Two suicide attempts in jail cell block foiled

Julius Harris, 32, of the 1700 block Orleans St., is tired of living but there is little he can do about it—at least for the present.

After two unsuccessful attempts to take his own life Sunday in the Northeastern station cell block, Harris was put under close surveillance and ordered held for a medical and mental examination.

Taken into custody for allegedly cutting his girlfriend for "running around" and striking one man in the back with an axe, Harris at first had nothing to say when placed in his cell.

WHILE PAPERS were being typed up charging him with cutting Lucille Lincoln of the 1400 block N. Bethel St., and assaulting Amos Williams of the 900 block Hubert St. with an axe, he tried the first of two suicide attempts.

A turnkey found him trying to hang himself from the cell bars with an army fatigue jacket.

Two hours later, smoke from the cell block attracted another officer's attention. He discovered that Harris had set his undershirt on fire and was trying to burn himself to death.

When finally calmed down Harris complained that someone had shot him in the head and he was "about dead anyway".

A complaint could possibly mean dismissal from his job, according to fire officials.

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Callow R. Young, 22, 700 block Dolphin St., who was scheduled to enter the postal service on Thursday, and William A. Gwyn, 223, 2100 block N. Smallwood St., were placed on probation without a verdict on similar charges.

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THE FIFTH man, John Phillips, 28, 2900 block W. Hoffman St., was convicted on assault and disorderly conduct charges, sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined $75.

According to police the fracas developed late Monday afternoon when Young entered a tavern in the 2100 block W. Lexington St., and asked for permission to use the lavatory.

Edward Robinson the white tavern owner, refused to let Young use the room and the youth left, police said.

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A FEW moments later Phillips and Collick entered and headed in the direction of the room but were halted by Robinson, police said.

Several words were exchanged and several blows were passed with Robinson ending up with a gash in his head in the result of being hit by a wooden chair, police said.

Robinson was taken to Bon Secours Hospital where his wound was closed with five stitches. Young and Phillips were arrested on the scene, Brown and Gwyn were arrested later and Collick surrended to police Tuesday morning.

In his testimony, Robinson absolved three of the men of any part in the fight, but said that Collick and Phillips had both attacked him.

COLLICK AND Phillips both denied hitting the man but Robinson also said the white boy did said that he was "certain" that they were responsible for the injuried he suffered.

Robinson also said that, while he did not serve colored patrons across the bar, he would sell them package goods.

Collick later said that he had been employed by the Fire Department for 18 months, is married and the father of two small children. He was released in $500 bail.

Fireman fears decision day

Trouble stems from bar fracas

Today (Friday) will be a day of decision for a city fireman when he learns in a police court what disposition will be made of two assault and one disorderly conduct charges placed against him as the result of a fracas in a Lexington St. tavern.

William O. Collick, 28, 700 block N. Arlington Ave., will learn the decision from Magistrate Howard Aaron in Southwestern Police Court.

Accordingly, Collick could possibly mean dismissal from his job, according to fire officials.

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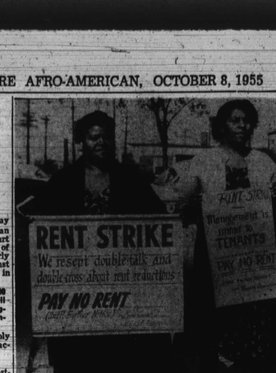

THEY MEAN BUSINESS—Picketing began this week in front of office at Ernest Lyon Homes in Stockton where tenants have been on a rent strike since new private owners raised the rents. Shown here are, left, Mrs. Gertrude Cooper of 561 New Pittsburgh Ave. and Mrs. Jessie Woodard of 536 New Pittsburgh Ave.

Funeral director gets divorce from husband

Mrs. Zorah I. Baysmore, funeral director, of 1129 N. Caroline St., divorced her husband, Joseph J. Baysmore, this week.

The granddaughter and successor to the late Mrs. Robert Elliott, who has operated the business since her grandmother's death, said that the separation was mutual and voluntary.

