Seven hurt when fire guts home

"We finished watching television and had gone to bed. The next thing we knew the house was on fire and my son was pushing the children through the door."

That was the manner in which Mrs. Allean Cook spoke of the fire which gutted her home at 1030 S. Hanover St., Wednesday night.

"Everyone woke up about the same time. I picked up my baby, ran to the window and threw him into the arms of three men.

"My oldest daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Sleppey, 19, was at the third floor window. I screamed at her not to jump but I don't think she ever heard me.

"She is critically ill at South Baltimore General Hospital with a fractured left ankle, internal injuries and fractures of the neck."

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SEVEN PERSONS were hospitalized after the one-alarm fire gutted the three-story brick row house.

Four were injured when they jumped through first floor windows of the dwelling, a three months old baby sustained cuts thrown through the window by smoke inhalation.

Geraldine, 14, suffered possible internal injuries and is being held for observation.

Treated for smoke inhalation and released were Mrs. Cook and her son, Jerome, 5.

Wylie, 3, was treated for injuries and released; Joseph, 16, suffered cuts on the right hand; and Major Cook Jr., 12, a broken right leg.

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THE FATHER was the only member of the family to escape injury.

Mrs. Cook stated: "I don't know how the fire started. Firemen said it started in the rear of the house on the first floor but we haven't had a fire in the stoves there since last February.

Mr. Cook said the smoke woke him up. After discovering that his children had gone out through the rear windows he ran to a bedroom window 15 feet above the street.

A crowd had already gathered and after his wife tossed their baby out they both went through the window.

The alarm was turned in by Frank Green, 17, of 32 W. West St. He told police that while walking past the house around 10:30 a.m., he saw smoke coming from the rear of the building.

The fire also damaged an adjoining building owned and occupied by Walter Pitt. Both homes were insured.

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Didn't read, cashed check—fined $50

"I was too glad to get the money, I didn't stop to read what the checks said."

That's what a 41-year-old father of nine children told Judge Joseph R. Byrnes, Friday, in Criminal Court, while explaining why he had wrongfully kept $241 unemployment compensation although he was employed.

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THE FATHER, Edward R. Owens, 600 block China St., made the statement in answer to the judge's query about a notation on the bottom of each check which says that it is to be returned to the Department of Unemployment Security if not by mistake.

Mr. Owens contended, however, that the money was his as long as "the checks were mailed to me. I didn't go after them."

He admitted however, that he had a part-time job in a super market and had failed to notify the department.

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BERNARD DOYLE, superintendent of the Recovery Division of the department, said that considerations are made for part-time workers.

Mr. Owens said he filed for unemployment compensation after he was laid off on his regular job.

Judge Byrnes gave him a suspended 90-day sentence, and fined him $50 and costs with condition that Mr. Owens make full restitution to the department.

SIMILAR DISPOSITIONS were imposed on Warren Lancaster, 57, 2300 block W. North Ave., who illegally accepted $40 in unemployment compensation; Cleveland House, 49, 1300 block N. Carey, for accepting $120 and William Sutton, 56, 4100 block Kingsway, for accepting $141.

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Convict man in fatal fight

Willie Peterson, 32, 1000 block N. Central Ave., stood calmly in Criminal Court on Tuesday as he was convicted of manslaughter by Judge Joseph R. Byrnes.

Still awaiting trial in the same death is a man identified as Charles (Peanuts) Cole who was arrested last week after a search of almost two months.

David R. Ford, 28, 600 block George St., the victim, died at St. Joseph's Hospital on Aug. 19, after his jugular vein had been severed by a broken bottle in a tavern brawl.

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PETERSON SAID that he and Cole were in a tavern at Lafayette and Greenmount Aves., when Ford started an argument over the way he (Peterson) had spoken to another man.

"Ford grabbed a bottle and so did Cole and they went out to the street," Peterson said.

He added that he followed the two men to the street armed with a bottle that he had broken. Peterson said he grabbed Ford and when the man tried to stab him with his bottle, he "hit him with my bottle."

