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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
He who will not economize will have to agonize.
CONFUCIUS.

The city redeems itself

AFTER THREE days of riotous picketing, several hundred Baltimore school children went back to their desks on Tuesday, but not before they:—

Gave this city a black eye before the rest of the nation;

Exposed the city's law enforcement agencies as totally unprepared for the blitzkrieg type of mob, led by experienced agitators;

Closed several schools, intimidated parents, teachers and pupils and, finally,

Made the big mistake of storming the City Hall and blocking traffic in the heart of this traffic-conscious city.

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ONCE Mayor D'Alesandro, Police Commissioner Ober, the judges and the grand jury could look out of their office windows and see for themselves the lawless juvenile parading pickets, their indecision was at an end.

Commissioner Ober was directed to enforce the law forbidding any interference with school sessions.

He said Monday evening he would arrest any school picketers.

No pickets appeared Tuesday; children went back to school and classes were back to business.

Why wasn't Commissioner Ober directed to issue his order the first day the schools were picketed?

Why did city officials let the movement mushroom into such proportions?

The answer is INDECISION.

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THE QUESTION WAS—In the U.S. Supreme Court's decision of May 17th ending segregation in public schools final, and, did the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners then legally order segregation here to end September 1st?

City Solicitor Biddison and the school authorities said yes.

Maryland's Attorney General Rollins, campaigning for reelection and Roszel C. Thomsen, a new Judge in the U.S. District Court, who had hardly gotten his seat warm, said no.

An injunction filed to test the action of the school authorities in the courts was not given a hearing until after the picketing began.

There the two sides stood, as Elijah described it 5,000 years ago, "Halting between two opinions," and forgetting the saying of Jesus that "No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

On Tuesday, Judge Cullen threw the injunction out, declared the Supreme Court's decision outlawing school segregation final and enforceable. But the damage had been done.

However, nothing was done on the third day of the school riots that could not have been done the first day or at most the second day.

The bright spots in the whole uprising were the Board of School Commissioners, and the civic and church leaders who stood firm for law and orderly procedures.

The School Board met promptly, resolved that no changes would be made in its plans ending school segregation, and asked the City Solicitor and the police to disperse the pickets at once.

Church councils and civic groups backed the board.

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OTHERS were not as far-seeing. Take the Democratic candidate for governor, Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd, who at the peak of the disturbances, spoke of preserving "age old customs and traditions."

Take the police official who counselled delay until he could put his hands on the adult ring leaders because "we would make a mistake to arrest children. We can't arrest everybody."

Take the city legal adviser who said, "We may have to live with this . . . (rioting) for two weeks . . ."

They have all been proved wrong.

Their indecision and delay in the performance of their duties under other circumstances might well prove far more dangerous to the city.

As Judge Cullen well says, the Supreme Court's decision is final and enforceable . . . there are two methods and only two by which its decisions can be changed.

One is by the Supreme Court reversing itself, and the other is by constitutional amendment.

Washington police authorities, more alert than Baltimore, prevented pickets approaching public schools after the first day.

The Byrd speech

Dr. H. C. Byrd, the Democratic candidate for governor, is a master of innuendo. He dares to be all things to all people.

His campaign speech this week on the Eastern Shore is reminiscent of the kind of statements he made while president of the University of Maryland when entrance of colored students was before him.

In his talk this week, he says to Worcester County residents; "You will want members of the school board appointed who will be able and act in accordance with the age old customs and traditions that have been a part of our way of life."

What does that mean? We think Dr. Byrd should explain it and we have asked him to do so.

On the surface, however, it appears to us to be another of his innuendos.

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AGE-OLD customs and traditions mean public school segregation But public school segregation was outlawed by the Supreme Court on May 17.

What does Mr. Byrd mean? Is he saying that if elected governor he will ignore the Supreme Court ruling and appoint school board members who can be encouraged to circumvent the law?

Does Dr. Byrd mean he is against integration in public schools?

Georgia's Governor Talmadge and South Carolina's Governor Byrnes, no masters of the innuendo, have plainly stated where they stand. They are seeking ways to disobey the decision of the highest court in our land. We think they are fighting a losing battle

But we likewise think that Dr. Byrd owes it to the voters in this state to speak plainer than he does. This is not the time for double-talk.

