OUR CREED

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

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

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George B. Murphy Sr.

In no sense of the word was George B. Murphy Sr. technically a newspaperman. He never pretended to be.

Yet, he was an incorporator of the AFRO-AMERICAN Company in 1907, and for 41 years, served as director. When he retired in 1948, he was secretary of the corporation.

At the annual meeting of AFRO stockholders in 1943, this citation to Mr. Murphy was read into the record:

"You know his philosophy of life — his quiet insistence on fundamentals. In and out of season he has stood for an honest accounting, the regular procedures and the tempering of justice with compassion.

"He walks the street that is called straight.

"He possesses a highly cultivated sense of responsibility. He does not hold duty lightly. He is punctual.

"You have often heard him say "That isn't right.

"We cannot afford a disagreement.

"That situation will work itself out.

"Those who lead must give something in money.

"Perhaps his most celebrated utterance is—

"We must share."

First of all, "Mr. George" as he was called by his AFRO associates to distinguish him from other members of the family, was an educator and an expert in the art of public relations.

One of the earliest colored teachers when the salary was $75 a month, he became a principal in charge of a group of schools and after 45 years of service, he retired in 1935.

He is best known as principal of William Alexander School Number 112, where two generations of Baltimoreans came under his influence as pupils and teachers.

A good listener, dignified, incorruptible, impartial, painfully honest, he was usually on demand as a confidant, as arbitrator or as treasurer by those who knew they could trust him with their confidences or their funds.

He enjoyed life and people—race, age, or class made no difference.

But it was his sense of public responsibility and his devotion to community causes which those who knew him will miss most.

Investigate the Liquor Bd.

Discussions of Juvenile Delinquency this week reached Northwest Baltimore and its high proportion of liquor outlets.

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners is appointed by Governor McKeldin.

Membership on the board is a prize plum and greatly sought after.

The board can vote whether liquor can be sold in residential areas, whether old licenses to sell can be renewed or new licenses granted.

Since so much money can be made selling liquor, applicants are prepared to pay two to five thousand dollars to their attorneys to secure licenses.

The question is, do lawyers pay any of this money to agents or make-believe agents of the liquor board?

Such a make believe agent, if he handles a score of these cases, should pick up enough money in four years to contribute 30 thousand dollars to the Governor's campaign fund.

The AFRO has before it no evidence or affidavits attesting any crookedness.

Unlawful practices may well go on without the knowledge of the members of the board itself, who so far as we know are honorable gentlemen.

But those who discussed juvenile delinquency this week pointed out: — that in 16 residential blocks on Pennsylvania Ave. from Biddle St. to North Avenue, there are 37 liquor outlets.

The Liquor Board, appointed by Governor McKeldin, is responsible for that condition.

Why does it permit it to exist if it is not in the interest of the people?

What interests does it put ahead of the children's interests?

The Liquor Board, appointed by Governor McKeldin, has a jackass regulation that white and colored persons may not be served drinks together in any hotel, restaurant or bar.

In whose interest is that rule?

Any white restaurant owner who has a colored customer or any colored club which has a white customer must turn him away or be closed down by this liquor board.

If the proprietor of a restaurant or tavern wants to change his patronage from colored to white, the owner must hire a lawyer and be prepared to pay him 2 to 5 thousand dollars to stay in business.

We think it is time to have an investigation of the Liquor Board to determine why licenses or changes in licenses are so expensive; why additional licenses are issued for colored areas already saturated; why the board supports regulations designed to separate the races in public bars and restaurants.

In two terms of office, Governor McKeldin has the opportunity to give Baltimore City an entirely new liquor board which will put the people's interest first and protect their children.

Liquor can be made available to all those who wish to buy it or drink it on the premises in certain areas without additional outlets and without the frequent complaints which now arise from neighborhood associations - the Urban League, the NAACP and social agencies.

We respectfully suggest to Governor McKeldin that this is one matter which should receive his attention early in his new term.

Mr. Sodaro will look into it

State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro's decision to investigate alleged voting irregularities in the 4th District meets with our full approval.

We think the public should know about so-called ghost voting alleged by former State Senator Bernard Melnicove.

If any persons voted for others who stayed at home, or those who were ill or out of town, with the knowledge of election judges there has been fraud.

The law requires election judges to open the voting machines, supervise them, operate them during the day and at closing time take off the totals and lock the machines.

In the fifth precinct of the 15th Ward, there is some evidence that election judges allowed others to perform these duties.

Such others are said to include a policeman and a party politican.

This is the district in which both Harry Cole and Emory Cole were short-changed 100 votes each on early returns. A canvass later discovered the error.

If the State's Attorney's investigation does no more than put backbone in election judges, so that they perform their duties impartially and without permitting outsiders to influence them, it will have been worthwhile.

Ghost voting has been discovered before in Baltimore and elsewhere.

Usually it is the work of a corrupt political machine.

There is the well-known case of the college professor who when called by a precinct worker answered that his engagements would not permit him to vote that day.

Subsequently at 5 p.m., he did find time to vote, only to discover, when he entered the polling place, that some one had voted for him.

He told about the telephone call and said he had intentionally misled the caller, because he had heard of ghost voting and wanted to make a test.

He threatened an expose unless he was allowed to cast his vote. Election officials agreed that he should vote.

How ghost voting can be eliminated, we do not know. Maybe Mr. Sodaro can come up with some suggestions.

And while he is about it, let Mr. Sodaro investigate the fact that registration records as of November, 1954 show that persons who have moved out of the Fourth District are still voting from their old addresses where colored people have been living for two years of more.

City Council

There are some 13,000 colored voters in the Fourth District.

Eight colored Democrats have filed for the council and two colored Republicans.

Victory in the legislative election last November was the result of a coalition ticket of white and colored candidates.

First steps toward looking towards a successful campaign should be taken by council candidates themselves.

They should be willing to put interests of the people ahead of their own.

Now is the time for conferences of council candidates of both parties.

Democrats and Republicans should meet separately and determine who should withdraw (conduct no active campaign) and who should remain.

Those who remain should be assured of united support.

Those who withdraw should be taken care of by the party through its distribution of patronage.

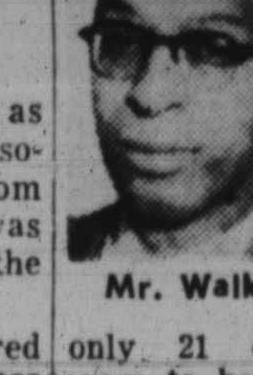
If there cannot be an agreement, a sufficiently powerful group of Fourth district leaders should take matters into their own hands and recommend to voters a primary ticket best calculated to emerge a winner.

Of course such a ticket should be interracial.

An all-colored ticket should be just as distasteful to the large number of white voters in the fourth district as Mr. Jack Pollack's all-white ticket have been to us.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER


Mr. Walker

"BOOTEM BOOTEM!"

That's a juvenile war cry a balding reporter I know gleefully shouts whenever things are going his way or he's enjoying himself. He doesn't know where it originated but says he uses it whenever he's 'having a ball.'

And with the year 1955 A.D. only 21 days old, things seem to be definitely going our way in Baltimore City. Don't believe me? Take a looksee?

We've already made inroads on the hotel situation downtown with one (of Grade A class, too) accepting our patronage: We can stay there and the Urban League is having its dinner there.

And at another hotel, although no one is known to have had a room there, the Women Democrats did have their a breakfast affair there.

