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Did the British gamble?

Our contemporary, the Baltimore Sun, would have its readers believe that Britain took a "gamble" in promising independence to the African Gold Coast.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

John Gunther in his book, "Inside Africa" said four years ago: "The British are pulling out, because they must, but they intend to hold on to something after they have gone."

It's no gamble if you run out before you are kicked out.

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THE WEST AFRICAN Gold Coast is a British colony the size of Nebraska. It has a population of 4,150,000. No European can settle there.

It is 98 per cent African, 30 per cent Christian and 47 per cent Mohammedan.

It is the richest British colony in Africa, the world's largest producer of cocoa and the largest exporters of manganese.

When the Volta river dam is completed, it will be one of the world's largest producers of bauxite, aluminum and hydro-electric power.

It has a British governor and an African prime minister, named Nkrumah (pronounced En-kooma).

Dr. Nkrumah, 46, educated at Lincoln University, (Pennsylvania) and the London School of Economics, built his Independence Party through non-violence, general strikes and boycotts of European shops, against savage British opposition.

While he was serving 14 months in jail for opposing the British, his constituents elected him to Parliament by a vote of 22,780 to 362.

INDEPENDENCE means the British governor must get out along with the majority of the 1,500 British civil servants.

Who are the British to rule them against their will?

Says Nkrumah: "In the very early days of the Christian era, before Christ, Britain had assumed any importance, long before her people had united into a nation, our ancestors had attained a great empire (Ghana) which lasted until the Eleventh Century, when it fell before the Moors of the North."

Nkrumah again: "We prefer self-government with danger to serfdom in tranquility. Doubtless, we shall make mistakes, as have all other nations. We are human beings and hence fallible."

IF ENGLAND had not promised the Gold Coast independence as soon as the inhabitants vote for it, Nkrumah announced he "would follow the example of the Sudan and proclaim the Gold Coast's independence."

Dr. Nkrumah and his party got their independence by a peaceful, non - violent revolution. He simply out - maneuvered the British at their own game of politics.

Nkrumah took the gamble and won.

This should set the record straight.

Dr. Nkrumah's love of freedom is the same as that which beats in the heart of any patriot who expels the foreigner.

He remembers the barbaric rudeness he met in Baltimore 23 years ago. At a bus station, he asked where he could get a drink of water, and a clerk pointed to a spittoon.

No clerk could insult him, but that was the day he made a resolution: "If I fail to bring self-government to the Gold Coast, bury me alive."

Let's abandon Barrett

"A barren piece of property, cheerless, with antiquated buildings . . ."

This is not the description of some blighted area in a backward nation or a leper colony. It is the description of a school where girls are sent to grow in social grace and acceptability.

The description was made by the Correctional, Juvenile Institutions Committee of the outgoing grand jury last week of the Barrett School.

The jury recommended that the school be abandoned and the girls absorbed by the Montrose School.

This recommendation should certainly be followed through.

The purpose of such schools is to correct, not perpetuate, the environmental shortcomings which originally contributed to their inmates' downfall.

Perhaps the weatherman got tired of hearing the same people who in winter said, "I like summer best" reverse themselves in August and say, "I'm a cold-weather man, myself."

As a solution, the weatherman must have decided to give brief, alternate periods of each during all seasons.

So, although the weather may not be perfectly satisfactory to everyone, no one can deny that it certainly is interesting.

Whither the weather

Let's talk about the weather—that's right, "whether." The question isn't if there will be weather, there always is; the question is "whether" — hot or cold; wet or dry?

For instance, Monday broke all May 14 heat records with a dizzying 94—24 hours and close to 20 degrees later, the temperature was a perfect spring-day 75.

The morning is no herald of what the evening will bring and, two weeks ago, it was possible to be lulled to sleep at night by warm breezes from clear skies only to wake the next morning and see flurries of snowflakes sifting through the murky overcast.

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Ideal Mother—and prayer

Mrs. Agnes F. Hildebrand, the late husband, the Rev. Benjamin F. Hildebrand, managed to rear and educate their brood.