Peterson was arrested two days after the slaying.

Towson will stage 'Goodbye My Fancy'

The Glen Players, Towson State Teachers College dramatic organization, will present Fay Kanin's "Goodbye My Fancy" in the college administration building auditorium Oct. 26,27, and 28. Curtain time will be 8:15 p.m.

Selected by Burns Mantle as one of the best plays of 1948, the production is under the direction of William C. Kramer, new faculty Glen Players director who came to Towson from the staff of the Helen Hayes Festival at Cape Cod, Mass.

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Dr. Jenkins asks probe of job openings

POINT CLEAR, Ala. — The Southern Regional Education Board, on motion of President Martin D. Jenkins of Morgan State College, has voted to conduct a study to determine to what extent different opportunities are available to white and colored students in its programs.

Further, the group, which includes governors of sixteen southern states, voted to consider at its next annual meeting recommendations seeking to improve present conditions.

The action was taken at the meeting of the Board here October 18 without a single dissenting vote. President Hollis F. Memphis, Tenn., seconded Dr. Jenkins' motion.

FELLED BY FUMES—George C. Williams, 32, 1400 block W. Lanvale St., enters Lutheran Hospital Tuesday afternoon, after he was overcome by gas fumes while cleaning the interior of a tank at an oil company in the 2200 block Evergreen St. He was later released. Near the ambulance is Reginald Thomas, 15, 1100 block N. Carey St., who was also overcome by the fumes. He was also released from the hospital. Attendants are William Brown and Edward Amos.

Baltimore airman wins promotion

BELLEVILLE, Mich. — Leo Fickling of Baltimore, has been promoted to Airman first class in the U.S. Air Force.

The promotion was announced at 20th Air Defense Division Headquarters, Willow Run Air Force Station, Belleville, Michigan, where he serves as medical technician with the station dispensary.

Airman Fickling, the son of Johnny Fickling of Denmark, S. C., is married to the former Miss Margaree Bailey of Baltimore, and are both residing at 1052 Monroe St., Ypsilanti, Mich.

MEDICAL TV RETURNS—

TV-M.D., one of the major television medical programs in the United States, returns to the air over WBAL-TV this Sunday, marking the start of the University of Maryland Medical School's fifth year before the TV cameras.

Five hurt in auto-bus collision near hospital

An auto-bus collision at the front entrance to Union Memorial Hospital on Calvert St. resulted in injury to five persons Wednesday.

The driver of the car, Milton J. Ireland, 46, 2000 block Ruxton Ave., was thrown from his automobile and dragged after the collision. He was treated for head injuries.

Others injured, all bus passengers were: Benjamin Wade, 56, 500 block Prestman St., who sustained possible shoulder injuries;

Mrs. Ruth West, 49, 1800 block Presbury St., possible back injury.

Mrs. Ellen Rogers, 56, 1800 block Presbury St., possible back injury.

Mrs. Hattie Boyd, 62, 3000 block Prestman St., head and arm injuries.

The driver of the bus, William T. Butler, 4600 block Glenarm Ave., escaped injury.

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Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

My best friend, looking like the cat that swallowed the canary, glanced up from the maze of figures he had been scribbling for an hour!

"The Republicans are right," he said. He sounded just like Pythagorus must have when he announced the world is round.

"Right about what?" I asked.

"About these beginning prosperous times."

Oh, oh: I didn't know what was coming and I couldn't duck it. So I simply sat and waited. I didn't have long.

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"TAKE A LOOK," said my best friend, "it says right here in the papers that the numbers raid in East Baltimore this week uncovered a $10,000-a-day business.

"That's right," I nodded.

"Well," continued my best friend, "that adds up to $60,000 a week, don't it?"

I agreed.

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MY SECOND-BEST friend then chimed in.

"That's $3,120,000 a year," he said. He's pretty good at figures too.

My best friend glared at my second-best friend. He doesn't like interruptions.

