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— Frederick Douglass

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Grand Jurors' Assn.

For more than 30 years, the Baltimore City Grand Jurors' Association has consistently denied membership to persons who are not white.

The association is composed of citizens who have served on grand juries in Baltimore City.

Membership application cards are passed out at the expiration of the grand jury term. The cards are given to white members of the retiring grand jury.

There could be no serious objection to this practice if the association were purely a private organization.

But it is not.

It has a quasi public function. Since grand juries serve three months, the principal aim of the association is to meet with lawyers, judges and other public officials in the effort, as a permanent organization, to see that recommendations of grand juries are given due consideration and followed through.

These recommendations are important not only to white people.

They are important to and affect all citizens of the city.

No one should be barred because of race and color from membership in an organization which deals with and influences public policy.

When grand jurors take their seats, they are required to swear that in their deliberations and actions they will not be swayed by envy, hatred, malice or ill will.

It's too bad members of the Baltimore Grand Jurors' Association refuse to be guided by such high moral principles upon leaving the jury room.

The Rev. Harold Nixon

The Rev. Harold Nixon of Turner Station has had a rough time in the past two weeks.

The community had the idea he was the person who complained to Governor McKeldin and State Police that the numbers racket was being run wide open in violation of the law.

The raid and arrest of six suspects followed.

Five of them have been convicted and the ringleader has been slain under strange circumstances.

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What followed was the typical reaction of a small community.

Neighbors, who had been his friends for years looked the other way when the pastor walked down the street.

He received threatening calls on the telephone and dire warnings threatening his life mysteriously appeared in his mail box.

Neighbors and friends, with whom he had been in intimate association for long periods, turned their back on him.

We feel sorry for the Rev. Mr. Nixon, whose reward for being a good citizen, has been scorn and vituperation.

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Statistics and color

A doctor skilled in medicine and surgery should be tolerant and unprejudiced person because he knows, after years of working inside human for years, that God made them all alike.

People are so much alike that you can take spare parts out of one man and put them in another and they will work.

Above all others, the physician knows that jim crow, segregation and race prejudice do violence to the laws of nature.

This applies also to fair employment practices and the city's Health Department.

Disease knows no color lines and neither should the personnel in the Health Department.

The Baltimore Health Department records births, deaths and morbidity by race.

It is compelled under the law to so record marriages, but no law requires the Health Department to put down race or color after births and deaths.

The silly and outmoded practice can be ordered stopped today or tomorrow and there would be no one with legal complaint.

The average citizen always feels sorry about race prejudice when it sees it so rampant among doctors and in public departments of Health.

Policemen and guns

In gun battles between policemen and outlaws, policemen usually win for two very good reasons.

There are more policemen.

And policemen are generally better marksmen.

What would happen if policemen did not shoot bandits and burglars, but overpowered and subdued them?

We think fewer policemen would be shot.

No matter how poorly burglars shoot, they do kill some police officers and some good ones.

The best policemen do not kill anybody.

In some countries, with the lowest crime rates, policemen are not allowed to carry firearms.

The famous London bobbies, generally recognized as the world's most efficient policemen, for years were armed only with nightsticks.

The worst police officers are those with flshy trigger fingers. They generally provoke a gun battle where none should begin.

Too often they are responsible for the death of good officers and innocent bystanders.

The quick - triggered boys, whether they be policemen or burglars, will die sooner or later by the weapons they misuse.

There never was a truer saying than, "He who lives by the sword shall perish by the sword."

Conspiracy in Georgia

The conspiracy publicly launched by Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia against the NAACP, last week, is another of the death throes of Dixiecism.

But the virulent poison which exudes from anyone dying of a hideous malignancy, is rank poisonous influence is strong.

The ultimate purpose of the conspiracy is to undermine and subvert the constitutional government of the U.S. by striking down one of its major bulwarks—the Supreme Court.

The immediate strategy is to befool with the red herring of Communism the good name of the NAACP whose courageous and persistent battle for the principles of American democracy resulted in the Supreme Court's decision of May 17, 1954, outlawing jim-crow schools.