New garb for nuns

A new Roman Catholic order of nuns has adopted the suggestion of Pope Pius XII to modernize its religious garb.

The long, black skirts, tightly fitted waists, wide cuffs and heavy veils will be replaced by:

Oxford gray skirts, slightly flared, coming just below the knee;

Pill-box hats, in plain black felt;

Loose - fitting box jackets, also in Oxford gray flannel with three - quarter length sleeves; and,

White blouses with Peter Pan collars and nylon stockings and plain black leather pump with a medium heel.

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THE SISTERS of the Divine Spirit with headquarters in Mount Pocono, Pa., will be the first to wear this new outfit.

Their dress, according to Father Lawrence G. Lovasik of the Society of Divine Word, follows Pope Pius' 1952 appeal to modernize religious clothing of nuns.

Complicated religious dress has caused fewer women to enter religious orders in the past 25 years, the Pope said.

In addition to modern dress, members of this new order of nuns will also be permitted to have yearly vacations, to make recreational visits at night and to drive autos.

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WE THINK these are good signs in these changing times.

It is reasonable to expect that Catholic nuns will enjoy the modern and comfortable clothes far after all they are women too.

Their present costumes have been out of style for over 300 years

HOME ACCIDENTS

A total of 137 persons excluding Baltimore City, died as a result of home accidents in Maryland during the period, January 1 through August 31, according to J. Charles Judge, Chief of the Home Accident Prevention Unit, State Health Department.

35 TRAFFIC DEATHS

Maryland's traffic deaths for September totaled 35 — 33 in the counties and two in Baltimore City, according to the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission.

Proof that they were ashamed

Look at this picture. Note how the mothers parading in front of Elementary School No. 34 at Carey St. and Washington Blvd., last week, hid their faces behind the crudely lettered signs they carried.

We publish this picture for two reasons. First, it indicates to us that people who would influence others to defy the law and have us return to outmoded segregated schools do not want to be publicly identified with the cause they claim is espoused.

Secondly, they hide their faces because they know it is a changing world and they will be more ashamed should their photos be published for others to see.

They should be ashamed — ashamed that they led the first picket line in Baltimore against integrated schools which had worked so smoothly here for four full weeks—from the Sept. 7th opening of school until their protest march of Sept. 20.

They should be ashamed that they set off demonstrations by teenagers and others who used their picket line as a signal to voice objection to a new day and a new order.

We are ashamed for all of them. We hope these unknown women who hide their faces here realize what a mistake they made.

We hope we will have no cause to be ashamed of them or of our city on this school integration issue again.

Speak Your Piece

Police aid needed

Dear AFRO:

I was coming from work Tuesday night on the No. 2 Fort Ave. street car. At the corner of Charles and Henrietta, where I left the car, there was an auto crowded with white jitterbugs.

On the opposite corner were three more carloads of them. As I started walking towards Hanover St., three of the boys started following me. I turned around and told them to leave me alone. They did, but I was scared.

Looks like to me we need police protection at Charles and Henrietta Sts. Women and children pass that corner. I am afraid if there is not adequate police protection here, we will have some serious trouble.

Looking beyond nose

Dear AFRO:

The deplorable demonstrations in the school situation emphasize the necessity of teaching the philosophy of looking beyond your nose.

If those high school youngsters are looking forward to college, they must be prepared to associate with people of all races. The institutions of higher learning are integrated.

These children cannot possibly get anything out of a college education if they now build up an attitude of resentment at the sight of a brown face.

Not only that, but by having their pictures taken in those disgraceful street demonstrations, they are jeopardizing their future. Anybody who may have a grudge against them can use those pictures to attack their character in later life.

The parents who sanctioned this behavior and who participated in the demonstrations should realize that in so doing, they are blocking the development of their own children.

It's uplifting however to realize that these parents are not representative of the majority of South Baltimore's white residents, many of whom participated in our AFRO Clean Block Campaigns. They showed a fine spirit of decency, cooperation and pride in a community-living project.