"Anytime people can invest $3,120,000 a year in a business that's illegal shows the country's prospering," he declared.

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"OKAY," I agreed. "But if they keep on knocking these million dollars numbers out of existence, then what?"

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$$ now needed for blind home

By JOE SHEPHARD

Blindness would cause many people to become so sorry for themselves that they would have no time for the problems of other people, but not Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter.

Fifteen years ago as the result of a brain tumor, Mrs. Hunter became one of the millions of persons to whom the beauty of color, of form, of movement and of things seen is only a memory.

"But I did not become discouraged," she said, "I felt and I have never lost my faith that my sight will return.

"Without that faith, I might have become despondent but I believe that it was God's intention that I become an instrument for the service of blind humanity."

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THIS LED TO the idea of a residence hall or home where blind people might find lodging and eating accommodations just as do other people in YMCA's and similar places.

Accordingly, with the cooperation of a group of sighted persons, Mrs. Hunter organized the Committee for a Home for the Blind in September of 1950.

Serving on the committee of which Mrs. Hunter is chairman are Mrs. Eva Taylor, co-chairman, Mrs. Mary S. Jenkins, treasurer; Mrs. Susie Fuller, financial secretary, and Mrs. Jillian Thomas, recording secretary.

TWO MAJOR problems faced the committee. The first was that of finance. The second was that of finding a suitable place. That there would be other problems became more acute, but these two had to be taken care of first.

The group began a series of fund-raising efforts. A concert here, a rummage sale there, a recital or some other type of entertainment in another place, and money began coming in — not in large sums, but in tantalizingly slow sums that were enough to keep the plan alive.

Last week a crisis had developed in the affairs of the committee. A place was found that was ideally suited for the home

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COMPLETE WITH most of its furnishings, it is suitable for the housing of 12 to 15 persons. It is in excellent condition; centrally located, and its price of $14,500 is well within reason, Mrs. Hunter said.

There was only one drawback. The committee, despite its efforts of the past few years has only $2,200 on hand, which is not enough to finance the venture.

"For the moment, Mrs. Hunter said, "we feel that we are at the end of our resources. Missing this opportunity might set us back for a number of years.

"So," she concluded, "I came to the AFRO. If enough people know our story, perhaps someone can come forward to help us. I, and a number of other blind persons hope so."

Mrs. Hunter lives at 2112 W. Saratoga St., and may be reached by telephone at Gilmor 5-2008.

MILES TWINE NIXON
"Everyone and everything is moving too fast"

117 and still going strong

At 117, Miles Twine Nixon, a spry partially-bald gentleman with a spade beard who once served in the North Carolina legislature, is still going strong.

In his lifetime he has only spent one nickle for a movie, never played cards, never spent over a dollar for medicine and will eat anything but onions.

An unusual man? At 82, while living in New York City, Mr. Nixon took his auto drivers test and drove for eight years before retiring at 97.

He celebrated his 117th birthday last month.

He moved to Baltimore 60 years ago after touring the country as a traveling salesman. He now lives at 2016 Orleans St.

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ALTHOUGH TECHNICALLY he has retired from business, he still owns a clothing store in Goldsboro, N.C.

Mr. Nixon is the father of 21 children by two marriages but only three are still living.

They are Mrs. Florence Rogers, Mrs. Isadore Nixon, and Mrs. Henrietta Smith, all residents of Baltimore.

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ALTHOUGH SLOW in movement, short of step, very hard of hearing and with his right eye gone completely, Mr. Nixon's voice is clear as a bell and as strong as ever.

In a booming voice he can still relate how he lived as a slave in North Carolina.

"I remember the Civil War because I was a small boy when the Yankees came through, put slave holders under arrest and set my mother and father free," he recalls.

"About that time practically all slaves were learning trades. I learned how to make cloth."

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BORN IN Hertford, Perquimans County, N.C., the distinguished centenarian, and one time postmaster of Edenton, N.C., immediately after the war became a member of the legislature.