In telling of their early desire to have a son who would follow in his father's footsteps in the ministry, Mrs. Hildebrand said: "My husband and I prayed that one of our sons would be called to the ministry, and the Lord was so generous he gave us three."

Mrs. Hildebrand also told of severe crises in the life of the family which were surmounted after prayer.

We could not fail to notice, however, that success came after prayer, preparation and work.

AFRO's 1956 Ideal Mother, is an unusual person in more than one respect.

She has a charm and graciousness rarely encountered, coupled with a sense of humor which has successfully survived the rearing of 14 children.

Many parents who find the rearing of much smaller families to be a wearing and aging job will wonder how this is possible.

For them, Mrs. Hildebrand's answer is "prayer."

"We lived each day under the influence of prayer," she said in explaining how she and her husband, the late Rev. Benjamin F. Hildebrand, managed to rear and educate their brood.

Judgeship Nominations

Mrs. Nellie Marshall, judge in the Orphans Court, and Edwin Harlan, deputy city solicitor, will be candidates in November for 15-year terms on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

Their nomination in the primary last week was a clear sign of growing dissatisfaction with the "sitting judge" tradition.

The judges are appointed first by the governor, who is dominated by the Bar Association which presumes to speak for all lawyers in the community.

It also furnishes the list from which the selections are made.

These nominees are then obliged to have their appointments confirmed by the electorate.

The Bar Association didn't see fit to include the names of either Mrs. Marshall or Mr. Harlan on the list of possible appointees.

But the people, clearly unhappy over this "closed shop" veto exercised over their judiciary by a tight little private union of lawyers, revolted against the principle.

One of the Bar Association's nominees was rejected, and two others who did not enjoy the association's approval were accepted.

Never in history have any women or colored persons been appointed to the Supreme Bench and as long as the Bar Association maintains a restrictive covenant over its membership it's our guess they never will.

That's one solid reason we welcome the voters' assault on the "sitting judge" idea.

We hope it reveals a return to a more democratic system of selecting the judiciary.

We think it's a healthy trend.

City Desk Memo

By CHESTER M. HAMPTON

Musicians are in the spotlight this season, it seems. And the news they make seems to bear out a little-thought-of principle.

The week of May 16-23 has been dedicated by disk-jockeys to the memory of the late Fats Waller.

And Louis Armstrong thrilled European royalty with his musicianship.

To the surprise of correspondents covering his appearances, Armstrong took his success very matter-of-factly. He turned no handsprings over the plaudits of the peerage.

Nor did the "Harmful Little Armful," Fats Waller, when he was alive. He, too, was the toast of the blue-bloods of many nations — yet not once did he lose his poise and self-assurance.

It was while playing for a wealthy Philadelphia audience some years ago that Waller, eyeing the be-furred and be-jeweled patrons, made the classic remark:

"I wonder what the poor people are doing."

What is the source of this self assurance?

Competence.

Because of his competence, Armstrong is called "King of the Trumpet." And other musicians have won for themselves similar eminence on the ladder of fame.

And so it is in all pursuits: competent machinists, teachers, electricians, lawyers—all are "kings" in their respective fields.

These democracy - produced "kings" don't have to bow down to anyone on their own home grounds.

When the millionaire takes his air-conditioned Cadillac to the mechanic for repairs the mechanic is, so to speak, in the driver's seat.

On the entertainment stage, then, Armstrong indeed has cause for being nonchalant.

For whether the theater is in the United States, England, France or behind the Iron Curtain, once they enter, they're in the domain of King Louis.

It might be well for foreign correspondents to remember this in reporting the savoir-faire of Armstrong in the presence of royalty.

And they, too, like you, can be kings in their own field.

A job for parents

Statistics show that not enough of our young men fortunate enough to reach college are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the ROTC program.

This is not only unfortunate, but is difficult to understand.

Of the two and half million Americans presently in uniform, 220,000 or about nine per cent are colored.

There are 110,000 of our young men registered in colleges. Yet only 4,700 or a miserable 3 1/2 per cent of all ROTC students in American colleges are colored.