We had three men sworn in as members of the General Assembly and when filing time came for the City Council here in Baltimore the stampede which followed left the names of nine colored candidates in its wake.

And the retiring Grand Jury recommended that the city end segregated comfort stations and that colored guards and chaplains should be employed in Maryland penal institutions.

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WHAT'S MORE the largest chain drugstores in the city have opened their lunch counters to one and all, a couple downtown movies are rumored to have abandoned their "white only" policies and a new bowling alley in Northwest Baltimore welcomes everybody.

What's more, the wheels have been started moving to test the legality of Baltimore's detestable liquor license regulations which specify white or colored patronage.

All this, mind you, has occurred in the month of January —and we still have 10 more days to go 'ere February arrives.

Can you think of any other single month in any given year when so much has happened? I can't.

January, 1955 — "BOOTEM BOOTEM!"

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YET, lest I get carried too afar in my jubilance over January, 1955, I must remind myself of the sobering fact that open doors mean very little to people unless they have the do-re-mi and are able to enjoy their new freedom.

AND THE do-re-mi only comes from an open door policy on employment — jobs.

And the average Joe isn't as worried about dining downtown or enjoying a downtown movie as he is about a decent place to live.

He'd be more happy if the present General Assembly did something about these Contract Sales arraignments where so many of us lose homes and money over default in payments.

But don't be discouraged. We're making headway in the fields of housing and employment, too. Maybe the "Bootem Bootems" for these areas will be shouted in February. Let's hope so.

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OVERLOOKED ITEM — Story in last week's AFRO on democratic employment policy of Fire Department as compared to strange policies of Police Department failed to mention spade work of Urban League which was responsible agency in connection with Board's decision to initiate a fair employment policy in Fire Department.

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FOR THE LADIES — League of Women Voters is puzzled over non-participation of our group. Only a few belong. This nonpartisan organization works" to promote political responsibilty through informed and active participation of citizens in government."

Any ladies interested can contact League at 411 N. Charles St., SAratoga 7-1961.

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NATAL DAY — Malinda Robinson threw a birthday party for her popular mate, Harvey, in their Riggs Ave. home on Tuesday night which had everybody "floored" — including the writer. I fell while "doing the Mambo."

COMING EVENTS — ADA Roosevelt dinner, with Illinois' liberal Senator Paul H. Douglas as principal speaker, should draw a good crowd on February 1 at Emerson Hotel.

Likes Mr. Schwatka

Dear AFRO:

I nominate John Schwatka, principal of the Southern High School for the AFRO Honor Roll. I think he deserves such recognition because of the manner in which he has gone about integrating students of both races and teachers in South Baltimore.

He also deserves this recognition because of his forward thinking as a high school principal, accepting responsibility for changing the climate in which our schools must operate.

He is not satisified to maintain the status quo but has a strong conviction that modern educators must have courage enough to assume responsibility in changing the social order.

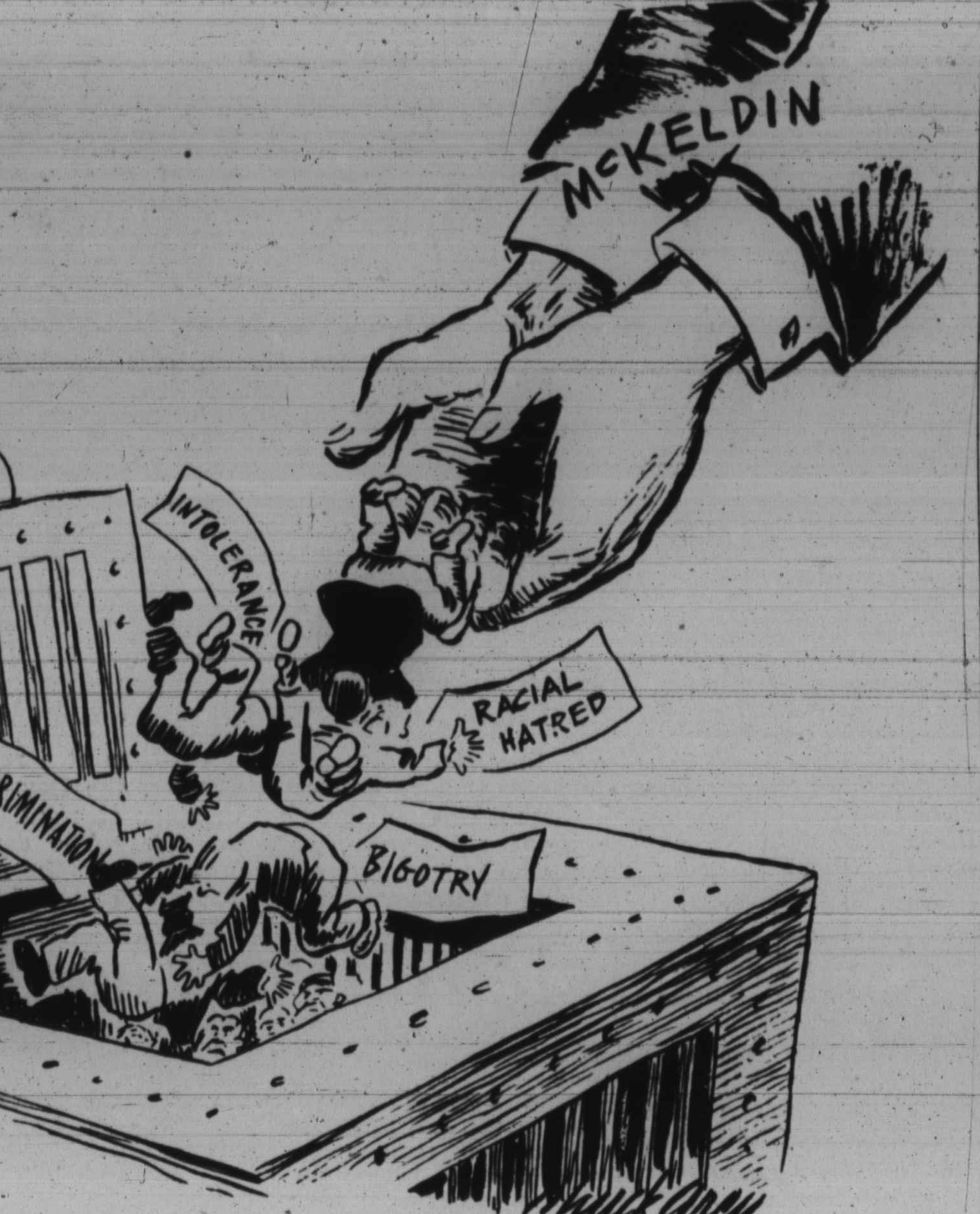
He is from the Eastern Shore of Maryland but he believes in democracy as certainly as those on our side believe in it.

SAUL M. PERDUE

Philippino visits

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—**Teofilo C. Gallardo,** superintendent in-charge, Central Vissayas District, Bureau of Private Schools, Visayas, Philippine Islands, was a visitor to the Florida A. and M. University campus on Jan. 7.

Time to Rid Maryland of These Vermin!



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.

Police pay-offs

Dear AFRO:

While Mr. Sodaro is investigating the alleged voting irregularities in the Fourth District, let him look also for evidences of pay-offs among those policemen tied up with the numbers business.

Our Supreme Bench has extremely capable judges who sometimes dish out long prison terms, but it's funny they can't find the police who are taking money to protect numbers barons.