Later he worked in the Custom House in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Nixon received his early education as a slave. He was taught by the brother-in-law of the man who owned him.

With the advent of freedom he started out as a pioneer in the field of education.

He studied at Hampton Institute, Shaw and Howard University and majored in mathematics and the arts.

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AS A TRAVELING salesman, he sold pianos and musical instruments.

His first wife was the former Miss Florence E. James, and the second, Miss Mary E. Preston.

What does a man who has seen and practically done everything have to say about the world of today? It is the opinion of Mr. Nixon that "things are all wrong."

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ONE OF HIS pet peeves is the manner in which school children are taught today.

"Children of today are writing before they learn the alphabet. Teachers of today just don't know the rules of teaching."

As for the world in general: "This young race is gradually killing itself. Everybody and everything is moving too fast."

"It's gone to the dogs. The Democrats and Republicans are equally responsible for the condition of things."

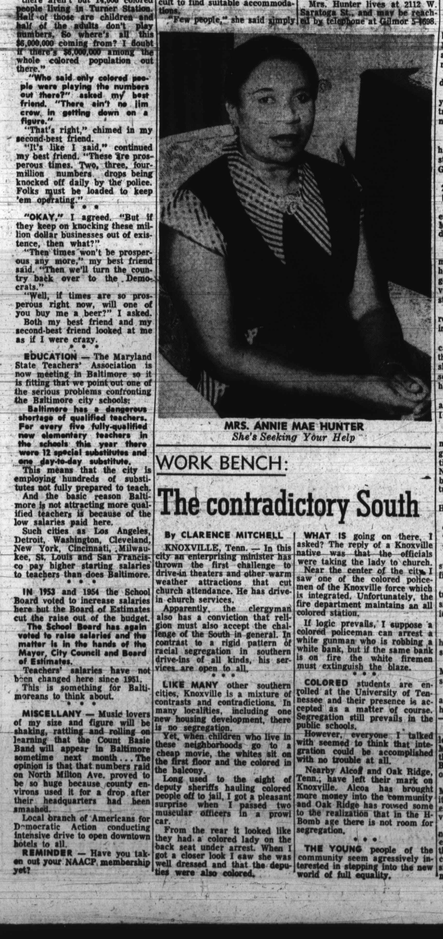
Asked what political party he belonged to he replied: "That's besides the point. That has nothing to do with what my beliefs are."

When questioned as to what he plans to do since he has reached the age of 117 he is quick to answer:

"How should I know what I am going to do tomorrow. I never expected to live this long.

"I go to bed early, I take, eat three meals a day and listen all-while Nixon.

"What more could a man ask for?"



MRS. ANNIE MAE HUNTER
She's Seeking Your Help

WORK BENCH: The contradictory South

By CLARENCE MITCHELL

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — In this city, the veteranning candidates has thrown the first challenge to driver-in theaters and other warm weather attractions that can church attendance. He has driven in church services.

Apparently, the clergyman also has a conviction that religion must also accept the challenge of the South in general. In contrast to a rigid pattern of social segregation in southern drive-ins of all kinds, his services are open to all.

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LIKE MANY other southern cities, Knoxville is a mixture of contrasts and contradictions. In many activities, including the new housing development, there is no segregation.

Yet, when children who live in these neighborhoods go to a cheap movie, the whites sit on the first floor and the colored in the balcony.

Long used to the sight of deputy sheriffs leading colored people off to jail, I got a pleasant surprise when I passed two muscular officers in a prowl car.

From the rear it looked like they had a colored lady on the back seat under arrest. When I got a closer look I saw she was white and that the deputies were also colored.

WHAT IS going on there, I asked? The reply of a Knoxville native was that the officials were taking the lady to church.

In the center of the city, I saw one of the colored policemen of the Knoxville force which is integrated. Unfortunately, the fire department maintains an all colored station.