There are approximately 900 male students at Morgan. But only 500 or about 55 per cent participate in the ROTC program.

Why?

They are going to have to serve their country sooner or later. For most of them it will be sooner.

They will either be drafted as raw recruits in the ranks, or they can fulfill their military obligations at higher pay and increased prestige in the uniform of commissioned officers.

Unfortunately, the opportunity to qualify is open at only a few of our colleges in the Deep South where most of our youngsters attend school.

But it is open at Morgan and parents should insist that their sons, for their own protection and welfare, take full advantage of it.

Do You Call This 'All Deliberate' Speed?

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.

Lyric concert

Dear AFRO:

I take this opportunity to thank the AFRO for the generous and excellent coverage you gave to the concert of the Morgan choir and band on May 6 at the Lyric.

The concert was successful, thanks, to a very great extent, to the AFRO for the interest it helped create in this affair.

I am sure that I express the feeling of everyone here when I say thank you very much.

REVELLA L. CLAY
Director of Public Relations, Morgan State College

Who's responsible?

Dear AFRO:

The question was asked, who is responsible for delinquency—parents, schools or churches?

I do not believe the church has any responsibility for acts of delinquency, Church services are instructed from the Bible to do right and to be good citizens for Christian living.

The question was asked what can be done to help our children?

We should always remember the instructions our forepareents gave their children. Then there was nothing about increased delinquency.

Children had to be home at certain hours of the night. If they were invited to socials or parties, the parents knew the time they ended.

The child did not have reason to be late coming home. If he was, he was punished. Many parents accompanied children to affairs.

Also, our foreparents, trained their children to respect people and associate with only well-behaved children. Thus naughty children were somewhat compelled to do right.

I believe if these instructions are practiced the police will not have to give special attention to our teen-agers.

The church is not responsible.

INTERESTED READER

Thanks for parents

Dear AFRO:

At its April meeting our board of managers reviewed the excellent publicity which you have given to our need for adopting parents for colored children, and voted to express to you our deep appreciation of your very effective help in this matter.

Mrs. Clark tells us that she has received well over 100 telephone calls and a number of couples have walked into the office, all apparently in response to your articles. It appears likely that we will get enough homes for the children now in our care.

NICHOLAS G. PENNIMAN, III
President, Family and Children's Society

Phony lineup

Dear AFRO:

I do not know when I have been as completely dumbfounded and amazed as I was when I read the account of Mrs. Anna Mae Nichols' charges against a member of the Park Police force and the subsequent "phony" lineup.

The alleged action of the policeman, and what appears to be subsequent attempts of his superiors to protect him, cast a cloud of dishonor over the whole Park Police force.

The entire incident should be thoroughly investigated and those responsible should be forced to resign.

The accused policeman, as would any other citizen, should be compelled to stand trial; and if convicted, sentenced to jail.

Only in this manner can the blot on the name of the force be removed.

WILLIAM MONTGOMERY

Conference coverage

Dear AFRO:

As a reader of the AFRO for more than 25 years, I wish to express my appreciation for the excellent and detailed coverage which you gave the recently completed Methodist, AME and AME Zion general conferences.

The paper deserves commendation for the manner in which it keeps its readers abreast of current happenings in all fields and throughout the nation.

I keep informed by reading the AFRO.

OSCAR STEADMAN

Education for future

Dear AFRO:

Until prejudice and prudery are taught as integral parts of ignorance, not intelligence, both of America's educational systems, secular and religious, will continue failing to fit us for the future.

J. T. ROGERS

Tax collector

Dear AFRO:

Now that the current income tax filing period is behind us, your newspaper has been most helpful in bringing it to a successful end. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all news services for the time and space they so generously allotted to this office, so that the could inform the taxpaying public about the services and information the Internal Revenue had at their disposal.

I am confident if it had not been for the news outlets our job here at the Internal Revenue would have been more difficult.

Again let me express my thanks for the cooperation and effort your office put forth in this gigantic operation.

C. I. FOX
District Director

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

About this and that...