(Miss) FRANCES L. MURPHY

Questions Dr. Byrd

Dear AFRO:

I am concerned over the recent statements of Dr. H. C. Byrd and State Senator Edward Turner about segregation. Is Dr. Byrd trying to become head of the state and does he think that segregation should remain?

I am an Eastern Shore woman by birth and I was raised in Baltimore and I now live on the Eastern Shore, I think that Dr. Byrd should stop and remember what the law means to all American people, not just one race.

(Mrs.) HATTIE BROWN
Crisfield, Md.

Domestic walk-off

Dear AFRO:

Can't you find out if there are any colored maids, cooks, baby sitters or butlers (if they can afford them) working in the homes of the white mothers and fathers who picketed and frightened our youngsters?

Quite a few white homes would suffer a loss of help if all colored domestic workers were to stage a walk-off of jobs.

(Mrs.) MILDRED B. JONES

Thinks we improve

Dear AFRO:

The AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers are better than ever.

You deserve the congratulations of every one of us for consistently striving to publish more readable and informative newspapers.

I enjoy the many special features and the editorial pages in particular. Mrs. B. M. Phillips' column ranks with the best newspaper columns.

This writer feels sure that your many readers agree that our race pride is being brought to full bloom by your journalist "green thumb."

W. C. FLIPPER

For integration

Dear AFRO:

As a young political leader of the Democratic Party in the Third District, I wish to acquaint you with my views on the integration of colored pupils into the public schools system.

Any child regardless of race or creed is entitled to an equal opportunity to receive an education. This aim is best accomplished by schools which are opened to all.

You may be certain that I will do all in my power to secure good public schools which are opened to all children.

M. JOSEPH O'CONNELL

Reporters' Report To The People

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

A Baltimore curious to Judge James K. Cullen of Superior Court who did a masterful job in conducting the hearing on the injunction against the School Board for integrating schools.

With Judge Cullen's persistance in "keeping to the facts" of the case, attorneys for the petitioners were forced to eliminate unnecessary testimony which could have made the two-hour hearing an all-day affair.

Not only that, but the judge, fully aware that immediate action was of the utmost importance, issued his ruling in favor of the School Board two hours after lunch, the same day.

And here's another curtsey to the parents and civic leaders throughout the city who had the courage to remain calm during the demonstrations last week and who kept their youngsters in school despite the possible hazards.

AND I CAN'T forget men in the police department like Commissioner Beverly Ober, Chief Inspector Fred Ford and Inspector George Murphy; all who did a good job in maintaining order about the picketed schools and bringing the entire tragic situation to a halt by enforcing the law.

Changing the subject, seems there's a fiance about town who is having a little difficulty keeping up with a marriage license he obtained some days ago.

Upon receiving the document, he gave it to a minister who was called out of town before the ceremony could be held. The minister, under the opinion that the man had changed his mind when he didn't return when promised, mailed the license back to the bureau.

A clerk mailed the license to the young's man's home before he returned to the city but his sister, who thought she was doing a good turn, mailed it back.

The young man made arrangements to pick up the license again, but has to leave town again before he can obtain it. And the bride-to-be? 'Tis said "she ain't talking."

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Baltimore has every right to take deep pride in the actions of the police department during the recent school disturbances.

As a reporter who saw how police handled an ugly situation, this writer can find nothing but praise for these men.

Inspectors Fred Ford and William J. Forrest, Capt. Frank A. Deems and Lt. Frank Baccala, and all the officers of the Southern district, deserve special commendations for the cool and impartial manner in which they handled the crowds around Southern High School.

A special palm belongs to John H. Schwatka, Southern principal, who showed what type of man he is when he sat in his office and heard the cries of the mob outside the school and almost cried when he said: "I am ashamed."

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AMONG THE persons who weren't frightened by the mob were Mrs. Addie L. Thompson of the 900 block Sharp St., and her two sons, Leon, 14, and Melvin, 17, both Southern pupils.

Mrs. Thompson, a school crossing guard, insisted that her boys keep attending classes, and they did.

Of such strength are some folks.

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SINGER ARTHUR Jackson will present a religious concert on Sunday at Morgan Hall with the proceeds going toward the building of a new Evangelistic Christian Church.