Lies and distortions dotted Attorney General Cook's speech charging that the NAACP is "subversive." Not one of his allegations stands up in the light of truth or historical accuracy.

But, like all smears, the import of his remarks will give new hope fallacious hope to those in the South who would rather follow passion than reason.

It will boost for a while the waning power of unscrupulous politicians whose day of capitalizing on the "race issue" is almost over.

It will obstruct and delay the work of the NAACP in developing the task to which this organization is dedicated.

More seriously, the conspiracy may come close to success for a time in a state like Georgia where civic apathy, due to ignorance, still holds too many of the citizens enthralled.

If the NAACP can be called subversive, so can any other organization—regardless of race—which, in its aims or its activities, goes counter to the wishes of the ruling minority.

It could be a farmers' organization the next time, or a welfare-minded religious group, or a housewives' league.

That is the real danger of the conspiracy launched by Attorney General Cook, and Georgians who want to continue to enjoy the full rights of American citizenship can be thankful that there are some, at least, in their state who see the issue clearly.

To these Georgians we commend the editorial which appeared this week in Georgia's own Claxton Enterprise and which concluded, as follows:

"We can dislike NAACP—and we are one who believes its leaders made a bad mistake in pressing the school issue to a showdown—but it is not a subversive organization; it is not on the FBI list.

"Its aim is simply to advance the interests of the race that makes up its membership.

"And this is America—not Russia, and Germany in the days of Hitler.

"You don't try to cure a case of typhoid fever by giving the patient the bubonic plague.

"And you don't try to deal with a segregation issue by taking away the liberties of American citizens."

What they can do about Baltimore

Fifteen civic-minded young Baltimore businessmen met the other day and complained about the bad reputation the city has all over the nation.

One of the speakers, William H. Shriver Jr., offered two solutions to the problem.

First, he said he would like to punch in the nose everybody critical of his hometown. Secondly, he suggests formation of a

NEWS ITEM—The Baltimore City membership to only white former Grand Jurors Association restricts its grand jurors.

Across The City Desk

By FRANKIE WOOD

John L. McLarin of Glen Burnie, who does farming for a hobby, has raised a nine-pound, 12-inch long sweet potato. He says it is 18 inches in diameter.

Mr. McLarin planted his potatoes last May and says he usually gets 65 bushels to one half acre. This giant is largest one he has ever had.

A longshoreman, he has been farming for 10 years. He has six children, all married, three of whom live in Baltimore. His wife's name is Corine, and she is a housewife.

GEORGE SPRAGUE, secretary of the Community Service had a telephone call from the scoutmaster of Troop No. 221 requesting transportation to take the scouts to camp.

But Mr. Sprague failed to get the leader's name when he asked the scoutmaster to call back. No call came so Mr. Sprague sought the AFRO's help in locating him.

A check with the Boy Scout headquarters revealed that the troop is led by Joseph Johnson of 2010 E. Preston St. Mrs. Johnson, when contacted, declared she would get her husband to call Mr. Sprague.

Now those boys can get that transportation to camp.

HERMAN LEE, the Social Security worker who has been holding those Sunday night Record Parties for teen-agers at the Douglass Center, is an old Baltimorean.

I remember him when he attended Carver Vocational School. He has been in government service 10 years and served overseas in the Army for three years.

He attended the Professional School of Photography in N.Y. and is married and has one child, a girl 6 years old.

Mr. Lee says he has been thinking of doing something for teen-agers for many years and then he hit on this dance idea.

He worked all summer on the weekends at Carr's Beach to raise money and with the financial help of two friends, the dances were started three weeks ago.

His main aim is to "do some good for the kids and also make a small profit," he said.

Mr. Lee admits however that the promotion job is new to him. But he states he has sought help from every available person in the field, including Capt. Millard Horton of Northwestern.

Even now Mr. Lee says the Sunday dances take all of his free evenings and "I still have a lot to do."

He hopes soon to weed out all of the undesirable element so that only "nice children" will come.

RONALD DETT, 13, the 6A student at School No. 161 has a slim chance of getting enough votes to win but he is trying anyway.