Is it worse to write numbers of for a policeman to collect protection money?

WILBUR ANDERSON

Gifts to magistrates

Dear AFRO:

You reported recently that Magistrate E. Everett Lane had received an expensive gift from the police department.

Everybody knows that in the majority of cases the police are arraigned on one side and those arrested on the other.

At best, it is difficult for any Magistrate to keep the scales of justice evenly balanced.

If I were a police court Magistrate, I would take no gifts from either side.

(Mrs.) ZENITH THOMAS

Morgan students

Dear AFRO:

May I bring to the attention of your readers the fact that the Morgan State College Student Social Action Committee played a very important part in the recently successful effort to bring about the integration of all the eating facilities of the Read's stores.

It is quite possible that without their fine and courageous work this happy development might have been further delayed for a considerable time.

These students deserve a standing ovation from the entire community. They should be encouraged in every way to continue their efforts to make democracy work.

BEN EVERINGHIM
Vice Chairman
Baltimore Committee
On Racial Equality

Civil Defense

Dear AFRO:

I well appreciate the feelings that you expressed in your editorial of January 1, in relation to the Committee of News-Media Representatives that met recently with the staff of this agency.

Your cooperation has always been so helpful in the past that I wanted to reassure you that your paper was not overlooked when the "invitations were mailed out."

This committee, its composition, purposes, and organization, grew out of last summer's meeting with the governor, which was attended, as you know, by your Howard H. Murphy.

In trying to get a working committee established, it is obviously impossible to have every publication media in the state represented and we were trying to cover the state, not just the Baltimore area.

I fear that there are probably many publications with very big circulations who were not individually represented but we were simply trying to have as few people as possible who could represent all the various types, such as dailies, weeklies, news services and broadcast stations.

Last summer's meeting was designed to get together publishers of the bulk of the newspapers in this state. The more recent meeting was designed to get a working committee going of as few individuals as possible who could adequately represent the various types of media, completely regardless of their reading or listening audience.

I am sure that you did not mean to imply that this was a "little studied discourtesy" on the part of this agency or the committee. We shall continue to solicit your help and support, as well as that of all other news-media in the very difficult problem of assuring complete and full public information in the event of a Civil Defense emergency.

I have always endeavored to assure to the best of my ability that Maryland's Civil Defense program is applied equally to and for all of its citizens, since it is a problem that vitally concerns each and everyone of us.

So long as Governor McKeldin, his Advisory Council, or I have anything to do with Civil Defense there will never be any difference in the activities based on any factors of race, sex, color or creed.

SHERLEY EWING
Director, Maryland
Civil Defense

Reporters' Report To The People

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

If you didn't see Muriel Rahn's performance in "Salome," the musical drama at Polytechnic, Sunday, you really missed something.

The program was sponsored by the Kappa Chapter of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority for the benefit of its scholarship fund.

The music and acting were terrific and it was a pleasure to see and integrated cast perform on the stage. Of course Miss Rahn played the leading role, and her mother in the musical, Queen Heroidas, was portrayed by the white opera performer, Doris Doree.

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I THINK Miss Rahn did a better job as Salome than she did as Carmen in Carmen Jones which played here last year. The only complaint I have of the musical is the lack of scenery.

The stone white curtains and the Poly auditorium stage throws an extra duty on the performers to give the audience imagination as well as the polt of the musical.

In the future I think plans should be made to use some sort of back drop on the stage instead of those ghastly curtains.

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POLITICAL NOTES: What's this I hear about the Eastern Shore Young Democrats who wanted to withdraw from the state organization when they learned an integrated club was being formed in the Fourth District?

Understand, however, they simmered down when they realized that only one charter can be granted to each district and county according to the constitution.

The Fourth was the only section in the city which hadn't been organized and a special courtesy to Joseph Tydings, state president, and Jay McRae, attorney, who instigated the mixed club.

SIDE NOTE: Milton Frazier, 24, unit block N. Caroline has a year to figure out why he was stumbling about a rooftop of a Redwood St. building, last month.

Judge Emory H. Niles in Criminal Court, imposed sentence, after convicting him of being a rogue and vagabond. Police surmised he was seeking a place to sleep.

P.S. Frazier has a wife and three kids living somewhere along the coast My, my.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Trouble seems to be dogging the trail of the Davis family in South Baltimore. That's the family that lost five kids in a fire a few weeks ago.

The latest crisis cropped up at the hospital where their son George Jr. is undergoing treatment for burns he sustained in the fire.

The youngster had $40 in a drawer near his bed. Woke up the other a.m. and found it gone. The incident brings this to mind. What does a six-year-old need with $40?

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FOLKS WHO run the Eastside Community Committee have something to crow about this week. They now own their building at 1118 E. Monument St. They have marked that debt paid in full.

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FOR OVER three weeks now I personally have been trying to locate the mother of an inmate down at Jessups. Fellow hasn't heard from her in months and is worried.

Her last known address according to her son, was 250 N. Exeter St., Folks there say they have never known anyone by the name of Mrs. Clara Suttle. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the lady can contact me at the AFRO.

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BALTIMORE is slow about making changes. Magistrate William Laukaitis resigned from his post as Chief Magistrate days ago; his name nevertheless is still on the office door at Central. The sign should read now: "Office, Stanley L. Richardson, Chief Magistrate."

Henry Cusar, a homeowner over in the 700 block E. Preston St., found a prowler in his home Tuesday and pow, he let him have it right in the kisser with a chair.

Fellow protected his home and won't have to spend sleepless nights about serving time for it either.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Long before E. Everett Lane became a lawyer, he was a sports reporter for the AFRO. This information came out during a conversation with the magistrate, during which he revealed that journalism once held a strong attraction for him. He not only wrote for the AFRO, but for another local newspaper as well.

Among the six graduates of local schools who are currently receiving assistance from the William H. Lemmel Memorial Fund, Inc., are Lillian Fowlkes (Dunbar) and Delores Robinson (Douglass) both now students at Coppin State Teachers College.

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THE THREATEND explosion at the Barrett Training School that this column has been predicting for several months, has finally come to pass, but not before bitterness has sprung up among staff members at the school and some innocent persons have been hurt.

The strained situation at the school has been known all along to officials at the State Department of Public Welfare, under which the school operates, but they have tried to maintain a hands off attitude in the hope that the Board of Managers would take action to solve the problem.

Even with an adverse report on the school in their hands, the board of managers took no action, until Department officials called on them to do something or have the matter taken out of their hands.

It isn't a pretty picture when you realize that a number of the former employees at the school had to leave because they were unable to get along with the superintendent, and that one member of the Department of Welfare reported that he had been insulted when he called on the superintendent.

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FINAL DATE for the payment of the $10 class reunion fee for members of the graduating class of Douglass High, February, 1941 is due on Feb. 5. Payment can be sent to Harry Gail Jr., at 2305 Ruskin Ave. The reunion will feature a lavish banquet and a wonderful dance at the Little Folks Theatre on Feb. 19. Already 50 graduates have made the date, so how about *you?*

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

A town of contradictions . . .

Baltimore, the small town that it is—is full of contradiction You know what I mean.

You can work in a family's kitchen, nurse their babies, but you can't spend your money in the family department store unless you are willing to buy without trying on.

And, you can fight together in the same army units, sit together at the Coliseum when you go to a fight or wrestling match, eat together in the Read's Drugstores lunch counters but if you decide to have a beer together you can't do it because the Liquor License Board says white only or colored only.