Dr. McDonald Bando arrived in Trinidad, British West Indies, just in time to spend Mother's Day with his 90-year-old mother, Mrs. Marie Bando.

He had a chance to enjoy a whole week with her. She died in his arms on Saturday—the day before Mother's Day.

The Willie Blackwells (Mary) are now honeymooning in Virginia hoping that the Richmond, Va., accident in which she was injured won't spoil their plans for an heir.

The doc informed them that after 27 years of marriage they could expect an addition this fall.

Mrs. Blackwell was hurt and her husband and other relatives escaped injury when their car was jammed between two cars, being struck from behind by one truck and pushed into the rear of another.

DR. AND MRS. LUCIUS BUTLER will be Carlisle Ave. residents soon. They've purchased 3200.

Mrs. Florence Tarter was hostess to the Neighborhood Club of the 2300 block McCulloh St., this week, and members are still "oohing" and "ahing."

Mrs. Tarter used many of the gifts friends and relatives had given her and her husband, Robert, at their 20th wedding anniversary celebration in March.

"The gifts were so lovely . . . many of them were decorated with gold . . . the hostess's children helped serve us and everything was lovely . . ." says Mrs. Annie Cephas, one of the neighbors.

And, she adds: "I am assured that marriage can be a happy rewarding and durable experience . . ."

Isn't that thoughtful to say a kind word about your neighbor and to take the time to write it!!

SCHOOLMARM RUBY LEE REID is beaming—her daughter is beaming and her daughter's new hubby is beaming.

The new hubby, who is Roscoe Conkling Young, was formally inducted into Gamma Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society.

He is married to Ruby's daughter, the former Christina Carr. Remember their pretty wedding last year?

He is a junior at Howard medical school.

Christina is on the medical staff—a cardia respiratory research worker.

Good news about a hometowner: Marcia Chapman is some great shakes at Pembroke College in Providence, R.I., where she graduates in June.

Last week, she was among the nine outstanding seniors presented to keys at the student government assembly.

At four years, she has been active on campus activities. When she was a freshie, she was the "college belle of the board."

The next year she was on the Brownie Board. In her junior year, she was class treasurer. This year she is secretary of the Honor Council, had charge of the senior welcome day, and served as vice president of the Alumnae council.

After graduation next month, she plans to teach math at an all Brookfield, Mass., prep school.

Marcia is the daughter of Mattie Davis Chapman and Norman Chapman of 2102 Presbury St. Her other daughter, Sheila, is a 10th grade pupil at Douglass High.

How to live long...

Dr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, president - emeritus of Morgan State College and our town's elder statesman, will be 79 this November 15.

I cornered him at lunch the other day and asked him how he managed to look so young and what his formula is for long life. Here is what he said:

"Longevity is a mystery. A great many people kill themselves by trying to live all at once.

"If they are athletic, they overdo it—try to crowd all sports activity in five or six years.

"I have worked awfully hard all my life. I always had to start at the bottom and build up every job I had. But I've never tried to crowd everything in at once.

"I never took my work home with me, no matter what job I had. I left my work at the office.

"I have never been a liquetarian. I'd have a convivial glass with somebody once in a while, but I never did drink a whole lot.

"Some guys feel they have to drink all the liquor in the world. I don't like the taste of hard liquor.

"And, now that I have retired, I leaf in the morning, because I can't go back to bed in the middle of the day . . . that kind of resting does a whole lot to save what I have left. . . .

"And then, maybe I have lived a long time because of inheritance.

"My mother lived to be 78. My father lived to be 72. My father's sister lived to be 99. I have an aunt in Washington who will be 95 this year and she is just as bright and spry as she can be.

"She is Mrs. Ada Anderson, she lives on Second St. in the vicinity of Dunbar High School.

"I say that longevity is a great mystery . . ."

People, places, things...

Here's a laugh from the column of Bob Sylvester, my favorite N.Y. News columnist:

"Ted Steele, a television employe, got a harsh lesson from his 3-year-old niece over the weekend.

"The conversation went as follows: "Today's Saturday, 'Texas Ranger' is on today."

"'What time does it go on?'

"After Winky Dink.'