He did a tap dancing number on the "March of Talent Show" last Saturday and is competing against five other white contestants for first prize.

Last week's winner had a total of 700 votes. In order to vote for Ronald, you would have to get a ballot from one of the eight Felsner Shoe Stores in Baltimore. One of the eight is located on Pennsylvania Ave.

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WHAT IS A man to do when his girlfriend goes on a trip and leaves him home, sitting with her five children?

James Edmonds called the AFRO from New York on Wednesday to ask just this question.

He explained he had been baby-sitting since Saturday and it was getting a little hard seeing three children off to school, changing diapers and combing hair "when a man's not use to it."

Mr. Edmonds has our deepest sympathy and for the children's sake we hope their mother, Clementine Lissey, leaves Baltimore quick and goes home.

THE GOLDEN State Life Insurance Co. in California is trying to build a $3,110,000 hotel in Las Vegas.

Head of the Board of Directors is Norman O. Houston, president of Golden State.

Vice president of the board is Paul Williams, famous architect who designed the hotel; secretary treasurer is Arthur J. Williams and fourth director is George E. Certis.

It will be interracial.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Our Father, with so much bitterness abroad in the world—this poor bleeding world, stumbling from blunder to blunder, hollow with graves, hard with hate—may we who own that name of Christ, shed abroad Thy love.

We pray for a broader vision of the needs of all mankind, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a temper of the mind of generosity.

FROM: "The Prayers of Peter Marshall."

Boost Baltimore committee.

We don't think either plan is too much.

You can't boost a backward city, nor can you halt yield critics with violence.

If the young civic leaders are serious about clearing Baltimore's bad name, they will make a careful examination of these criticisms and try to do something to rectify them.

We suggest, why begin with the hotel situation, which probably gives Baltimore a blacker eye than anything else.

Every time a local delegate attending a national convention comes home and reports that he came next to Baltimore, the city becomes the target of ridicule and scorn from those hailing from more forward-looking communities where hotel guests are not restricted by color.

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.

Liked article

Dear AFRO:

I have been doing house-to-house selling. I mention this only so you will better understand this letter. I would also like to add that I sincerely love children.

In my rounds of Cherry Hill, Sollers Homes, Day Village, I've seen youngsters of all ages at loose ends. Youngsters all around Baltimore have the same problem.

"What shall we do now that school is over for the day?"

For colored children this lack of recreation is the worst, more are in poorer circumstances and can not afford to go to the places open to them or haven't the transportation.

What is there to do for these kids that their lives may be full, and happier?

It is so often necessary for both parents to work. Perhaps a tired mother has to stay home because of a large family. But then the father works hard, long hours to give his family the best he can.

I believe that community centers with doctors, nurses and the help of some of the mothers without steady work to help with the smaller children would be one solution.

It would be a place with all on a volunteer basis, a place with music and dances for the teen agers and sports and games and story telling for the wee ones.

I would be glad to help in what ever way I could.

Too often has some little boy or girl said to me, "Take me with you."

In Day Village a little boy calls me his "Mr. Good Man."

Life can give no one a greater reward than a child's love.

S. D.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The AFRO admits that, in spite of the fact there are already either community centers or YMCAs in the area S. D. points out, there is still need for more supervised recreational areas for the youngsters.

FEPC in Baltimore

Dear AFRO:

Our expansion in world trade has attracted people over the nation to the port of Baltimore. On their arrival they secure almost immediate employment.

In the meantime, there are qualified colored citizens of Baltimore who have been rejected for no other reason but for their color.

Being deprived of the necessities of life because of one's color, creed or race is neither legal, nor sensible, nor Christian. Our foreign relations and domestic economy and human justice depend on the behavior of all Americans.

People who visit our Monumental City and see the conditions in which some of our citizens of color live because of low earning power just shake their heads in pity.

There is a Fair Employment Practices Commission trying to be set up in Baltimore that can remedy these conditions to a great extent.

This bill is in the hands of our city councilmen. Knowing the implications of the 1952 democratic way of life, I believe they will pass it.