Miss Minnie Gladstone of the 900 block E. Fayette St., is a praised the late Harrison Wood, former janitor at School No. 105, as one of "the most considerate persons in his treatment of the children."

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Jackie Robinson's performance over the weekend presented police with unusual wrinkles.

The conclusion could you draw when you find people taking something for the sake of quantity instead of quality.

Take for example the case of **the teen ager who went before the bar of justice at Northeastern Monday. Now there was a lad who, although 16, knew about quality and took advantage of it in quantity.**

Few more years plus a little training the guy could possible have been a man of distinction. He knew his beverages well.

Over a period of four months he made away with 13 fifths of the best scotch in a store in the 1000 block E. Federal St.

To prove that he was no piker, he admitted that he added 52 pints of assorted whiskey, 29 half pints of bourbon and 60 miniatures.

Crazy mixed up kid made one mistake though. The place he robbed was in the same building where he lived.

THE SECOND case was the young man at Northwestern who went to jail for 60 days for taking 12 loaves of bread and 20 pounds of tomatoes from a North Ave. market. He had a giant submarine sandwich that would have made.

Now that the World Series fever has died down, the YMCA it its quest for funds and new members is keeping things alive in five leagues.

In the campaign there are two American Leagues, two National and a Little League. Leading hitters thus far include Dr. Louis Harmon, Mrs. Willard Coates, Truly Hatchett, Harold Jennifer, and William K. Clarke.

Watched the first day of picketing at school No. 34 last week. The most memorable statement heard was that of an elderly white woman who paused, shook her head and ambled off mumbling: "I'm ashamed of my race."

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

Putting one little ole word after another to get a column started, might I say right here and now my sympathy lies with Joe DiMaggio.

POLITICS

Dr. H. C. Byrd seems so anxious to capture top seat in Annapolis that he's willing to back a final decision of the highest court of the land.

Out in the Eastern Shoreans, Dr. Byrd promised to appoint school boards which will be able to deal and act in accordance with the age-old customs and traditions that have been a part of our way of life.

What the good Doctor overlooked was the fact that the Supreme Court's decision has made those "age-old customs and traditions" null and void.

And only Tuesday Judge James K. Cullen came up here with an opinion which sustained the action already taken by Baltimore's City Solicitor and Board of School Commissioners.

And to prove we're impartial and not hopping on Curly Byrd and the Democrats alone, we're wondering if our Attorney General Edward D. E. Rollins reconciles his ruling in the light of Judge Cullen's opinion.

Those who have been backing Dr. Byrd, especially in the Fourth District, now find themselves placed in an embarrassing position. One stalwart has even had Dr. Byrd has written off the Fourth District vote.

That would be highly interesting, for if Byrd had not carried the Fourth District in the primaries the Democratic nomination would have gone to George Mahoney.

Now we're waiting to see what words come out of Dr. Byrd's mouth when he speaks before predominately colored audiences.

Same goes, for that matter, for Governor McKeldin.

"I represent the law," has been all the Governor has said on the segregation issue.

Big deal!

Simplest thing for both candidates to do is issue a joint statement that no matter who is governor, Maryland is going to abide by the rules of the highest court in the land and will not countenance any actions contrary to such rules or any moves to circumvent them.

This is no situation in which candidates talk out of one side of their mouths on the Eastern Shore and the other side in Baltimore City.

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CAPITAL NOTES — Incidentally, if there is a recount kick, we might mention the fact that the Americans for Democratic Action have completed a study on the 83rd Congress' voting record on liberal vs. conservative issues.

What makes the study interesting in Maryland is the fact that it shows that the Border State Senators (Ky., Md., Mo., W. Va.) came out with the most liberal voting records — 44.9 percent.

But in the House, Maryland had the lowest percentage (34.7 percent) of liberal votes among the border states.

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BREWERY NEWS — Gunther Brewery tossed a party for the Maryland press last Saturday before the football game between Colts and N.Y. Giants. Guests were taken on tour of plant at 1211 S. Conkling St. and shown the insides of "What's the good word."

Gunther bigwigs from President Cohen on down to doorman went out to see that guests enjoyed themselves, with Gunther's representative, Bill Alexander, much in evidence. And "Shorty" Shorter, owner of Creole, they served was strictly out of New Orleans.