And the craziest thing about it is that the liquor board for Baltimore City is appointed by the Governor of the state and Governor, Theodore R. McKeldin, was returned to office for an unprecedented second term because you and you and you voted solidly for him.

Mrs. Phillips

And pretty excited about this white only rule in places serving beer, wine and liquors are residents of the 2100 block W. North Ave.

David Blum, the vest and shirt manufacturer, has just opened up a basement restaurant which has a beer and wine license.

Colored residents of the block can not be served-they can go in and "take out" because the liquor board has attached to the license the words—"white only."

And in this same town for years the Ansell Pharmacy at 24 E. Madison St., located in the downtown section near Madison—colored and white people have been served at the lunch counter.

The proprietor, there is Dr. Max S. Ansell, who in his own quiet manner has been pointing the way for understanding among various groups for years.

For example—Dr. Ansell and his wife not only make contributions to Jewish charities—they give liberally to Catholic and Protestant groups — colored as well as white.

And now with schools integrated—some of them are experiencing difficulty planning for recreation events because there are some bowling and recreation places — theatres et al-which won't accept mixed patronage.

But, on the other hand, again —there are others which will admit all, like the new Walbrook Bowling Center which opened at 3104 W. North Ave. A mixed group of students received a warm welcome.

And the Stanley Theatre next to Western High welcomes all—the school uses it for large assemblies and the students can stay for movies if they wish.

And the Playhouse at 25th and Charles Welcome all too

Ditts, the Town Theatre, so I'm told.

All of which leads me to conclude that maybe in the next year or so Baltimore won't be such a bad place after all.

If more people — especially members of minority groups Catholics-Jews - foreign - born— work together, we can keep our city from being a town of contradictions.

This and that of many things . . .

Louis Roach, the merchant seaman who hung himself this week in his aunt's home at 826 Carrollton Ave., was known as "Cockroach" to friends and close associates.

One associate, Charles Mills, NMU port patrolman, recalled that since Roach spoke a lot of Spanish and since Roach or cockroach in Spanish is 'La Cucaracha,' the nickname stuck.

No one can understand why the seaman would take his own life.

And speaking of deaths—the 'Potsy' Jones who was buried here on Monday was a familiar figure on Pennsylvania Ave.

His real name was Vernon Lorenzo Jones. Remember he was the attractive brownskinned fellow with one leg?

Remember that he had to have that leg amputated about 15 years ago following a shooting?

He roomed at the Argyle Ave. home where relatives went to call and found him dead in bed. The Medical Examiner attributed death to pneumonia.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson who was "Miss Mame' or 'Aunt Mame' to hundreds of Baltimoreans was buried this week. For years, she was one one of the busiest seamstresses in the city.

She lived at 517 W. Mosher St., right in front of Immaculate Conception Church where funeral services were held; and around the corner from Provident Hospital which her late brother-in-law, Dr. William T. Carr helped to found.

Her death at the age of 77 removes from our city what a contemporary called "one of the nices ladies who ever lived here.".

Out in Minneapolis, Minn., last week, funeral services were held for Clarence Bell, 69, who was found dead with a .32 calibre beside him. Police called it suicide.

Former Twin City residents will remember him as the Troy, Ala. native who went to Minneapolis in 1909, and established 'Bell's Cage' on Third St., he operated it for 30 years until his retirement in 1943.

Speaking of the Twin Cities —the Oblate Sisters of Providence have a new convent at 389 N. Oxford St., in St. Paul, Minn.

The Oblates' motherhouse is here in Baltimore at 501 E. Chase St. It is the oldest order of colored nuns in the U.S. It was established in 1829.

SUNDAY A.M. Street scenes: —Dr. Houston Jackson, wearing white muffler, hustling into Union Baptist Church 20 minutes before 11 a.m. services. He directs the choir there.

Mrs. Mattie White Ashton, looking radiant as the bride she is, and her new hubby, Alfred, crossing Mosher and Druid Hill.

Dining at the Madison Ave. YW on Wednesday — Mrs. George Holland (Helen) the mortician, with Herbert Miller, one of her proteges. Reminds me again that Mrs. Holland has helped many a young man get started in the undertaking business.

George and William Gibson, her nephews, and their father before them—the late George T. A. Gibson; Earl Gilmore and the late Lon Hall and the late Monacure Brown.

Mrs. Kitty Lane, wife of Magistrate Everett Lane, has been confined to their Bentalou St. home since Christmas.

Dining at the Madison Ave. YWCA on Thursday:—Dr. W. D. Clayton, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. His goatee makes him have a striking resemblance to the late Rev. H. R. Tomlin.

And a caller wants to know didn't some of those ministers who appeared at the raid victims' trial in Criminal Court this week have pretty red faces after listening to all those "details?"

The reporters present say— "If they didn't, they should have."

Visiting here:—Jerome (Jerry) Osborne of N.Y., D.C., and Mexico City. He's with the Hughes Carters.

Wanna feel your age? Talk to a former schoolmate and learn that her youngsters are getting up in age.

Viola West Gray—she's the wife of Louis Gray, the teacher, tells me that her oldest daughters, is now married. She's Mrs. Sylvia Williams, a government clerk. The youngest, is Sheila 12. My how time flies!

Joann Murphy, four-monthold daughter of the Samuel Murphys at 2027 Ruxton Ave., was buried on Thursday. They have two other children, Gregory, 6; and Dana, 2.

Members of the Kinney family at 2002 Boone St. have plenty of reason to be hot under the collar. Here's why:—

Lee Morgan, the man who has been charged with killing their pretty sister and daughter— Marjorie Kinney Winston — she was well-known as 'Sis' — told police he lived at their Boone St. house.

Actually, they say, he never lived there in his life—in fact he was barred from the house, couldn't walk in the front door.

Little notes on my cuff . . .

Lois and Earl Parker have a new High's Ice Cream store location. They're at 3046 W. North Ave. near Longwood.

The 79-page report of the Provident Hospital Survey Committee was distributed this week. There were no holds barred—it is a full discussion of all the problems facing Provident.

The committee members did a first-class job. They were: Dr. Alan M. Chesney, chairman; Dr. Berkley Butler, John L. Procope and Howard H. Murphy.

I was disappointed that they did not recommend that the city or state support this hospital financially—it has been in the red too long.

Best recommendation this committee made — "that the trustees adopt a more rigid policy of admission so as to eliminate bad credit risks."

A hospital can not survive if people don't pay for the service they receive.

Doesn't your heart go out to Charles Davis family whose Patapsco Park home burned down while they were on the way to the hospital where Mrs. Davis gave birth to a baby?

A new bassinet, new baby clothes and all their furnishings went up in the blaze. If you have some baby clothes and furniture, the family would be happy to receive them.

They can be reached at the home of her mother, Mrs. Laura Brockington, 225 Berlin Ave. Phone Linthicum 541-R.

Mrs. Margaret P. McCane, superintendent of Barrett School for Girls has been accepted into membership of the American Association of University Women. She attended first meeting of the Baltimore group this week.

Miss Mollie L. Bruner, the retired Burkittsville, Md. teacher, left $5,000 cash bequests to relatives and friends, according to papers filed in Orphans' Court in Frederick.

Thought of the week . . .