There are some of the reasons I believe these gentlemen will pass this bill:

When there is a weak link in a chain, the chain becomes unreliable. Every American must contribute to our democratic way of life. We must live our ideology as well as teach it to keep the respect of other nations.

The passing of this bill will strengthen the weak link in the chain. This act of our legislators will promote our educational, economical and political way of life.

It will redeem us for our sins and influence a better working relationship. Our children will be inspired to a bright tomorrow through gained employment.

JAMES E. PERKINS

Editor's Note; Mr. Perkins is a bit premature and may be overly optimistic.

The FEPC legislation has yet to be introduced in this session of the City Council and proponents of the measure are still uncertain as to whether or not they have enough supporters to guarantee passage of such a measure.

The AFRO agrees, however, on the benefits we all would gain by passage of such an ordinance.

SOME ADVICE

Philadelphia — I think that it is a disgrace to read in the paper about some minister having to support a child out of wedlock or being involved in some other type of scandal.

The members of their churches should "make up" and stop buying them fine cars and other gifts for them to play around.

I don't see how some congregations tolerate the way the ministers "beat" them. Parents pass this bill:

DISGUSTED READER

Reporters' Report To The People

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

As long as the weather stays clear, the streets in certain of our residential neighborhoods will become "to be afflicted with those hustling merchants who move from house to house, their arms loaded down with merchandise of every description, and their voices shrilly hawking their wares with all the charm of an aged crow.

One of these businessmen was busy on Pine St. the other morning, ringing doorbells and then thrusting a box of cheap jewelry under the nose of whoever opened the door, with the cry of no money down and 50 cents a week.

The junk could be bought in any five and dime for little more than a dollar, but the salesman noted that he was "sure glad that people would know better, but a lot of them took the sets which shows that Barnum and his classic remark about "one born every minute" is still too terribly true.

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MAYBE THINGS have changed since I was a youngster, but I can't make myself believe that when I was 17 my friends would have put on such an exhibition as the one that was staged by teenagers at a dance this past weekend. Times have changed and so have people, but certainly if they have changed enough to produce a generation of rowdies, then something is radically wrong someplace.

Social scientists have tried at length to establish the cause or causes of this anti-social behavior, and the jury is still out.

However, several years of experience have taught me that you can't treat the juvenile offenders with kid gloves and expect for them to turn into responsible citizens.

Unfortunately, the only thing the young hoodlums fear is punishment. Given time, some well intentioned citizens could probably find the reasons for their anti-social behavior, but in the meantime they keep on being hellions. You can't play with these youngsters, they will just look at you and spit square in your eye. Any eye will do.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Think it takes time to acquire a pet peeve? Stop and think again. Before this week I thought so, too.

Spent one day sick in bed and almost had a relapse looking at television programs designed strictly for women.

For a man there is nothing of interest to me on daytime television. That's for sure.

Why some producer can't come up with a good 30-minute program around 10:30 a.m. or noontime, I'll never know.

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"Feather Your Nest," "Queen For a Day," and a make believe French chef trying to cook spaghetti and meat balls is enough to send the average guy on a bender.

With me, this type of television peeve ranks side by side with yet another one.

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THE MOTORIST who always blows his horn behind you at a green light before you can get your foot on the gas pedal. There's a guy I would like to string up.

Got some consolation out of listening to a new disc by Julie London (she's the ex-Mrs. Jack Webb of dum de dum dum fame).

The platter's called "Cry Me a River." Title is deceiving but the record is superb.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY M. KYLE

If someone tries to sell you a Colt football ticket for the Nov. 20 or Nov. 27 game, at an unusual price, you had better check with the Union Trust Co. office in the 1200 block N. Charles St. first.

You may be arrested when you show up at either of the games with one of the tickets.

Seems that someone made off with 12 football tickets from the Union Trust office this week end, six for Nov. 20 and six for Nov. 27 and the owner knows the seat numbers.

Now if these tickets don't turn up before the games, these seats will be closely watched. And heaven help the ones who show up in them come kickoff time.

PRIZE STATEMENT: A City Councilman, praising the various departments in Baltimore County, this week closed his statement with:

"...and there's a police department and fire department in Baltimore County. I must say that Baltimore County has a very fine fire department."