Incidentally, that Gunther scoreboard out at Memorial Stadium was easily changed over from baseball to football scoring. Main work required was changing figures and letters which are made of lightweight plastic with rear illumination.

Didja know the main scoreboard contains 5,000 lamps, 160 numerals, each a third the size of a man, and a control room where operators view games through binoculars?

Big board cost $152,000 and each of the auxiliary boards flanking it cost $10,000 each. That's a lot of suds, Bub.

Cure for disease

There's a new disease on the loose today. It claimed some 60,000 victims last year and was responsible for almost 14,000 deaths.

Striking only when a person is seated behind the steering wheel of an automobile, this disease is called "acceleritis."

Its symptoms are a heavy foot and a light head, a combination which usually results in insane speed. The virus of this disease attacks the mind and destroys all habits of courtesy and caution.

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EXCESSIVE speed — "acceleritis" — is regarded as the greatest single cause of traffic accidents and deaths.

Although no known vaccine has been developed to combat this mental sickness, preventive medicine measures can be applied to young persons through driving.

In the case of incurables, a driver's license can be taken away in order to remove an individual as a highway menace. And as for the rest of us — we must see to it that we always drive at a speed suitable to the conditions of traffic and weather.

To combat the modern sickness of "acceleritis" the best available remedy is simply to slow down so that you and others may live.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

A Mite Fund gets started . . .

The Charioteers Charity Club is one group which likes the idea of a Mite Foundation Fund to provide emergency aid to their fellow citizens.

Mrs. Phillips

The idea of such a club was suggested in this space several weeks ago by Mrs. Sarah Diggs, who was impressed by that letter from a "distraught mother" we published. She volunteered to accept clothing for the mother and her six children. Sympathetic citizens answered with a room full of clothes and shoes which will be distributed to the family this week.

Now comes the Charioteers whose officers and members contribute the initial $20 to start the Mite Fund as suggested by Mrs. Diggs.

Miss Mary Wildy, 1832 W. Saratoga St. is president of the Charioteers. "The idea of such a fund is a good one. Our club thinks a fund of this nature would do much for people who are temporarily without funds, food or clothing."

Now, this column would like to turn the $20 and any other donations from people who think our city needs such a fund over to a citizens' committee.

Are there volunteers? Are there other groups in our city which would serve as the nucleus of a city - wide group to organize this much - needed Mite Foundation???

Please let this column have your ideas.

Good, good neighbors of week . . .

Dr. Eugene Byrd, Turner Station dentist and civic leader, nominates for good, good neighbors of the week, Francis N. Iglehart Jr., a lawyer with offices in the Equitable Building, and Richard K. Marshall, an insurance salesman.

"Both are men who work behind the scenes to help improve race relations," writes Dr. Byrd.

"When they heard of the picketing and disorders at public schools last week, they were among the first to point out the law to Commissioner Ober and others, and urge them to enforce it.

"They insisted to public officials that they should not delay and allow the disorders to get out of hand.

"I am sure there were many persons who worked behind the scenes buttonholding police, school and other public officials. They, too, deserve a nod for their efforts.

"I am mentioning here just Mr. Iglehart and Mr. Marshall because I know how hard they worked. They have always been men who have taken a special interest in minority problems.

"Both are active in the American Veterans' Committee. Mr. Iglehart is past chairman of the Baltimore chapter and a member of the National Planning Committee, and Mr. Marshall is the present chairman of the Baltimore chapter.

"I nominate them for membership in your column's 'good, good neighbor club.'"

Wilson children doing okey . . .

Remember W. (for William) Llewellyn Wilson who taught music in Douglass High and after Baltimore schools for 45 years? He left seven children when he died in 1950. This is to report that they are doing okey.

Ada Wilson, now Mrs. Hillard Saunders, resides in St. Albans, L.I., where her husband is a film inspector for the city. They occupy one of those attractive St. Albans homes.

A Hampton graduate, where she specialized in physical education, she is now a housewife and mother, spends most of her time with their first born, a boy whom they have named Leigh Wilson Saunders.