"We just couldn't agree. There was argument on top of argument, and we decided to end the marriage," she told the court.

Mr. and Mrs. Baysmore were married on June 6, 1934. They separated on June 10, 1952, she said. They are parents of four children under age, whose support he is charged with.

George H. Rosedom was attorney for Mrs. Baysmore.

JOSEPH JACKSON, 608 N. Appleton St., who testified that his marriage on Oct. 22, 1952 lasted only a month, won a divorce from Mrs. Charlotte Jackson on grounds of desertion.

The husband said that he was stationed at Fort George Meade at the time of the marriage. Mrs. Jackson, he said, refused to live on the post and with him and his mother at the Appleton St. address.

A divorce also went to James Burkhead, 213 S. Woodyear St., who also charged that Mrs. Betty Burkhead deserted him. The couple, married on March 15, 1940 and separated on Sept. 1, 1952, are parents of three children. The mother was given custody of the latter.

THE MARRIAGE of Mrs. Pauline Thomas, 1037 Rutland Ave. and Charles Thomas, NYC, was ended with a divorce that went to the wife.

She told the court that she and Mr. Thomas voluntarily separated in 1936. They were married in 1934 and are parents of two sons.

Mrs. Helen Johnson, 610 N. Fremont Ave., also testified that she and her husband, James of 2215 Poplar Grove St., voluntarily ended their marriage. They were married on Sept. 21, 1930 and ended the union on August 15, 1936, she said.

JOHN D. WILSON, 3003 Walbrook Ave., who testified that he found himself a prospective father on his wedding eve, won a divorce from Mrs. Betty Wilson.

He said that his bride was two-months pregnant when they were married on Feb. 16, 1954, and told him that he was not the father of the expected child.

After she left him on August 15, 1954, she set up housekeeping with one James Allen, the husband said.

Charles Bowman, 1921 McCulloh St., who won a divorce from Mrs. Gertrude Bowman of Detroit, Mich., said that she deserted him on August 15, 1951. They were married on Feb. 3, 1941.

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GEORGE S. RINGGOLD started an argument about his dinner, but when Mrs. Betty Ringgold served the food, he emptied it on the floor and threw the plate at her, she testified.

The wife, who lives at 2475 Druid Hill Ave., also charged in her suit for divorce that her husband drank in excess and that he deserted her on Dec. 2, 1945. They were married March 30, 1937.

Along with a divorce, she was granted the right to resume her maiden name, Betty Jordan.

A PARTIAL divorce went to Mrs. Josephine Maddox of 1923 W. Saratoga St., this week, after she testified that Frank Maddox beat her.

An order was also passed to prevent him from interfering or molesting her, and to allow her to take her television and refrigerator from 1508 N. Caroline St., where they formerly lived together.

She told the court that they were married on Nov. 2, 1954, and that his cruel treatment forced her to leave on June 21 of this year. She was represented by Peter Woodbury, attorney.

Policewoman sent to duty

Assignments were handed out this week to Miss Shirley Diggs, 2100 block Presstman St., and Mrs. Marian L. Crawford, 2300 block Druid Lane, two of the city's newest policewomen.

Miss Diggs went to the Northwestern Police District where she will work under the direction of the veteran Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, who was recently boosted to a sergeant's rank.

Mrs. Crawford was assigned to the Northeastern District where she will work with Mrs. Carolyn Robinson.

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THE TWO policewomen were appointed to the force in July, marking the first time in seven years that a colored woman had been named, and the first time in the city's history that two were named at the same time.

Commissioner James M. Hepburn made the appointments one day after he had been sworn in to office.

Mrs. Crawford is a native of Danville, Va., where she attended the public schools. She was graduated from Morgan State College in 1951. She is married to John Crawford and they have one child.

Miss Diggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Diggs, received her secondary education in Baltimore and graduated this year from Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C.

Yamin sane

NEW YORK—Martin Yamin, former substitute police magistrate thought to have been the brains behind the now-famous Baltimore "Whittier Ave. Case," has been pronounced sane by two psychiatrists and able to stand trial on first-degree murder charges.