"'What time does Winky Dink go on? After Mighty Mouse.'"

"What time does Mighty Mouse go on?" "After Captain Kangaroo.

"What time does Captain Kangaroo go on? Oh, that's over already.

Good citizen: Bernard Hale, 2228 Penrose Ave., who heads the Community Organization on Juvenile Delinquency.

"I started the organization because I wanted to do something exclusively for the benefit of young people," says Mr. Hale, who is a Social Security worker, and himself the father of a 12-year-old boy.

Mr. Hale says his group hopes to raise funds to provide recreation projects for youngsters. Its first effort to raise funds is a drawing for three war bonds on June 2—$100 first $50 second and $25, third.

Douglass High School pupils report that hoodlums threw stones through the window, and banged doors leading into the auditorium at Clifton Park High on Monday evening when their band was appearing in concert.

"We had asked to stay for the rest of the concert but after the rock came through the window, and there was so much disorder," we left after we played, one pupil told this reporter.

"I think since we were invited to play (it was National Music Week), we should have been given better consideration than this," the pupil added. So does this reporter.

Announcement that the Rev. Harold G. Nixon, and his talented and charming wife, Sanoma, are leaving our town to take posts at a N.Y. State school, is bad news.

Both the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon are hard, conscientious workers whose contribution to the life of our community will never be fully known.

Now they're bound for a community that not only appreciates good, Christian, civic workers, but which will also pay them well for their services . . . something we did not do.

Provident Hospital staff members have entered a very fine resolution in their March minutes memorializing the late Dr. Marion E. Wilson. He died in January.

And the March issue of the Maryland State Medical Journal carries an in memoriam signed by A. C. Carter, which says in part: "Devoted to his work, emotionally intense, Dr. Wilson held ideals of performance which made commonplace living impossible for him . . . His unexpected death was a great shock to his many friends. . . .

"Never hoping that Provident will find some suitable lasting memorial which will bear Marion Wilson's name. Maybe there can be a Marion Wilson Room or Lab.

Certainly, he was, as the hospital's resolution says "an excellent surgeon, loyal member and devoted friend . . ."

Some Talmadgeisms...

Herman Talmadge, former governor of Georgia, appeared on the "Meet the Press" program, Sunday. Here are some of the questions asked him, and the answers (?) he gave:

Q—Progress has been made in integration in some of the other Southern states . . . what do you have to say about this progress elsewhere in the South, if it can happen in Kentucky, why can't it happen in your state? for example?

A—Kentucky is a border state, Georgia is a deep Southern State. Thirty-two per cent of the population of Georgia is colored, in some of the counties of Georgia, the colored population amounts to 80 or 85 or perhaps 90 per cent. In those areas, you will find the greatest degree of resistance to mixed schools.

Q—In the District of Columbia, 35 per cent of the population is colored, yet the District of Columbia public schools have been integrated with no untoward incidents. Now how do you account for that?

A—I don't think you can compare the District of Columbia with a deep Southern state. As I read the news reports on the integration problem in the District of Columbia, it hasn't proven entirely successful.

Q—Surveys show that from five to 20 per cent of the colored vote is turning away from the Democratic Party and back to the Republican. Do you regard that as a constructive development?

A—I don't know . . . I do know that both the Democratic party and the Republican party have been trying to see who can obtain the Negro vote in certain areas of our nation. What the final outcome will be, I don't know.

Q—If you lose labor and the colored vote, how can the Democrats win?

A—I haven't participated in national politics on any substantial level. I am not in politics at this time. I am a private citizen from Georgia seeking the nomination for United States senator . . ."

Comment: Ho hum! ho hum! ho hum! How much longer will the good-colored citizens of Georgia continue to put up with this?

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PALMA announces honor mom awards

Selection of the three winners of the PALMA Honor Mothers Contest was announced by Arnold Kurland, Promotion Committee Chairman of the Pennsylvania Avenue - Lafayette Market Association.

According to the committee chairman time holding the Honor Mothers Coupons with the following numbers have been declared winners of the contest.