After a moment's pause, he muttered, "I don't date any anything about the Police Department in Baltimore City right now. That's a controversial issue!"

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WHAT'S THIS DEPT. —

A news item reached my desk this week regarding a big church function with guest speaker, program and what have you. Last line in the item goes like this:

"There will be no admission and the public is invited."

That sounds something like the grade school story we used to tell about the affair in which "admission is free and you can pay at the door; there are plenty of seats, come in and sit on the floor."

Talk about double - talk!

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. Phillips

This and that of many things . . .

The flag at Morgan State College is at half mast in tribute to Dr. Ivan E. McDougle, long-time member of the college's trustee board, who was buried on Thursday.

Dr. McDougle, Goucher College professor of sociology, died of a heart attack on Monday evening while teaching a class at Johns Hopkins University.

During Morgan's homecoming game on Saturday with A. and T. a minute of silent prayer will be observed in his memory.

And, speaking of Morgan, the trustee board, at its meeting last month approved a month's sick leave with pay beginning December 1, 1955 to Dean George Grant. He'll go to California to recover his health. He has been ailing ever since he returned from Europe this summer.

Hyman Tabor is the new manager of Henry Hornstein's Regent Theatre.

He was appointed last month to succeed Sam Howard (Buddy) Newton, who had been at the post for 17 years.

By the way, Mr. Hornstein's son, Bruce, is a junior at the University of Georgia where he is studying veterinary medicine.

Edgar Ewing, housing expert, is back from Richmond, Ind., where he went to bury his father, Harvey W. Ewing, Sr., retired farmer.

Other survivors include Mrs. Ewing (Jennie), and a brother, Clyde, who live on the family farm.

The Dewitt Howards (Elaine Lee) expect an April stork.

The William J. Nixon (Virginia) expect a March addition. He's a trolley operator — she's a clerk typist at the AFRO.

The Thomas Lees (Frances Wilson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward N. Wilson of Morgan) have named their new son, Franklin W. Lee.

The new Carver Vocational School has the latest in sanitary plumbing in the girls' rest rooms—pear shaped urinals.

Visitor here last week was Daniel Kean, sales representative for an oil firm, who hails from Louisville, Ky.

He is the brother of Henry Kean, athletic director at Tennessee State College, and Bill Kean, coach at Louisville's Central High.

The Francis Brathams (retired) are spending a month with their son, Dr. Hesketta Dewitt, a clinical work director in the Department of Mental Hygiene; Miss Else Jokel of Springfield State Spring Grove, Harry Citron, Eastern Shore

Provident Hospital has a brand new look

I visited a sick friend at Provident Hospital on Wednesday, marking the first time I've been there in three years.

Could hardly believe my eyes. Provident has a new look—painted walls in pleasant, attractive pastel colors — spic and span floors and walls—what a change from its dreary look of 1952!

And the people at work at Provident are different too—you notice it when you hit the front door and you are greeted by a courteous, neat reception.

And it is still apparent when the orderly mopping the fourth floor moves slide to let you pass and courteously says, "Excuse me, please."

The new elevator—the addition which provides 12 beds on four levels, modern beds and hospital equipment are evidence that there has been a big change at Provident.

Room 204 where I spent 10 days, three years ago when it had a dirty yellow wall now has clean, restful blue walls.

I stood in the hallway and remembered vividly how Maida Brannon, then superintendent of nurses had said: "One day soon I want to paint the walls here in pretty colors—so the patients will enjoy their stay here."

Maida Brannon didn't remain here to see that change come about, but her dream has come true.

In room 205, which is painted in pink pastels, I caught a glimpse of YWCA staffer, Marion Jones, who underwent an operation a week ago. She was surrounded by dozens of get well cards and a half dozen plants and flowers.

Sharing the room with her is Mrs. Joyce Hill, 1403 N. Bond St., who underwent an operation on Monday. Mrs. Hill is the wife of James Hill, Bethlehem Steel Co. official in charge of the Baltimore plant.

On my brief visit, had a chance to glimpse Provident's new pediatrics ward (children) and the nursery. What an improvement!