If logic prevails, I suppose a colored policeman can arrest a white gunman who is robbing a white bank, but if the same bank is on fire the white firemen must extinguish the blaze.

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COLORED students are enrolled at the University of Tennessee and their presence is accepted as a matter of course. Segregation still prevails in the public schools.

However, everyone I talked with seemed to think that integration could be accomplished with no trouble at all.

Nearby Alcoa and Oak Ridge, Tenn., have left their mark on Knoxville. Alcoa has brought much money into the community and Oak Ridge has moved some of the realization that in the H-Bomb age there is not room for segregation.

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THE YOUNG people of the community seem agressively interested in stepping into the new world of full equality.

BIG TOWN By JAMES HICKS

NEW YORK — This is the time of the year in the Big Town when the guys and dolls in Harlem develop split personalities over whether to follow up on their fading summer loves, or to drop everything and find someone new in the "Autumn Leaves."

Some of the more beautiful romances of the Big Town withthered with the last rose of summer. They say that brilliant (PHD) Andrew Tyler, attorney, and his wife Elizabeth are acting like the hands of a clock at a quarter of three.

This is a real shocker and everyone is polling for a happy reunion in this one—but soon.

RCA artist Johnny Hartman and his curvaceous bride, "La Fawn" the ex model, have already reached the stage where they are telling it to a lawyer. Johnny is staying at the Theresa and it looks like more than "Autumn Leaves" are needed.

The "romance" of Joe Louis and Rose Morgan of the House of Beauty is now going down on the books of the guys who think they know as a "beautiful, but fading summer love" embellished with a bit of publicity that didn't hurt anyone.

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ON THE MORE cheerful side writer Dale Wright, long considered one of the most eligible bachelor newsmen about town, took unto himself the lovely Delores Grigsby of Brooklyn a few days ago and marched down the aisle — complete with striped pants and cutaway coat.

This was a beautiful union. Newsmen — Major Robinson, Jimmy Booker, Randy White, and Marshall Wilson donned the striped pants and cutaways as ushers to keep Dale company on the long trek to the altar.

The whole right side of Mt. Brooklyn was filled with newspapermen, their wives, and moll friends.

After the wedding everybody went over to the Town Hill Restaurant on the Eastern Parkway for a reception that was the very last word for that kind of moment.

During the wedding newsman Jimmy Booker, who is still fighting off women with a short stick, looked and acted as if he was the most excited man in the crowd.

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BOOKER MARCHED down the aisle like a West Point Cadet on dress parade. He never smiled, he never looked to the right or left and he acted as if he would make like Jesse Owens if someone said "Boo."

On the other hand, Randy White, Major Robinson and Marshall Wilson, all of whom had taken the long walk to the altar before, acted like old pros."

Newsgal Evelyn Cunningham, whom reporters swear is the coolest kid in town in a crisis, sat right behind me and when they played "Lohengrin" I looked back at my favorite gal reporter and I could have sworn I saw a tear.

Knowing Evelyn is not the crying kind, I asked What's the matter with you?" She replied: "Turn around, you dope. I'm a woman and these things excite women!"

I turned to look at my own Daisy and Major Robinson's Mildred who were seated next to me—and I'll be durn if they weren't sad faced and excited too! All of which goes to show that you can never figure women.

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FOR INSTANCE: Why should Daisy and Mildred be sad and excited? Haven't they got me and Major?

As for me — all I could think of was "Ring the Bell and Tell the People — Let's Declare a Holiday!"

Personally, I think all weddings are drags. But I would have gone back to Mississippi to see Dale and Delores united. Many newspaper people feel the same as I about weddings. But they turned out in masses to see Dale and Delores get hitched.

Tell me now, who else do you think could persuade a sophisticated group of guys and gals like Chick Webb, Billy and Izzy Goodman, Cunningham, Cameron Haynes, Alan Morrison, Pete Fisher, Charlie Banks, Gerri Major;

Julius Adams and his wife; Ernie Johnson and Thelma; Sonny Murrain and Ruth; Daphne Sheppard, Elaine Robinson, Dorothea Towles and John Young to show up at any one affair at 2 p.m.