A report from King's County Hospital will be presented to Judge George J. Joyce on Monday when he is expected to set the date for Yamin's trial.

Yamin is also under indictment in Baltimore on a conspiracy to rob charge. Both charges stem from the September, 1954 alleged armed robbery of the house of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, 2000 Whittier Ave.

The murder charge followed the slaying of Joseph Aronowitz, who was to have been a State witness in the attempted robbery trial. He was slain on the eve of the trial.

Woman held in fatal stabbing of 'friend'

Charged with stabbing to death a friend with whom she had been drinking earlier, Mrs. Catherine Harris, 42, of the 600 block Cornell St. was ordered held without bail in Pine Street Police Court Tuesday.

The victim, Mrs. Henrietta Meadows, 39, also of the 600 block Cornell St., was pronounced dead on arrival at University Hospital.

Death was due to a stab wound in the right chest. The murder weapon has not been found.

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TWO WITNESSES, Donald Porter and Mrs. Georgia Holt, tenants in the apartment house where the woman resided, told police Mrs. Harris stabbed Mrs. Meadows during an argument then ran from the room to her apartment on the third floor.

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PATROLMEN Joseph Wegworth and John Hundertmark of the Southern District told Magistrate Vernon Wiesand that the women were drinking in Mrs. Meadows' apartment when an argument started.

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To probe man's tale on bondsman

Chief Magistrate Stanley Scherr of Traffic Court promised Thursday to investigate a man's fantastic tale of being seized, handcuffed and brought back to Baltimore from his job in Anne Arundel County by two bondsman's aides who accused him of "bail-jumping."

Thursday afternoon Leonard Nipori, disbarred lawyer, and Joseph J. Sylvester, were charged with impersonating police officers and assault. Both were released in $1,000 bail. Nipori was also charged with assault by threatening to do bodily harm.

Magistrate Scherr said he would discuss the story with Chief Judge Emory H. Niles of the Municipal Bench after he had listened to Hunter F. Blackburn, 22, 1600 block Linden Ave.

He sentenced Blackburn to 30 days in jail for operating on a revoked license.

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BLACKBURN SAID two burly men grabbed him Wednesday afternoon while he was at work in Pasadena and kept him handcuffed for nearly four hours before turning him over to police headquarters, and made him sit on a bench for an hour while they "played cards."

When they finally turned him over to a police sergeant, he said they left without opening the cuffs. It took police another hour to locate a key for the handcuffs.

SAFETY CLINIC

The Industrial Safety Clinic will 414 Light St., from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is sponsored by the Baltimore's Great Hymns Choir, Safety Engineering Club of Baltimore.

Furniture sale goes to court

Assistant City Solicitor Leon Sachs said Thursday he will seek a court order to prevent the sale of furniture in the home of Mrs. Ethel Mae Matthews, 1701 Druid Hill Ave., unless the city is paid for the cost of demolishing her house.

Mrs. Matthews, who was ordered to demolish her house by Building Inspector Thomas J. Ryan, has been in Mercy Hospital since Monday.

Sachs said the city has spent $1,000 to demolish the house and has been unable to collect the money from Mrs. Matthews.

Dr. Mays to speak at Enon

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, world traveler, educator, pulpiteer and orator, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, October 16th, 3 p.m. mass meeting of the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP, to be held at Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting streets.

Dr. Mays will speak on the topic, "The South As It Is Today."

The Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, will introduce the speaker. Special music will be by the Choir of Enon, and Enon's Ushers will serve.

Life membership plaques will be awarded to those who have paid the required sum, and to those who take out life memberships at this meeting. Presentations will be made by Dr. Mays.

Admission free—come and bring your friends.

Membership report night, Tuesday, October 11th, 8 P.M. Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin & Etting Sts. Please report memberships to date. Refreshments served by Mrs. Vera Hudnell of Pet Milk Co.