MIRIAM is Mrs. James Fields, lives in Dayton, Ohio, where her hubby is a postal employee.

They expect their first born in January — have already added a new home and car this year.

Before her marriage, she was a WAC and a laboratory technician at the veterans' hospital there.

Eleanor is Mrs. John Worrell of New York City. She is supervisor of nurses at Manhattan General Hospital. Her hubby is a longshoreman.

Eleanor is a graduate of Central Islip Hospital in Long Island and has studied piano at Juilliard and Hunter. At present, she uses her music on her nurse's job, gives her sons to fellow nurses and yurgsters confined to the children's ward.

Maude is Mrs. Joseph Bostic of Corona, L. I., where her husband is an investigator for the city. They have a three-year-old daughter, Stephanie.

CHARLOTTE is the only girl to remain in Baltimore. She is now Mrs. George Dowdie, her husband is a postal employee.

She attended Morgan, worked with Red Cross and charity groups, now has her own public relations outfit which she calls Lew-Rene Enterprises.

William Llewllyn Jr., is a member of the up and coming Organax Trio which recently closed out a successful engagement here at the Comedy Club, it now at the crystal Caverns in N.Y.

His wife, Mary, and their daughter, Marian, 2, live in California.

PEZAVIA, the youngest boy, lives in Dayton, where he is a postal worker. He is single.

He parents named him Pezavia to honor the memory of Dr. Pezavia O'Connell, the Wilsons' Morgan Park neighbor at that time.

Dr. O'Connell was the first resident of that suburban area and at his death in 1930 was head of the history department at Morgan State College. He was widely known as a lecturer, minister and educator.

By the way, the Wilson children's stepmother, Mrs. Vashti Wilson, lives here in Baltimore, too, at 1812 McCulloh St.

This and that about people . . .

Members of the Md. Dental Society are making great plans for their one - day clinic here on Nov. 1 at the Madison Ave. YWCA. They expect outstanding clinicians to speak at their day-time meeting; will hear Superintendent of Schools John Fischer at their dinner meeting.

Dr. Orris Walker and Dr. Eugene Byrd are co - chairmen of the planning committee. Dr. A. Smith is publicity chairman; Dr. Sidney O. Burnett is president.

Others on the planning committee are: Dr. Bernard Christmas Jr., Dr. J. H. Weaver and Dr. Isaac Young.

Reminds me that Dr. Ralph Young is now permitted company at Johns Hopkins Hospital where he has been over three weeks. Will be home soon.

Three colored student nurses are now living in the nurses' home at City Hospitals — Ida Redd, Bettye Colemand and Louise Garvin. They moved in Tuesday.

Vicky Chandler, and her boyfriend, Richard Bean, the Cherry Hill youngsters who were among four killed in that Sunday night accident, were planning an early marriage.

The Chesapeake Club is holding its Fall and anniversary and new home, 2216 Eutaw Pl., Saturday evening.

Wesley A. Thomas, son of Mr. Rosslee Thomas, 2522 W. Lafayette Ave., is at the Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

Also at the same base is Donald W. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, 1724 Llewelyn Ave.

When local Elks leaders saw which way the picketing and demonstrations in schools was going, they had a furried meeting — alerted every lodge and temple, to urge parents to keep children in school—put a hurried call in to Grand Exalted Ruler — received okey to call off the school strike if needed for legal action for injunction to halt pickets.

The Myrtle Ave. Valiant Neighborhood and Young People's Clubs are laying plans now for their annual health and education program on Dec. 12 when Dr. D. H. W. Holmes will be their speaker.

True stories in school disorders . . .

At Eastern High School, says Jacqueylun Bourne, one of the seven girls enrolled there, all was well within the building, even when the picketers crossed the school grounds.

When picketing threatened, Miss A. Marguerite Zouck, principal, called an assembly. The principal and student council leaders urged the student body to see that the high standards characteristic of Eastern be maintained.

Only four of the 1,958 girls there were known to be in-any way associated with the protesting group, said Jacqueylun and other students made special efforts to show their disapproval she added.

Teachers, took the seven colored children home in their cars on Monday, picked them up again on Tuesday morning.