The numbers listed are 23079 for first prize, 1953 for second prize and 20505 for third prize.

Prizes totaling two hundred dollars will be distributed as soon as the winners are verified. First prize is a $50 merchandise certificate, second is a merchandise certificate valued at $30 and third prize is a merchandise certificate for $20.

IN ADDITION to the awards being made to the holders of the winning coupons, duplicate prizes in like amounts are being sent to the winners' churches. The merchandise certificates sent to the houses of worship are designated to be used for the church needy.

The merchandise certificates can be used as cash in any of the PALMA member stores in the 1500 to 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Ave. and in any of the member stalls in the Lafayette Market, Mr. Kurland said.

Winning numbers have been posted at all PALMA stores and market stalls. The holder of the coupon bearing a winning number may take it to any PALMA member for verification.

WINNERS SHOULD be sure to give the PALMA member their names and addresses and those of their churches. Certificates will be mailed within a week.

Winners of the merchandise certificates are not limited to making purchases in any given store. The certificate will be honored by any PALMA merchant.

The Pennsylvania Avenue-Lafayette Market Association was formed for "Service, Courtesy and Honor Values." PALMA also conducts many worthwhile public services throughout the year.

Dr. McKinney will give baccalaureate at Ark. A. and M.

Dr. Richard I. McKinney, professor and head of the department of philosophy at Morgan State College will deliver the baccalaureate address at Arkansas A. and M. College, Pine Bluff, Ark., Sunday, May 20.

The Morgan professor, who was formerly president of Storer College, was recently elected national president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha National Fraternity in Philosophy during its meeting at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa.

NOTICE!!
LOOK FOR YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON PAGE 3.

Wife's plea keeps mate out of jail

"I worked yesterday. Last night when I got off, I made arrangements to get a TV set. I don't know what happened. When I knew anything, the police were waking me up."

Tony McKoy, 41, 400 block W. Mulberry St. was testifying in Southwestern Police Court before Magistrate Howard L. Aaron Saturday. He was charged with assault by cutting his wife, Emma, with a knife.

Mrs. Emma McKoy of the same address testified: "We've been married five years. I haven't been out by him before. I don't have any trouble with my husband, but when he drinks.

"My arm was bleeding so, I ran out into the street and called the police. He stayed in bed and went to sleep."

MRS. McKOY has been treated at University Hospital where her right arm had required 16 stitches and her neck seven. Magistrate Aaron postponed a decision until Sunday.

Sunday morning Mrs. McKoy requested leniency for her husband, Magistrate Aaron suspended a six months sentence in the House of Correction and placed him on probation for one year on condition of good behavior and that he support his stepson.

Youth injured in fall on Capitol grounds

A nine-year-old youth was reported in fair condition at Casualty Hospital where he was admitted for multiple injuries received when he fell off a wall while on the Capitol grounds Friday.

Discovered lying on the ground by Capitol police Ernest Leggins, 206 D St., NW, the lad was taken to the hospital where he was treated for a broken nose, lacerations of both legs and head injuries.

'When scared, you'll try anything, even suicide'

"Why did you try to jump out the second floor window?

"When you're scared, you'll do anything."

"Even try to commit suicide?"

"Yes, even that."

This was the testimony between Assistant State's Attorney Norman Polsky and Miss Anna Mae Bell, convicted dope peddler, in Criminal Court, Monday.

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MISS BELL, who was sentenced to not more than five years in the Women's Reformatory, was explaining why she tried to evade the narcotics agents when they raided her home in the 700 block Bradley St., Easter Sunday morning.

Insisting that she had not sold four heroine capsules to a special narcotics agent last August 15, Miss Bell said that she was familiar with the way police operated and sought escape through the window.

Police nabbed her, however, before she jumped. It was testified.

Lt. Joseph Carroll, head of the narcotics division, explained that the reason for the delay in Miss Bell's arrest was that she had fled to New York when police "started to move in" last fall.

The tiny woman, dressed in a man's shirt and tight skirt, sobbed in a white handkerchief as Judge Joseph L. Carter imposed the sentence.