Dr. Effie Ellis, pediatrician in charge, pointed with pride to the facilities now available to care for seven premature babies and to the $1,100 isolette given recently by the Junior Ladies' Guild. It is a beauty.

And the nursery, by the way, is air conditioned, just like nurseries in other hospitals.

All in all—Provident has come a long way in these past three years—thanks to the support it gets from the entire community in the form of contributions.

The improvements noted above cost $225,000. John Procope, superintendent, says here are many more he'd like to make—He's done an excellent job so far—he ought to get additional funds from the community to continue his program.

Still needed are $500,000 for a nurse's home to replace the present outmoded fire trap, used by nurses; $6,000 to air-condition the operating and delivery rooms; $5,000 to modernize the hospital kitchen and $8,000 to modernize the laboratory.

If your club or organization has money to give to a worthy cause, drop in at Provident and note the improvements and then attend your next club meeting and vote to give some of the funds to Provident which is on the road to becoming a first-class hospital.

PS.—The sick friend who got me to Provident is Douglass High student Loretta Lauretta Jones, who is doing nicely following a major operation—she'll be back in her classes next month.

NAACP from the cradle to the grave

Mrs. Anne Beadenkopf, 209 N. Charles St., one of the hardest workers in the Baltimore NAACP, started the procedure of making newborn infants members of the branch.

So far, she has enrolled her grandchildren the Mack triplets, the Pugh triplets—and six other infants.

At a recent NAACP membership meeting, Mrs. Beadenkopf explained:

"Many parents face real problems with their children regarding their education and their adjustment to society.

"A first step toward progress for your children to obtain their birthright as American citizens is to make them members of the NAACP at birth.

"The NAACP needs their membership—and their parents' membership—to help us all have memberships from the cradle to the grave."

Schools in case of accidents should . . .

Last week, in this space, we talked about the delay in treating a junior high school student who was injured in the classroom. Remember he had three stitches taken and his father got accident?

The incident prompted this reporter to inquire of school officials what the regulations require teachers or principals to do when a student is injured on school premises. Dr. Houston R. Jackson advises they should:—

1. Get in touch with the child's parents or guardian. Every school has in its files the names of pupils' fathers, mothers or guardians who are to be called in case of an emergency or accident.

Such regulations state — **in the meantime, if the accident is serious enough, the school is expected to render first aid and wait for further instructions from parent or guardian.**

2. In case parent or guardian cannot be reached, the school is expected to use its best judgment, i.e., take the child to the hospital if he is seriously injured; give him first aid if injury is minor and continue efforts to reach parent or guardian.

3. Principal of school is required to make a written report on the nature of the accident and forward a copy with the specialist in safety education for investigation.

Maybe these regulations need to be strengthened. Students' schools be required to follow through and see that youngsters get hospital treatment if they need it, and if their parents are not immediately available?

And, by the way, other schools are faced with a problem in handling injured pupils. McDonough's private school had a similar situation not too long ago.

I am informed that a pupil was injured in a rough and tumble game with another pupil. He received first aid at the school and was sent home.

En route home, he became ill on the street. Later, it was discovered he had suffered a concussion.

BE ALERT! Call your news tips in to Mulberry 5-6015. There's a Lucky Photo in this and every edition of the AFRO with a head encircled. If it's you it's worth $5 to you. Look for it.

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STATE'S NEWEST NURSES — These are members of the practical nursing class at Crownsville State Hospital who recently received their diplomas. Front row, left to right, Mary L. Johnson, Katherine Killebreu, Mae D. Daniels, Gladys Hawkins, Lucille C. Everette, Sarah Williams, Hettie Peterson, Violet Dotson, Mary R. Myers, Myrtle H. Strong, Elaine Colbert, Pauline M. Neal. Back row: Atillio D. Caputo, James H. Pass, Edward A. Willenski, Dorothy O. Bunn, Violet Cox, Lawrence Hawkins, Ernest Fox, Mary S. Hall, Glenna May, William Bryant, Robert L. Smith, James N. Diggs.