Asked if the seven were nervous over the situation, Jacqueylun said: "Well, we thought it might get rough. We didn't know . . . but you know, someone has to see the situation through. We feel it might as well be us. We decided that by our instance would we stay away from classes."

At Gwynns Falls Junior High where Clarence Mitchell carried a sign in front of his son's school for four hours on Tuesday, a 10-year-old walked up to him and said: "Say, mister, are we voting to have a race riot here?"

Mr. Mitchell said when he replied that he did not; t h e youngster said: "I don't understand all this fuss about colored kids going to school. We have some nice colored children in our school and we have colored policemen."

Thought of the week . . .

From "Something To Live By," by Dorothea S. Kopplin, in the section entitled, 'The Meaning of God:—

"There are those who claim they are 'unbelievers;' but if they would truly analyze their beliefs they would believe as everyone believes in a higher power.

"Do they not plant seeds and wait to see them push above the ground believing they will grow?

"When it rains are they not confident that soon the rain will stop according to a universal law always in operation?

"Do they not lie down at night content to allow their home to lock in sleep trusting a universal Power will operates to unlock them in the morning?

"There is no unbelief: for thus by day and night unconsciously the heart lives by that faith the lips deny."

Editorial Comment

On Delaware school situation

Editorial comment of newspapers along the Eastern Seaboard area was critical of the dismissal of the colored pupils from the Milford, Del., school.

The following is an excerpt from the Philadelphia Inquirier, published under the caption: "Who told them: Hate Thy Neighbor?"

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"THERE SEEMS to be no question about the responsibility for inciting this "Hate Thy Neighbor campaign."

"It appears to be the evil work, primarily, of the "National Association for the Advancement of White People.

"We do not know all the individuals who may be active in this revival of the spirit of the Ku Klux Klan.

"We do know that drastic action should be taken to bring the whole crew to book."

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THE WILMINGTON Evening Journal viewed the board's action as "Peace—At What Cost!"

Its lead editorial declarated:

"Milford's new schools, in its first hours in office, have found a way to take some of the heat out of the flaming controversy over the integration and end the school boycott in Sussex County —but at what cost!

"If it was a fruitful blunder to admit colored students to the Milford school without preparing the community for this step, the new board's decision to buy peace by expelling the 11 students already enrolled is still less excusable.

"For it is an abject surrender to the forces which have been fomenting lawlessness."

HERE ARE some pertinent facts regarding the school controversy.

The board's official "ouster statement" was;

"In a special meeting of the newly created Milford Board of Education, consisting of Edmund P. Steiner, George A. Robbins, George F. Adams and David B. Green, held in the board of education office in the Lake Avenue School on Sept. 30, 1954, at 2 p.m., Edmund P. Steiner was elected president of the new board of education.

"The Milford Board of Education believes they should be free to act in this emergency and not be bound by previous actions of the former Milford Board of Education:

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"THE BOARD of Education, therefore, has requested the State Board to support them in their action.

"The Milford Board of Education then went into executive session to attempt to solve the current issue in order that your children might return to school. As a result of its deliberation, the Milford Board of Education decided, in the interest of the welfare of the children and the community as a whole, to remove the eleven colored students from the enrollment records of the Milford School, effective at 3:10 p.m., Sept. 30, 1954. The school assignment and necessary transportation of these children to their future education is the responsibility of the State Board of Education.

"The Milford Board of Education appeals to all of the constituents of the Milford Special School District to send their children to school tomorrow morning, Oct. 1, 1954."

THE OFFICIAL statement of the Delaware NAACP, issued by Wagner D. Jackson, president, was:

"We have just experienced here in Delaware the shameful, degrading spectacle of our duly constituted authorities ignominiously surrendering to the illegal actions of a lawless mob; and thereby depriving law abiding citizens of fundamental constitutional rights which are guaranteed them and which officials are sworn to uphold.

"Like all other law abiding citizens everywhere, regardless of our personal feelings on the issue, we are appalled by the sight. But the shame and defeat is not only that of the responsible officials; it is also applicable to the many other people of influence and good will who failed to stand up and be counted against the forces of evil.

"We did not believe this rule by mob and threats of violence could happen here in Delaware; but we, like they, must now admit that we were wrong. Where and when, we ask, does it end?