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NOBODY ELSE could do it but the editors of these people—and Dale-Wright. Dale did it. It was a tribute to him.

While I'm on the subject of the wedding I might as well tell the readers that the bride wore chantilly lace and carried a white orchid with orange blossoms. (Look Ma, that boy Hicks is getting to be a society reporter.)

What I'd really like to know is where do they get orange blossoms in New York! I'm going to find out. Tell you next week. So much for the wedding. Let's go back to Harlem.

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THE RED ROOSTER is still carrying on in great style despite the death of George Woods. Vivian Wright, the apple of George's eye, now wears the title of manager of the place.

Actually Vivian has been managing the place all along for George never made a move without phoning her in with Vivian.

Vivian has placed the Red Rooster which decorated George's biz, in the front window in the belief that George would have loved that. Everytime I start in there and see that Rooster I thing of him. It's a nice gesture.

The current rage on Sugar Hill is a new place called the "Place Pigalle" up on Amsterdam Avenue at 157th Street. It's decorated in a style that women will love. The dining room in the rear is the most.

DON'T KNOW how the food is because I haven't been there. The man on the bar is Billy Carter whom you will recognize as the former bartender at the Carver Hotel in Asbury Park.

Billy is a great friend of J. Irving Hughes, "Mr. AFRO," in Asbury Park. We had a lot in common while bending elbows.

Working with Billy on the bar is Delia Coler the insistent that I write her name "Vyn Dell Coles." And since she insisted —there it is.

But Carl's Corner over on Broadway in the fifties remains the most beautiful bar in Harlem. You just can't get around it. Carl has the touch that we men go for — that's where the men go for—and what the women go for—that's where the men go.

Red Randolph's Shalimar continues to be the popular meeting spot in town for the "Late Show" crowd. The Shalimar and the Rooster are holding up Seventh Avenue.

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CUTEST LINE I heard all week is the one on somone's desk at the United Nations. It reads: "Have courage. Time wounds all heels!"

Best description of Mississippi and etc I think the NAACP should pick up: Call it the "Cotton Curtain."

Speaker of the NAACP: Attention Roy Wilkins: It's still not too late to jampack Madison Square Garden with an Emmett Till rally.

I know some people who have indicated a willingness to pick up the tab for the rental. My phone number is Plaza 4-1234, extension 3472.

AND WHILE on the subject: We dropped into The Embers the other night to catch the Dorothy Donegan show as guest of the Major Robinsons.

Dottie put on a great show, but what endeared her to our heart was when she told me: "I've been reading about this Mississippi mess and I'd like to do something for the NAACP. I'll give a benefit show — or anything."

I'm willing to bet that Dorothy Dandridge, King Cole, Sammy Davis, Count Basie and hundreds others of our top show people are feeling the same way right now.

—POLITICS—

Republican Viewpoint

...BY HARRY A. COLE

The Governor's Committee to Promote Employment of the Physically Handicapped is sponsoring a Statewide Essay Contest. The entry dates are October 15 through December 15. No entries will be returned.

Eleventh and twelth grade students in public, private, and parochial high schools in the State of Maryland are eligible.

The title of the contest is "Independence For The Handicapped Through Employment."

Essays must be a maximum of 1,200 words, typed double spaced on 8½ by 11 white paper with 2-inch top and bottom margins and one inch side margins.

The student's name, home, and school address, and English teacher's signature must appear only on the stapled cover sheet of each essay.

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IT IS HOPED that this contest will educate the younger generation, its parents and teachers in the economic, social and moral issues involved in this program and to cause recognition of the fact that equality of employment is a problem of the handicapped is of vital importance.

The first prize for this contest will be a four-year scholarship to the University of Maryland plus $100 in Savings Bonds.

Second, third and fourth prizes will be $75, $50, and $25 in Savings Bonds respectively.