East Baltimore report meeting, Thursday, Oct. 13th, 8 P.M. First Baptist Church, Caroline and McElderry Sts. Please report memberships to date. Rev. V. T. Williams, Pastor. John W. Flamer, Director of Campaign.

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Pres. Bowen K. Jackson, Exec. Secy. Dr. Charles E. Watts, Treasurer. Rev. H. O. Graham, Secretary. Dr. W. O. Benson, Treasurer. Rev. Jeffery McDonald, Chairman Membership Committee. Dr. Carl Murphy, Chairman, Legal Redress Committee and Chairman Membership Committee.

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POLITICS

Democratic Viewpoint

By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

The State Department of Personnel has now ordered that all racial designations be omitted from job applications, a notable step in the right direction.

It still remains a fact, however, that there has never been any state law which said state department heads or the state personnel agency had to specify the race of an individual applying for a state job.

This modified rule will apply mainly to white collar jobs, where colored employees have long been ignored in state offices.

However, with the department head having the opportunity of interviewing five applicants on the merit list, some colored job seekers will still find themselves behind the eight ball, especially if the interviewer is one of those "status quo" individuals who is against any change or progressive step.

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SENATOR MARY COLE appears to be on the ball and has indicated the weaknesses still existing in the state merit system. They, in time, I feel, will be eliminated.

Now it appears is the time for the city administration to make some move regarding any discrimination which exists in the City Service Administration.

There is not supposed to be any present, however, the lack of any appreciable number of colored white collar employees in city jobs, inclusive of some existing barrier.

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THE YOUNG Democrats are trying to get former president Harry Truman as their speaker for the March Jackson-Jefferson Day Dinner. If they fail, they're hoping to get Adlai Stevenson.

The editors of the MARYLAND REPORT, a twice-monthly state political newspaper, have indicated that the word Negro is written with a capital "N."

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THE CITY Council held its first fall session on Monday and the first business on the agenda seemed to be a secret meeting of the councilmen who are trying to get a 75 per cent raise in salary from $4,200 to $7,500.

It is nice when someone can raise his salary at will. But the mayor has been trying for some time to get a 7.5 per cent raise for the city workers.

And, it is doubtful that the poor underpaid city workers will get the increase they so richly deserve.

Publisher speaks on Newspaper Week

National Newspaper Week Oct. 1 - 8 was observed annually for the first time in this area by an address at the University of Maryland sponsored by the Maryland Press Association and the Department of Journalism and Public Relations.

MPA has chosen Fred I. Archibald, publisher of the Baltimore News-Post, to speak on "Opportunities for Careers in Journalism and Public Relations," at 10 a.m. this morning (Friday) in the Agriculture auditorium, Symons Hall.

Another Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

Truly Hatchett, member of the House of Delegates from the 4th District, has sent out a notice to most of the voters in his district reminding them of the next important date before the General Election.

Final registration before the General Election is Sept. 22, 1955.

He calls our attention to three very important dates: Final registration day before the primary election is April 7, 1956.

And that precinct registration will be held on Monday, July 9, 1956.

We should all bear these dates in mind for we have got a big job to do in registering the voters before the primary if possible and effect the primary for those we missed. On July 9, the people can register in the precinct.

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FURMAN C. Templeton, executive director of the Urban League, wrote to advising us that there is an orientation of neighborhood associations similar to the one I suggested in this column.

He further advises that such an association has been in existance for more than a year.

I recall that I wrote an a program with Mr. Templeton and on that occasion he called my attention to the fact that there was such an organization.

Since that meeting I have not heard more from the organization, so again I failed to mention that there is one.

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THIS GROUP was created by the Urban League in June, 1954, and formally set up under the name of "The Baltimore Federation of Neighborhood and Civic Associations."

Mr. Templeton advises that although it is sponsored by the Urban League, it meets in the office of the League.

The president is Tom Hawkins, and the New Area Neighborhood Association is a member agency. The Federation is non-political by constitution but Mr. Templeton feels that the provision does not preclude a non-partisan interest in registration of colored voters.