Sir Edward Dyer wrote these words:

I laugh not at another's loss;
I grudge not at another's pain;
No worldly waves my mind can toss;
My slate at one doth still remain:
I fear no foe, I fawn no friend;
I loathe not life, nor dread my end.

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Wilberforce wins hearing in Central State controversy

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gov. Frank J. Lausche has asked the Ohio Legislature to set up a nonpartisan commission to investigate charges that the state "wronged" Wilberforce University in taking over its land and buildings some five years ago.

The alleged wrong took place, according to Wilberforce officials and supporters, when the state set up Central State College on the major portion of the Wilberforce campus, owned by the AME Church for 100 years.

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AS A RESULT, AME Church and Wilberforce officials have persisted relentlessly that the University was done an injustice in the division of property and other settlements made between the two institutions.

The governor made his recommendation in his "State of the State" message to the lawmakers, saying:

"Wilberforce University is of the opinion that it has moral claims against the State of Ohio that transcend any legal adjudication that might have been made by the courts of this state.

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"WILBERFORCE is a matter that strikes at the very moral conscienceness of our state and places its lawmakers and myself under ethical responsibility.

"I refer to the persistent claims of Wilberforce that the State of Ohio transgressed against the corporate rights of that institution."

Bishop A. J. Allen of Cleveland, presiding prelate of the AME Third Episcopal District and chairman of the Wilberforce trustee board, called the governor's message the climax in the long fight the school has waged "for justice."

Langston University may close down, official says

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., (ANP) — An official of the state's board of regents for higher education, Tom G. Sexton, said here last week that under desegregation ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court, Langston University may be forced to close its doors for lack of business.

Meanwhile, Dr. G. L. Harrison, Langston's president, said the school would be forced to throw open its doors to white students. But he added:

"Langston would be hurt. We are only 22 miles from Oklahoma A. and M. College, and we can not compete. But we are going to have to offer a greater variety of work to attract students to Langston, even though they are eligible to attend other institutions."

MR. SEXTON, WHO serves as administrative assistant to the board, said that despite the court's ruling, the regents have no intention of discontinuing Langston at present. He also expressed skepticism of federal intervention, saying:

"Over the long haul, it is anybody's guess. But you might remember that for years we had the problem of Indian integration and despite all the efforts of the Federal and state governments, we still have Indian schools."

He also said that if enrollment drops appreciably as a result of integration, there may be a serious problem. There is also the possibility that the section of the state's statutes setting up the institution as a colored university, may be declared unconstitutional.

Chicago to get new alderman?

Claude Holman is 4th Ward candidate

CHICAGO (ANP)—The aldermanic race to be held here Feb. 22 could result in colored voters controlling a fourth city ward.

Claude Holman, backed by Congressman William L. Dawson, is running against Abe Cohen, a white Republican in the fourth ward. This ward is now predominately colored.

The fourth, however, is not the only one in which a hot battle is expected to be waged. In the third ward, the Rev. Archibald Carey, Republican incumbent, will have as his opponent Ralph Metcalfe, former Olympic track star. Metcalfe is a Democrat and a Dawson man.

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THE REV. MR. Carey has made a brilliant record as alderman. He brought further credit to his city and ward when he served successfully as an alternate delegate to the United Nations. He won by only a few votes last election.

Kenneth Campbell of the 20th ward is almost certain to be returned to the city council. He, too, is a Dawson man.

William Harvey, alderman of the Second Ward is regarded as a "shoo-in." Harvey, who is attracting attention and in some cases criticism from big interests because he has fought against certain neighborhood development plans which he felt would displace colored residents.

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MANY OBSERVERS fear the spread of Rep. Dawson's control over the South Side. In the Fourth Ward a group of white housewives said:

"We are not opposed to a colored alderman, but we do not want a man supported by Dawson. We know that Cohen has not done too much for the ward, but he is more independent than a man supported by Dawson would be."

Dawson, on the other hand, reportedly has expressed confidence that his man (Holman) will win. He is reported to have said that Cohen, Holman's opponent, had just as well not run.

British civil service workers given choice for building alone

OCCRA, Gold Coast (ANP)— All expatriate officers serving in the Gold Coast civil service are to be asked to either join the local service which is independent of the Colonial civil service or resign by July 31 of this year.

Legislation announcing the date on which these officers are to retire compulsory, has now been approved by the governor exercising the powers conferred on him by the Gold Coast constitution Order in Council, 1954.

Chi Baptist leaders scotch rumors; unite behind Dr. J. Jackson

CHICAGO — The enthusiastic ovation given Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, when he spoke here recently at El Bethel Baptist Church, 57th and Lafayette Aves., dispelled the opinion from some sources that the Baptist Ministers of Chicago were refusing to accept him as leader of the church.

The Chicago ministers officially proclaimed Dr. Jackson their leader, following a motion made by Dr. J. C. Austin pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church and leader in the National Baptist Convention for years.

Dr. Jackson was warmly received and addressed the large gathering on the subject, "Jesue and the Lad." Also recognizing Dr. Jackson as leader was Dr. B. F. Paxton, moderator of the Greater New Era Baptist Association, largest in Illinois.

Chief forbidden to return home

British considers Khama case closed

LONDON, England (ANP)—As far as the Conservative party government is concerned, the Seretse Khama case is closed, never to be re-opened.

Khama is the African tribal chief forbidden to return to the Bamagwate tribe in 1950 for marrying a white London typist. He now lives with his wife and two children in England.

Commonwealth Undersecretary Douglas Dodds-Parker told the House of Commons recently that his government will not review the case this year, as planned. He said the Labor government's decision four years ago to exile Khama should be made permanent.

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DODDS-PARKER made his statement after Fenner Brockway, labor member of parliament, called for an end to "this kind of treatment, of which people are thoroughly ashamed."

Brockway added, "Surely it is wrong that Seretse Khama should be excluded from his country only because he married a white women."

Dodds-Parker said the government felt Khama should remain from his country until another chief has been appointed. The Bamagwate tribesmen have refused to name a successor, he said.

League to sponsor guidance programs

NEW YORK — Two-day Vocational Guidance Institutes will be held in Memphis, Kansas City (Mo.) and Gary thtis spring the National Urban League announced last week.

The institutes, called "Jobs and Careers Program," are cosponsored by the supreme councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masons and the National Urban League.

Begun in 1953, this program was developed in all sections of the country to stimulate the interest of parents, educators and civic leaders in helping youth into more significant and rewarding careers.

Kikuyu chief gets death sentence

NAIROBI, Kenya (ANP) The greatest crisis in the fight against the Mau Mau since the abortive General China peacemaking attempts, has hit this troubled colony.

Loyal Kikuyu guards and some white settlers are openly protesting the death sentence of loyal chief, Eliud, for the supposed murders of suspected Mau Maus taken prisoner.

Last week police arrested another Kikuyu chief and an African screening officer after the body of an African, supposedly beaten to death, had been found near a Home Guard post.

Indian ends 15-month tour of U.S.; sought experience with JC

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — K. Viswanathan of Travancore Cochin, India, last week completed a 15-month tour of the United States, made to "experience segregation."

The 27-year-old Indian, who will leave the States on Feb. 19, said he received a better insight into the nature of segregation during his travels through the East, Mid-West and the South, as far as South Carolina.

He recently visited Central State College, where he contacted a fellow countryman, Dr. N. B. Mehta of Bombay, India, of the chemistry department.