Additional information is available at the Public Libraries, State Vocational Rehabilitation Service and the Local Office of the State Employment Service.

Each student should take advantage of this offer to help secure his future education.

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A FEW ITEMS:

The appointment of John Hargrove as Assistant U.S. Attorney was an excellent one but certainly long overdue.

There is need for promptness in such appointments to assure the public that it is not done just because an election is near.

There is much room for appointments in this state, I feel. While I begrudge my Democratic friends nothing, their appointment to office at the expense of Republicans does nothing to build the Republican Party.

BAPTISTS OPEN DOORS

AUSTIN, Texas—The Ebenezer and 19th St. Baptist Churches by a 24 to 25 vote, voted to admitted to membership in the previously all-white Austin Baptist Association, Wednesday. The vote admitted allowed a day of heated debate.

Democratic Viewpoint

...BY LLOYAL RANDOLPH

The City Council on Monday night confirmed Mayor D'Alesandro's nomination of Col. Richard C. O'Connell as supervisor of the Bureau of Transportation.

In so doing it demonstrated the power of the mayor's administration when he wants something done.

Colonel O'Connell's nomination was passed by a vote of 36 to 1, the only objection coming from Councilman Michael McHale of the 6th District.

Colonel O'Connell is from the 2nd District and Councilman McHale opposed his getting the job because it has traditionally come from the 6th District.

But the council vote shows the power of the Mayor over the council in getting something he wants. We will watch closely now to see what happens when the FEPC bill comes up for a vote in the council.

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INCIDENTLY, two or three men were mentioned to get the job that went to Colonel O'Connell. I know of at least 25 capable men. Each thought the lightning would strike him. But the mayor picked the popular colonel who has been on the public payroll for many years.

Colonel O'Connell is a former councilman, president of the City Council and U.S. Marshal. He has been able to hold on to his political friendships and the $6,500 job he now goes into was the prize job of the recent election.

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THE MONUMENTAL Elks Lodge No. 3 voted unanimously Tuesday night to give a testimonial dinner sometime in the late winter for Delegate Truly Hatchett (D. 4th).

Mr. Hatchett, who was legal the "Shoe Leather Candidate" during his campaign for election, has done much civic work in Baltimore during the years and has been in the forefront in the fight for civil and economic rights for colored people in the city and the State of Maryland.

He is Regional Director of Education and grand assistant commissioner of education in the Elks and an honorary past grand exalted ruler.

I hope that fraternal, civic and political organizations in the city make his testimonial a great success.

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THE MEGRO COUNCIL of Democrats will hold its first fall meeting in the Blue Room of the York Hotel on Thursday, October 27.

The writer is president of the organization, Mrs. Vivian Alleyne, vice president; Mrs. Genevieve Gaither, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alethea Brooks, financial secretary, and Mrs. Mayme Tilghman, treasurer.

Members of the council are leaders in the various wards and districts in the city.

Coming Events

OCTOBER 15 - NOVEMBER 19

Now is the time to mail that package to your overseas serviceman if you want him to have it for Christmas.

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22

Story hour for school age children at main Pratt Library in Children's Room, at 2:45 and 4 p.m.

Tenth anniversary of the United Nations is marked at Friends Meeting House with Dr. Justine Wise Nixon of Rochester, N.Y., the guest speaker.

OCTOBER 24

Installation of the Rev. Walter E. Paige as pastor of Faith Baptist Church.

OCTOBER 25

Meeting of the field committee of the Baltimore Area Girl Scout Council, 10:30 a.m. at YWCA Building, Park and Madison.

OCTOBER 28

Meeting of training committee of Baltimore Area Girl Scout Council at 10 a.m., YWCA Building, Park and Franklin Sts.

OCTOBER 29

Homecoming Day at Morgan State College with the grid squad from Langston U. College. Game time is 2 p.m.

Kappa Alpha Psi's Kabuseed Party at Coliseum.

NOVEMBER 14

Governor McKeldin speaks at