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And so they were---divorced

Phoblas, change of heart and refusing to take on family responsibilities wrecked many happy marriages according to divorce records in Circuit Court No. 2, this week.

Mrs. Mildred Garrett, teacher at School No. 141, won a divorce from her husband, John Garrett, whom she said left her after a series of arguments.

Mrs. Garrett, 31, 2308 Aisquith Ave., said that her 27-year-old husband has a phobia that people are talking about him and he had falsely accusted her of doing so.

She said he left in October 1953 and now lives at 5904 Old Frederick Rd. They were married February, 1951.

WILLIAM THOMAS, 2818 Riggs Ave., was granted a divorce from Mrs. Malenda Thomas, 1210 N. Stricker St.

Mr. Thomas testified that after 18 years of wedded bliss, his wife began "treating me cruel."

In February 1954, the husband charged that she "threw a cup of coffee in my face and told me to get out and I did."

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MRS. AWILDA NELSON, Elkridge, Md., won a divorce from her mate, Phillip Nelson, 403 Carrollton Ave., on grounds of desertion.

The payoff came in March 1952, a year after the wedding. Mrs. Nelson charged, when she did not have any pig meat to pack in her husband's lunch and he left for good.

Mrs. Nelson explained that her spouse had given all the pork to his mother, despite the fact that she had already given the matron a piece of ham.

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REALIZING THAT he "had made a mistake", William Mc Neair, 1828 W. Lafayette Ave., was granted a divorce from Mrs. Margaret McNeair.

During their four-months of marriage, "we were not going along at all," he explained. "We felt we weren't suited for each other so we decided to separate."

The couple were married in May 1949.

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BECAUSE HE received a "Dear John" letter from his wife while he was in service in 1951, Charles Mason, 1141 N. Carey St., won a divorce from Mrs. Helen Mason, 1400 Pennsylvania Ave.

Mr. Mason charged that he received the letter stating that his wife was "interested in someone else and thought it best to separate."

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MRS. DELORES Jackson, 25, 705 E. 22nd St., was granted a divorce from Howard Jackson, 29, 1119 N. Calhoun, on grounds that "we married too young and we couldn't get along."

The couple took the vows in January 1948 and agreed to separate in September 1949, eight months later.

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BECAUSE HER 37-year-old husband insisted "he was too young to be tied down with responsibilities," Mrs. Lillian Thomas, 34, 520 N. Chapel St. won freedom from Cpl. Percy Thomas, Fort Meade.

Mrs. Thomas said they were married June 22, 1940 and 11 years later he said the family was too much of a burden"; he left in August 1951. They have two children.

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Avenue night club reports $642 theft

A suspect who had been questioned in connection with the theft of $642 from a nightclub in the 2600 block Pennsylvania Ave., has been released by police.

The man, an employee of the club, was picked up and held for investigation Sunday, when Mrs. Dorothea Myers, owner of the club, reported that the money was missing from a second-floor off. safe.

Mrs. Myers said she placed the money in the room early Sunday and when she opened the club later in the day, she found that it had been taken from a metal box.

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Jury takes only 20 minutes to free wife in slaying

FREDERICK, Md. — A jury of five women and seven men took only 20 minutes on Thursday to return a verdict of not guilty in the case of Mrs. Dorothy C. Diggs, charged with the shotgun slaying of her husband on Sept. 17.

The trial heard in Circuit Court before Associate Judges Siedman Prescott and Patrick M. Schnauffer, heard testimony by friends, neighbors and Mrs. Diggs' children and grandchildren that her husband, William, was "very bad" when drinking and had threatened her on many occasions.

The night Diggs was slain, his daughter, Betty Jane, 12, cated, used abusive language testified he came home intoxi- to his children and grandchildren and threatened his wife.

Yokers rob victim of watch, money

Three unidentified men staged a yoking Friday night with the victim losing his watch and $16 in cash, police have reported.

Robert Johnson, 400 block W. Mosher St., left his home at 10:25 p.m. and was walking toward Druid Hill Ave., when the men grabbed him. While one of them went through his pockets, another struck him in the face, police said.

Mr. Johnson was treated at Provident Hospital for bruises and later released.

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