"While we cannot speak for others, we of the NAACP refuse to accept defeat by mob rule; and, with our local and national legal staff, have begun planning our next legal action. We have no other alternative."

The National Association for other alternative."

The Department of White People was founded by William B. Bowles, now known as Bryant W. Bowles who is president of the organization.

Its offices are at 1319 F St., NW, Washington, D.C.

Bryant's wife, the former E. Lois Willford, is secretary and treasurer of the organization. Joseph Dante of Hartley, Del., is vice president. He has held the position since July 22, 1954.

APPLICATION FORMS list the membership fee as one year, $5; three years, $12; silver card, $25 and gold card, $50.

Membership includes 24 issues annually of the "National Forum," official publication of the group.

According to Bowles, Delaware residents contributed over $2,500 since the start of the local school controversy.

Previously he claimed a membership of 3,000.

The expressed purpose of the organization is "to lobby in Congress; to elect politicians who stand for the separation of the Races of Mankind and to defeat all others."

Work Bench

By Clarence Mitchell

The Baltimore Sun, a daily newspaper, is responsible for most of the tension that has arisen in that city on the matter of integration in the public schools.

It has accomplished this result by the slant and placement of its news articles.

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IN ITS EDITORIALS the paper usually takes a double-faced position that could be interpreted as a weak endorsement of the Constitutional powers of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Generally, these editorials contain some suggestion that law and order be observed.

The latest formula on handling the news about integration seems to be one of playing up hostility in schools where the student bodies are mixed and playing down the successful and peaceful cases of desegregation.

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WHEN THE criminal-led mob at Milford, Del., began hacking away at the foundations of law and order, by demanding that colored children be ousted from the school that they were attending. The Sun gave ample coverage to all of the misdeeds in the hoodlum.

The trouble was being fomented by a man named Bryant W. Bowles who had just received a suspended sentence of one year in the House of Correction. Charges against him had netted the city of Baltimore a tidy sum in the way of fines.

Nevertheless, the Bowles movement was treated with full-scale coverage. A crackpot man in a pin point co the map of the little state of Delaware was given prominent space each morning when Baltimreans picked up their papers at breakfast.

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A COURAGEOUS judge in West Virginia had made headline news by breaking up lawlessness that had closed the school in his community.

His action was buried inside the paper while the Bowles' exploits got preferred treatment.

IN ONE God-forsaken section of Baltimore, where ignorance has married bigotry and produced acute bigotry as its offspring, a group of white parents staged a demonstration with crude signs.

They were trying to keep a little group of kindergarten children from attending school.

For several years the colored citizens of Baltimore picketed a theater to break down jim crow. The whole city knew what they were doing but not once did the Sun give their story a proper airing in its news columns.

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IN CONTRAST, the pictures of the white mothers picketing an insignificant little school, where kindergarten children were learning their ABC's, were given prominent display.

The news story also heralded the plan to picket other schools the following day.

When sentiment, fanned by unwarrentedly extended news coverage, provoked a bigger demonstration by students at a high school in the same area, the Sun was in the forefront of those who called for "cool heads and second thoughts."

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KNOWING something about the difficulty it is to get some of the daily papers to give fair news treatment to constructive civil rights matters, I am certain that they use the blue pencil generously when the news reported is not what they believe the public should read.

What happened to the pencil when the Bowles stories were printed?.

Papers like the Sun should spend more time making certain that the public gets the whole truth on the progress of integration.

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UNLESS THEY are willing to give their readers an accurate picture of the legal statis of segregation, the daily papers must accept some of the guilt of fomenting discord.

Charlatans like Bryant Bowles never make any headway until they get sympathetic news coverage. The mothers who should have been at home washing dishes instead of walking the picket line got their best boost when their pictures appeared in the paper.

In the months ahead there will be many other times when a hoodlum will call on the disgruntled and the gullible to join him in an assault on democracy.

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IF THE NEWS media reveal him in his true light, he will not have a following.

If he (or she) gets constant headlines and stories slanted to give a touch of righteousness to the mischief, it will start a forest fire every time.

When the blaze gets out of hand it will be too late to grab the editorial water bucket.

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