Miss Bell was represented by Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, court-appointed attorney.

Auto supply sale planned

A sealed bid sale of automotive equipment and supplies has been announced at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Bids will be received until 1 p.m. on May 24, for purchase and removal of the government property.

The heavy, regular size, and oversize equipment on sale includes lots of used and unused, miscellaneous automotive spare parts, ranging from nuts to shifting levers.

Other items open for bidding vary from brass cleats, 20-ton hydraulic jacks, portable floor cranes, and pick - up and panel trucks, to 25-ton semi-tractor trucks.

Lights and still more lights to be erected by Mr. Barnes

A flock of new traffic lights are scheduled to dot the streets of Baltimore by the end of the year and a number of existing lights are scheduled to be modernized under plans prepared by Traffic Director Harry A. Barnes for the Board of Estimates.

Mr. Barnes has asked the board to advertise for bids from private firms to do the work at 106 intersections. Among the places scheduled for new lights are: Edmondson Ave and Gilmor St.; Fremont and Lafayette Ave.; Fulton Ave. and Laurens Sa.; Gilmor St. and Lafayette Ave.; Linden Ave. and McMechen S.; Madison Ave. and Whitelock St.; Gay and Preston Sts. and Rutland Ave.

Intersections where lights are scheduled to be modernized include:

Aisquith, Gay and Monument Sts.; Aisquith and Orleans Sts.; Caroline St. at Fayette and Monument; Edmondson Ave. at Franklin; Poplar Grove a Franklintown; North Ave. and Smallwood St.

Religious films to be televised 13 weeks

The Episcopal Church, commission on publicity, has announced that a series of films depicting the missionary work of the mid-century church will be presented for thirteen Saturdays on television beginning, May 19.

The films will be shown on stations WAAM (Channel 13) at 9:30 a.m. and WMAR (Channel 2) at 1:30 p.m. The series will end August 11.

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Our tree trimming is done by men who are thoroughly trained in this work. They are concerned not only with the protection of electric wires but also in preserving the natural beauty of the trees. They work in close cooperation with the City and State Foresters.

Skillful Tree Trimming Benefits You ... and It Benefits the Trees!

YOU BENEFIT because properly trimmed trees help protect both your property and your electric service.

THE TREES BENEFIT because corrective pruning makes them sturdier and improves their appearance. An average mature tree can be trimmed back 10 to 15 feet in height without any loss of symmetry or beauty . . . and such "storm-proofed" trees are much less likely to be broken by wind or sleet.

Neighborhood Improvement Associations often find that our tree trimming program can be helpful in improving the appearance of their particular neighborhood, as well as in correcting conditions which may be a hazard to property owners. Perhaps your Improvement Association would like to have more details on how our tree trimming program operates and the advantages it offers. If so, one of our representatives will gladly meet with you. To arrange an appointment, call LExington 9-8000, Extension 475.

BALTIMORE GAS and ELECTRIC COMPANY

The Reporters Report

Yes, it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON

Perhaps it was James Weldon Johnson, who first "discovered the old-time preacher," wrote about him and focused attention upon him.

Always a vital figure in the colored community, he is still among us.

The pulpit, as nowhere else, has been that place where the talent of the genus Africanus came to the fore, and this is further evidenced than in the current success of the Mt. Calvary, Ala., bus boycott.

In trying to describe the magnificent old-time preacher's voice, James Weldon Johnson thought of a trombone, because of its wide variations in tone, and so he called them preachers, "Gods Trombones."

The old time preacher had a way of taking a simple story from the Bible and putting so much drama, pathos and emotion into it, that he could literally hold his audience in the palm of his hand.

He could take an ordinary statement like, "Think of His goodness to you," and keep repeating it, using different voice inflections, until finally, he would have his whole congregation shouting in religious ecstasy.

Each parishioner would be repeating to himself, "Think of His goodness to me."

It is not surprising that so many of the colored citizen's leaders have a "preaching" background. Quite by accident a week or so ago, I listened to an old-time preacher in his truly unorthodox manner.