PEOPLE

Returns to Africa

NEW YORK—**Dr. J. B. Danquah,** scholar from the Gold Coast, West Africa, returned to the Gold Coast this week. He was given a bon voyage party by the African Scientific Cultural Society.

Dr. Danquah holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of London and is leader of the loyal opposition in the Gold Coast Legislature.

Furniture maker

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — The only colored businessman registered with the New York Furniture Exchange, **Al Thompson,** well known Brooklynite, last week attended the annual winter show of the furniture manufacturers in Chicago.

Toll collector

COLUMBUS, Ohio—**Sylvester Jackson** completed his first anniversary as toll collector at the Eastgate Section of the Ohio Turnpike recently. He is one of the three men so employed by the state in that locality.

Attends AAC session

JACKSON, Miss. — President **Jacob L. Reddix** of Jackson College left Jackson, Jan. 10, for Washington, where he attended the 41st annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges January 11.

On job 47 years

BROOKLYN — **John E. Patterson,** 68, of 41 Chauncey St., a record clerk in the New York City Post Office, retired from the job recently after having served for 47 years in the service.

Al Thompson Dr. Danquah

To be cited by NYU

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — **Fred W. Bright,** professor and head of electrical engineering at Tennessee State University, will be cited by New York University's College of Engineering on Jan. 29.

Uses father's Bible

NEW YORK — When **James S. Watson Jr.** was sworn in, last week as a New York state senator by Judge Harold Stevens at 100 Center St., Mr. Watson used the Bible of his father, the late **Judge James Watson.**

Philippino visits

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—**Teofilo C. Gallardo,** superintendent in-charge, Central Vissayas District, Bureau of Private Schools, Visayas, Philippine Islands, was a visitor to the Florida A. and M. University campus on Jan. 7.

Presents papers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — **Dr. Clarence B. Owens,** associate professor of agronomy at Florida A. and M. University, presented the research papers on chemical weed control at the eighth annual Southern Weed Conference which was held in St. Petersburg, Jan. 17-19.

5-YEAR DREAM NEARS END—Mrs. Willie Verdine realized a five-dream this week when she was notified at her Starks, La. home that her soldier son, Pvt. William Verdine, soon may be released by the Russians. Pvt. Verdine has been imprisoned in the Soviet Union for five years. Mrs. Verdine hopes to go to Berlin to greet him.

EDWARD F. KENNELL
Receives Navy Certificate of Appreciation

Navy awards Albany man certificate of appreciation

ALBANY, N.Y. — Edward F. Kennell, executive director of the Albany Interracial Council, recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Navy for "outstanding service" to its recruiting service.

The award was presented by Lt. Cmdr. Marvin A. Maroun in a brief ceremony at the U.S. Navy Recruiting Station here. The citation read in part:

"In recognition of outstanding service to the United States Navy Recruiting Service, this certificate of appreciation is hereby awarded to Edward F. Kennell.

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"THROUGH YOUR public - spirited cooperation with the Navy Recruiting Service, you have contributed immeasurably in furthering the excellent relations between the United States Navy and the people of your community."

Mr. Kennell has held his present position for the past 10 years. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a commissioner with the city housing authority for over nine years and a former vice president of Eastern New York's Harvard Alumni Association.

He resides with his wife, Phyliss, and two children at 17 Boenau St.

$47,000 heir still sought

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The search for the heir to a $47,000 estate is still being pressed by a Buffalo man, it was learned last week.

Object of the search and heir to the fortune is John D. Knowles, whose last known address was 433 W. 124th St., New York City. He has been named as beneficiary in the will of Charles Morris, who died in Buffalo Oct. 10, 1954.

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ACCORDING TO information received from Robert E. Robinson of 173 Clinton St., Buffalo, the late Mr. Morris was formerly known as Nathan Knowles and was an immigrant of the British West Indies.

A check with New York postal authorities failed to locate the present address of Mr. Knowles. Anyone with information which will help establish Mr. Knowles' residence and identity is urged to notify Mr. Robinson at his Buffalo address.

Happy Birthdays

Congratulations and sincere wishes for continued happiness are offered to those AFRO readers and friends who are celebrating birthdays this week. (Please send birth dates of relatives and friends to the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, at least two weeks ahead of publication date.) Happy birthday to:

JANUARY 16

Lola J. Butler, West End, N.C.
Katye M. Cooke, Kings Mountain, N.C.
George H. Dunmore, Stamford, Conn.
Gertrude Rawson, Providence, R.I.
Douglas McQuill Brooklyn, N.Y.
Martha Minor, Richmond, Va.
Simon Alper, Lynchburg, Va.
Mrs. Marjie Carvalho, Baltimore
Billie Drake, Aberdeen, Md.
Mrs. Mabell M. Carver, Baltimore
Mrs. L. E. Jones, Galveston, Texas.

JANUARY 17

Mrs. Mildred V. Bowen, Easley, S.C.
Richard L. Coleman, Backstone, Va.
Alice Fitzgerald, Baltimore
Mrs. Minnie Smith, Baltimore
Rose Tolbert, Morgantown, W. Va.
Betty Johnson, Eastport, Md.
Jehosie Heard, Oakland, Calif.

JANUARY 18

Rev. Bernard Lester, Nashville, Tenn.
Joseph H. Fitts Jr., Greensboro, N.C.
Mrs. Ruby Clay, Detroit, Mich.

JANUARY 19

George H. Ford Jr., Washington
M. Wilder, New York City
Velma B. Webb, Baltimore
Charlotte C. Poole, St. Paul, Minn.
Harry A. Davis Omaha, Neb.

JANUARY 20

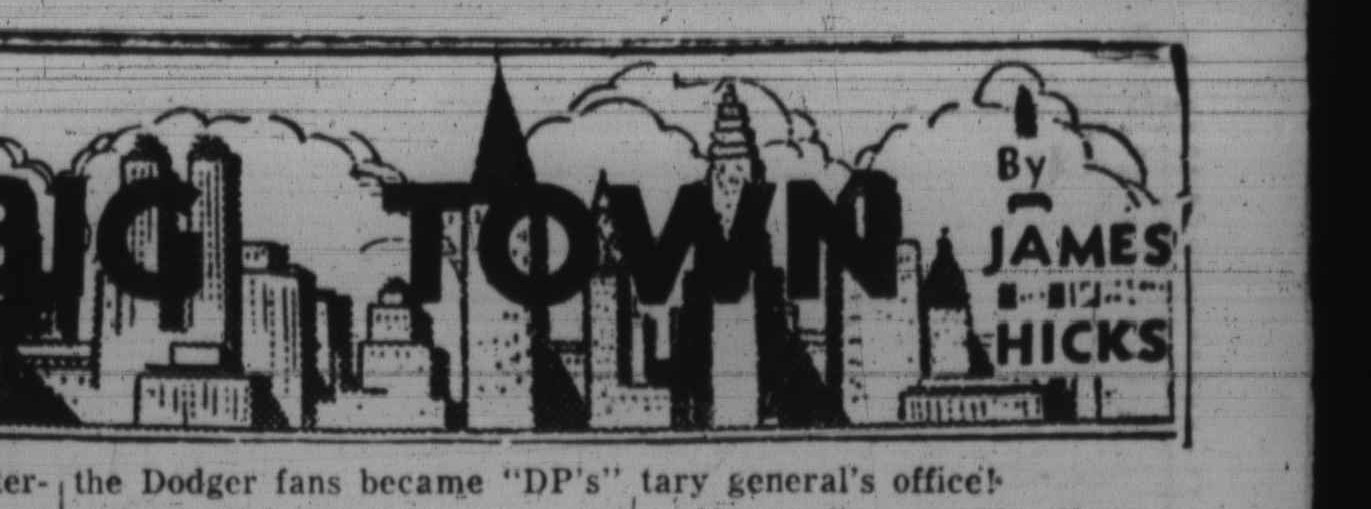
Thomas A. Scott, Baltimore
Janet Wickham, Washington
Ralph E. Johnston, Boston
Nana D. Reed, Milwaukee, Wisc.
Mrs. Marion R. Woodson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Mrs. Lillian Moore, Baltimore
J. V. Graham, Winston-Salem, N.C.

