution."

$1 million digits conviction appealed

Attorney flays verdict of jury after 9-day trial

WASHINGTON

Following a guilty verdict by a U.S. District Court jury, Curtis P. Mitchell, this week began perfecting a brief for the U.S. Court of Appeals for two persons convicted of lottery charges, Tuesday.

The group was among 12 persons originally indicted on 49 counts of operating a lottery which did a business of almost a million dollars a year in Southeast Washington and on New Jersey Ave., NW.

The verdict was the climax of a trial which began Feb. 3 and ended on Feb. 15. During the trial before Judge Burnita S. Matthews, a "College of Numbers Operations" was conducted in the courtroom.

John F. Aikens, alleged head of the operation, was found guilty on three counts, including that of the first count which alleged conspiracy.

One member of the group, Fannie P. Beal, was acquitted by the jury. Several of the original 12 pleaded guilty to certain counts of the indictment.

ALSO FOUND guilty on three counts, including conspiracy, were Courtland Doyle and James E. Offutt. Daniel Ferguson was found guilty of possessing only; and Helen Harley and Collier Kingsbury were found guilty on four counts, including the conspiracy count.

William Barnes Sr., and William Barnes Jr., each pleaded guilty to operating a lottery, as did John L. Brown. Charges against Eugene Johnson and Edward W. Foy were dismissed for lack of evidence.

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THE OPERATIONS of the group were centered around Howard Rd., SE, South Carolina Ave., SE., and New Jersey Ave., NW, according to the indictment.

The group was doing a business which grossed $1,800 a day, Edward Fennell, assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted the case, told the jury.

Judge recommends bank to woman who lost her life savings

"The best think to do is to put your money in a bank."

This was part of the advice given on Wednesday morning by Magistrate E. Everett Lane to Mrs. Lottie Bowen of the 1700 block Division St., as she appeared in Northwestern Police Court to accuse Nathaniel Thompson, 18, of the 1100 block Division St., of stealing $320 from her.

Mrs. Bowen told the magistrate the youth visited her home and then went upstairs where he took the money which represented part of her life's savings of $500.

In committing the youth for action of the grand jury in $1,000 bail, the magistrate advised Mrs. Bowen that the best and safest place for her savings was in a bank.

Chicago grand jury indicts Kirkland on perjury charges

CHICAGO (NNPA) — Charles E. Kirkling, 49, of 4933 Michigan Ave., was indicted on three counts of perjury last week by a federal grand jury investigating the policy rackets here.

Kirkland is described as a field man for the Times Square-Green Dragon policy wheel, allegedly operated by Ruben Black and others. The maximum penalty on each count is five years in prison and $2,000 fine.

The indictment was returned before Federal District Judge John Barnes, based on testimony made before the jury last month.

KIRKLAND DENIED that he had been involved in policy operations since 1951 but admitted he had been operated at the address where he was arrested on several occasions in 1954, and that he knew of no policy wheels operating in Chicago in the past two months.

Kirkling last month purchased a $25 federal wagner tax stamp from the office of the Director of Internal Revenue.

William N. Jones Jr., an independent Democratic candidate for sixth ward aldermans, who was shot at on the night of Feb. 6 in front of his home, after disclosing policy payoffs on a television program, appeared briefly before the jury in response to a subpoena.

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THIRTEEN OTHER witnesses, employees or former employees of the East-South-North-West Social Club, Inc., a policy wheel allegedly operated by Julian Black, Edward Copeland and Sanders Scott, were also called before the jury during the day.

The first witness to testify was Hugh Reese, 72, who said he worked for the wheel from 1943 to 1951 as a doorman. He said he knew Copeland and Scott. "They were my bosses," he said.

Gunmen fired four shots at Jones as he was entering his home. He jumped over the porch rail and dived through a basement window, suffering cuts and bruises.

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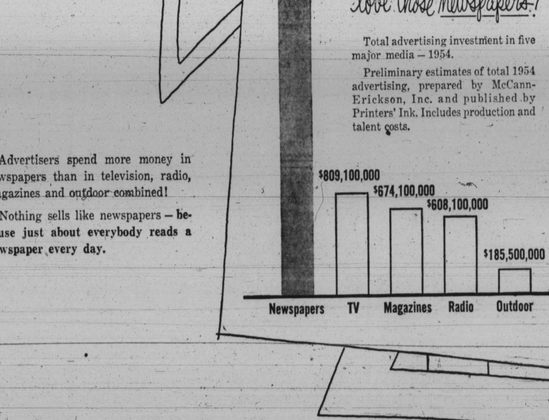

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