He chose as his subject: "Behold, How Good It Is To Dwell Together In Unity." Speaking without notes, he told of Christ's love for mankind and the beauty of working together in unity.

He had not preached very long before some happy, uninhibited soul threw up her arms ecstatically and shouted with out restraint. Unmoved by this manifestation, he preached on, driving home his points with original and amusing illustrations.

When he finished, he gave out an old metered hymn that everybody sang, and everybody was lifted up.

"Who," I wondered from a bench near the rear, "dares to laugh at the old-time preacher?"

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Andy Douglass, the blond youngster who's trying to wrest the spelling championship from Gloria Lockerman on the "$64,000 Challenge" TV show, is not solely responsible for his antics before the camera.

While trying to interview the 12-year-old youngster backstage, Sunday, I wound up many times in deep conversation with Mrs. Douglass.

The tall, gray-haired mother never allowed her "average prodigy" (this is Mama's term, not Andy's) to answer a question without putting in a few remarks on how children should be reared these days.

I was trying to find out from Andy which classic authors he preferred, and Mrs. Douglass immediately informed me:

"All children should read Kipling before they're 12. And of course they shouldn't miss out on "Gulliver's Travels." Andy is a natural reader and he's up with everything."

It was such interruptions like this which prolonged my interview with the child over 30 minutes.

IT MIGHT also point out that the program directors are also somewhat to blame for Andy's TV attitude.

Each week the contestants are furnished a script and four hours before the show they rehearse WHAT they are going to say and HOW they are going to say it.

Course, in contests, you must have a favorite. Maybe that's the answer.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Are you slow to anger? Then it's lucky that you were not on the No. 3 bus Monday morning.

Hairs bristled when the blond driver yelled "All on for Alabama." Obviously, he was referring to the bus strikers in Montgomery.

Could be it's the weather, but everyone seems to be mad these days, especially this week.

Take those kids out at Morgan. Now they are not at all satisfied. Was with panty raids and all fire engines and the works?

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FOLKS ARE not letting any grass grow under their feet out in Arbutus Cemetery either.

This is not a joke now, but the management has put in new roads, flower gardens and added just a bit more beauty to the spot.

Parents with children attending School No. 148 were impressed by the Mother's Day program featured last week. The credit goes to Mrs. Robert M. Williams.

Ever seen a person when he was dejected? Maybe you think you have.

You should have seen the parents of those five college boys in the assault case Wednesday morning at Northeastern.

Some looked as if they hadn't slept for hours after learning of the bad news. They kept saying: "I just can't believe it."

A story right out of an Our Gang comedy unfolded in Harford County Monday when T-Men overran a whiskey still.

One of the men they chased tipped the scales at well over 300 pounds. He almost outran the entire group.

IT IS SO WRITTEN

Lancaster, Pa.—As a minister of the Gospel of our Lord, I feel that I am familiar with His word as written in the Holy Bible.

He has written that color or race matters not.

BISHOP C. C. PAGE

Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

"Ah, it's a funny world," chirped the jovial veteran transit operator as he puffed on a fag (cigarette to the British).

Attracted by his conversation, I looked up and spotted a sign on the streetcar which read: "By acts of legislature and city ordinances smoking and spitting unlawful."

The operator continued puffing and talking to the old lady seated behind him, relating an instance when a dosey passenger wrote the transit company complaining about his duty-hours smoking.

"I didn't admit or deny it," he said. "I told them if he (Ole Nosey) said I did, I guess I did."

AH, I THOUGHT to myself, what a funny old fellow. But I didn't know whether to get mad or not when he referred to the colored domestic workers who've been riding his line for years and years.

He allowed, with a bit of pride creeping into his voice, how he'd wait an extra minute or so for those old regulars, who are now showing the effects of cursed old age.

A male "club member" getting off the streetcar at the next stop, recalled to the operator how, 25 years or more ago, he used to steal rides on the streetcars as a kid.

"Well, I guess you got some free rides on my line," the vet operator said. "I've been on this line for years."

At this point I laughed to myself. As I alighted from the streetcar, the operator was still puffing and talking and jogging along.