JANUARY 21

John S. Banks, New York City
Mrs. Phyllis A. Campbell, Baltimore
Mrs. Armeta S. Gibson, Easton, Md.
Blanche D. Sheffield, New London, Conn.
L. W. Tucker, Washington
Vivian Fitzhugh, Baltimore

JANUARY 22

Michael W. Branch, Baltimore
Eugene Goldston, Newark N.J.
Elaine Franklin, St. Louis, Mo.
Mary H. Pinkett, Baltimore
Mrs. Virginia A. Stephenson, Boston
Ethel M. Miles, Bluefield, W. Va.
Elino T. Douglas, Baltimore
Mrs. Esther Johnson, Toledo, Ohio



NEW YORK—Dr. Fred Patterson, the noted educator who can spin a yarn like any one of the boys, told this one at a recent meeting in the Harlem YMCA drive.

Seems that during the time Rosenwald was spending all that dough on colored schools, someone got the idea that a group of white educators should visit some of the rural schools and see for themselves what was happening.

The result was that a large delegation of them turned up one morning at a little one-room school in the backwoods and, of course, the principal naturally introduced them all to the pupils.

And, like most educated people, each person introduced thought it was just the right time for him to make a speech to his captive audience.

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ALL MORNING long the pupils sat there and heard one speech after another. Came the noon hour and the time to break for lunch and some gifted educator thought it might be a good idea to give the kids a teeny weeny chance to do something for their guests.

And a more "progressive" educator thought it would be a good idea to let the kids themselves decide what they wanted to do.

So they put it up to the kids. And the kids agreed among themselves that there was one thing they wanted to do for their guests than any other—they wanted to sing them a song.

The guests happily agreed on the idea and settled back to listen. A young pupil stepped to the front of the class, gave a signal and the whole classroom unanimously began to sing "My Lord, What a Morning!"

The sidewalks of New York are flooded with Washingtonians these days.

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LOIS ALEXANDER, Ann Mason Roberts, and Ann's hubby, Stanley, blew into town this week. Ann and Lois will become Big Towners and are already at their desks in the Housing Administration's offices downtown.

Region I headquarters of the HHFA has been transferred here, (where it should have been all the time) and And Lois came along with the deal.

This, of course, will make newsman Andy Richardson, Lois' boy friend, and Stan Roberts, Ann's hubby, regular commuters from DC here. (watch out for the commas in that sentence; And this means that eventually the Big Town will "grow on them" and they will move here, too.

That's the way it is with New York. Once you come here — YOU'LL BE BACK. "Because you leave New York—you don't go anywhere!" "Y'all come — 'cause it sure is nice to have you here!"

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OTHER RECENT arrivals here from DC are Opal Tancil, who left the Bureau of Engraving to take a spot with the Social Security Agency here, and Claudia Ford, my kid sister-in-law who was a housing employee in DC. Opal turns out to be a relative of Congressman Powell.

Ever see a lamb in a lion's den? Well, go to the Red Rooster Bar up on Seventh Ave. Those quiet people you see sitting and drinking and saying nothing are Brooklyn Dodger fans who are displaced persons from the now defunct Theresa Bar.

You see, the Theresa Bar was the hangout of the Dodger fans. And the Rooster has always been a dugout for the Giant fans. When the Theresa Bar closed, the Dodger fans became "DP's" without a hangout.

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SO THEY sneak into the Red Rooster because its cold outside. George Woods and his Giant rooters will tolerate us to drink there, but they don't permit us to say anything. So if you see me at the Rooster and I don't speak—now you know why! But wait 'til next fall!

Send a get well card to "Buster" Marshall, Thurgood's wife, at 409 Edgecombe, N.Y.C. Thurgood hasn't been the same since Buster became ill. And no wonder.

Speaking of Thurgood (and I like to do it) that dinner given for him by the Calvert Distillers in Detroit last week sported some of the most attractive hostesses I've seen in a long time.

They included bosomy Grace Saddler (yippee!) Dawn Watson, Rose Jerry, Edna Fondee, Vivienne Cooper, Vera Stewart, Inez King and Gladys Johnson, all wearing gardenias.

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INCIDENTALLY, Gladys Johnson was the moving power behind the affair. And you know who Gladys is—she just happens to be the ex-wife of Joe Makel, who just happened to be the toastmaster at the dinner! We get more and more cosmpolitan every day!

One of the most attractive women at the dinner was Mrs. Charles Diggs Jr., whom I did now know until now is of Italian origin.

When the President invites all the congressmen to the White House for their annual tete a tete, I'm laying oddes that it will be the first time an interracial couple has crossed the threshold of the White House in such an official and honored capacity! Time just keeps on marching on — and what will Hummon Talmadge say!

During the luncheon, I was making a dash for the bar when I bumped smack into a gentleman bent on the same purpose, I suppose.

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WE BACKED away, introduced ourselves and started to chat. He turned out to be C. T. Collins, who just happens to be the godfather of one of my boss's children. The boss I'm referring to is Howard Murphy of the AFRO.

Let's get out of Detroit and back to New York. Ed Brandford, who made the Brandford Models famous, is taking over the gals again and will make them even more famous. They are starting out with a cocktail sip at the Astor Hotel Nize start!

The Urban League called to say that we were wrong in saying that American Airlines is the airline taking colored applicants for airline stewardesses. Said we should have said Pan American.

We told them we were happy to know that Pan Am is doing it, too. But that we happen to know a young lady whom American has already got down to her final interview! Thank you, please, for reading—glad that we both are right!

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ONE OF the nation's top psychiatrists, Dr. Charles Brown, has been let out of the Children's Aid Bureau in New York. Couldn't reach him for comment at press time, but his friends say he was sacked because he protested segregation in child aid. Gonna have a look at that one.

When Eartha Kitt visited the United Nations recently, her escort was a guy high in the secretary general's office!

My radio reports that a Czechoslovakian typewriter was stolen from the Journalism school at Lincoln University in Jefferson, Mo. Will some journalism student out there please drop me a note and tell me just what use one makes of Czech typewriters! Jus curious, that's all!

The Liberian Mission to the UN has moved its headquarters from the swank New Weston Hotel and at this writing can't even be located. Whaw hoppened?

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BILLY ROWE, John Silvera, et al, are opening a press news service. Come on in. The water's fine—and there's lots of news out here!

When Leontyne Price was a struggling student at Juilliard with a white Mississippi family paying her board and keep, Jimmy Hicks was one of the first newsmen to look her up, praise her talents and give her some publicity.

Since that time she has starred in Porgy and Bess, married the well known William Warfield and this week set a new high by singing the top role in Tosca for NBC. But a newsman named Jimmy Hicks has not been able in the past five weeks to even get a telephone interview with Leontyne!

But don't get me wrong—life is still going on in the Big Town!

Attention, Ollie Stewart over there in Paris: The UN just reported here that there are currently 25,000 prostitutes in Paris! "But," says the UN (and this might comfort your wounded Parisian women, Ollie), "only 29 out of the 25,000 were found to be drug addicts."

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NOW OLLIE, don't go asking me how many we have over here. The U.S. just isn't saying," that's all!

Sudden thought — what ever happened to Bryant Bowles?

If you talk to lawyers and students of the Supreme Court's May 17 decision and ask them what the nub of the holdup is on enforcement of the court's order, they will start telling you about two legal terms called "stare decisis" and "res adjudicata."

Now look, man, don't go asking me what those terms mean. Look up them up in your own dictionary and—if you can understand it—write me a letter and tell me. (I can't even pronounce them!)

By the time you read this, the headlines will be screaming about the NAACP's latest giant step forward—they will have filed a housing suit against the Levitt brothers who have been denying you and me housing in Pennsylvania and New York.

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THAT MAKES me so happy —If I were a bell—I'd ring!

Attention, Roy Wilkins: Some NAACP leaders in Minnesota are mad at you. They can't understand a letter you wrote to them in which you said something about being careful not to make any friends of the NAACP mad by pressuring hem for FEPC.

The people who told me about the letter says that the way they figure—if a man is against FEPC, he is not a friend of the NAACP, anyway. Information please!

And now for an Izzy Rowe ending:

The press room at the Theresa Hotel has been changed from Room 1007 to Room 207, but you can always reach Jimmy Hicks any day between nine and 12 in Room 301 at the United Nations Building and the phone there always rings twice if you dial Plaza 4-1234 and ask for Extension 2380.'

Navy reports enlistments up

BOSTON—According to Comdr. J. D. Nickerson, USN, officer-in-charge of Navy recruiting in the New England States (except Connecticut), a surge of applicants desiring to enlist in the Navy in order to be eligible for benefits under the "Korean War G.I. Bill of Rights" has been reported.

In this city, 240 men applied for entrance into the Navy during the first ten days of January, as compared to 55 applicants for the entire month of January, 1954.

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COMMANDER NICKERSON said that every effort will be made to process applicants rapidly for the remainder of the month so that they may enter the Navy in time to qualify for benefits under the present "G.I. Bill."

Men entering the armed forces after Jan. 31, will not be eligible for those benefits.

Methodists contribute $21,691,547 to home and forgein missions

NEW YORK — Members of the Methodist Church contributed a total of $21,691,547 during the last fiscal year (ending May 31, 1954) for the home and foreign missionary services of the denomination, it was reported by treasurer H. Conwell Snoke of Philadelphia to the Board of Missions.

Of this total, $10,363,001 was for the work in the United States, its possessions and in 30 countries overseas, carried on by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

A sum of $7,447,969 was for the work of the Division of World Missions in some 40 nations on four continents and $3,814,517 for the missionary services of the Division of National Missions in the U.S.A.

Blind judge uses janitor's eyes to administer justice

CYNTHIANA, Ky. (ANP)—In this town, justice is blind—literally as well as figuratively. A 69-year-old blind police magistrate administers justice in this town—aided by his colored constant companion and "eyes."

Forest Bryant, Judge Richard Clary's friend, sits at his side during hearings and unobtrusively identifies documents and takes notes on proceedings.

Mr. Bryant became the judge's inseparable companion 32 years ago when he was a small boy. Now, arm in arm, the two men walk the city streets at a pace that would leavethe average person breathless.

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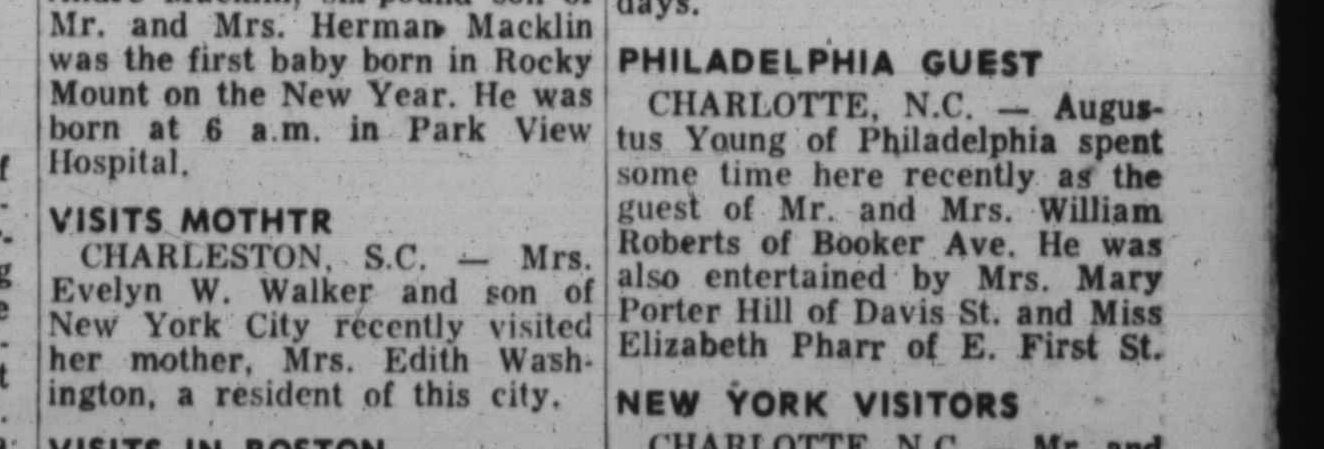
JUST A SLIGHT pressure from Forest's fingers indicates to the judge that a crossing is near or that an object is ahead.

Bryant's wife, Mary, is a home economics instructor at Banneker High School. The couple has won the prize offered by civic organizations for the best-decorated house at Christmastime.

When Mr. Bryant is not with the judge, he is busy with his duties as janitor of the Methodist Church. Together, Judge Clary and Bryant serve relentless, but adequate and equitable justice.



FIRST '55 BABY

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — Karl Andre Macklin, six-pound son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Macklin was the first baby born in Rocky Mount on the New Year. He was born at 6 a.m. in Park View Hospital.

VISITS MOTHTR

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Mrs. Evelyn W. Walker and son of New York City recently visited her mother, Mrs. Edith Washington, a resident of this city.

VISITS IN BOSTON

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Mrs. Robert Braybor Sr. left the city recently to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Braybor Jr., in Boston. The younger Brayboys are the parents of a girl, born Jan. 1.

BACK FROM CUBA

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Miss Charlotte Gunn, a teacher at Northwest Junior High School; her mother, Mrs. J. F. Gunn, and sister, Mrs. B. G. Shaw, recently returned from Havana, Cuba, where they spent the holidays.

PHILADELPHIA GUEST

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Augustus Young of Philadelphia spent some time here recently as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts of Booker Ave. He was also entertained by Mrs. Mary Porter Hill of Davis St. and Miss Elizabeth Pharr of E. First St.

NEW YORK VISITORS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mr. and Mrs. Manly Phifer of New York spent their recent vacation here as the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Phifer of Sanders St.

PRESENTS FOR BABY

GOLDSBORO, N.C. — A baby, born to Mr. and Mrs. Vasco E. Robinson of near Mt. Olive, will receive a number of gifts from Goldsboro merchants for being the first child born in the county in 1955.