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I AM VERY grateful to Mr. Templeton for calling this fact to my attention again. Mr. Templeton has always been very kind in community affairs and I am happy that we have such a group in our community. It is hard for the Federation needs the help of all Neighborhood Associations.

If there are any neighborhood groups which are not members of the Federation, it is urged by Mr. Templeton and Mr. Hawkins that you join immediately.

Anyone can readily see that we can lick the rapidly growing problem much easier through the Federation.

Any neighborhood club worthy of its name should see that everyone in the area is a registered voter and before any project is undertaken, a check should be made to see if those qualified are registered.

By joining the Federation, under the leadership of Mr. Hawkins, we can have combined and united strength.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

The Grand Jury's investigation into police payoffs by gamblers has naturally drawn quite a bit of comment and even concern in certain quarters.

Some cynics, however, are dubious over the whole thing.

"It'll only go so far and no further," they say.

On the other side is the pessimist:

"If they just get one man to talk," he says, "they'll blow the lid off and Baltimore will never be the same."

It's a fact that the numbers business and other illegal gambling in Baltimore could not exist without police connivance and that cooperation has to exist on more than one level. You know what I mean. Thus, the intent of the Mr. Walker present investigation: how far up will it go?

If there's a crackdown on the numbers business in Baltimore, there'll be a lot of folks who'll have to get out and find themselves some jobs. Else they won't eat.

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SO FAR, however, the investigation in Baltimore City and the big raid in Baltimore County haven't stopped the action.

You can get down with your figure with your writer as usual. Course, tomorrow might be different.

Meanwhile in the Turner Station area, the big question still is who blew the whistle to the State Police.

Rumors have indicated the complaints came from colored and white sources and some folk in Turner Station are boasting accusations around willy nilly. Most of the ministers have borne the brunt of the rumors and several of them have become incensed over same.

At a meeting Monday night, one minister spoke out that he was not on any committee, which complained about the numbers operation.

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ANOTHER SPEAKER, however, gave evidence as to why Turner Station folks are anxious to know who informed the house on Avon Beach up.

This speaker pointed out that when he was sick, he was barred "the deacons from the church came to see me and said they would pray for me." Then, he mentioned, "the pastors came to see me and said they'd pray for me."

"But when Mr. X (one of the six arrested in the raid) came to see me, he asked me 'what can I do for you financially?' and he helped me".

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OTHER RESIDENTS of the area are quick to point out that one of the arrested men was always one of the first contributors to civic organizations, such as the Little League, and YMCA, gave financial support to nearly every church in Turner Station, and even helped bury the poor when necessary.

So whoever caused his arrest is no "hero" to the folks in Turner Station.

What happens in Turner Station now will follow the pattern of what happened in Baltimore City and everywhere the colored bankers are busted: the white syndicates move in and business goes on as usual but most of the dough will move out of the community.

In Washington, D.C. where they've knocked out quite a few bankers, the new bankers are crying a new kind of blues. Seems they're having so many hits over there it's running them out of business.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS— Baltimore's Hot Rod Hubleret went up in New York City last month and garnered himself a mint of publicity in all the Big City newspapers, magazines etc.

CORRECTION — It has been brought to my attention that I, along with a national syndicated columnist, erred when I said that Marine captain would have had to pay income tax on his $32,000 winnings, if he had lost out on the $64,000.

It's now been beaten into my brain that federal income tax laws allow you to charge off against your gambling earnings only an amount "equal to your losses." Thus, had he lost, he could have charged off the $32,000 as a "gambling loss."

Question: Does this also mean that a numbers player (not me, mind you) can at the end of the year charge off as a gambling loss his daily play when he did not hit?

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WORLD SERIES — Every "hum" who asked me for a bet Tuesday night swore he had lost a G.D. money on the Yankees. Up until then I'd have sworn I was in Pittsburgh, there were so many Dodger fans around.

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MISHMASH — Magistrate Linwood G. Foger caught several games of the world series over the weekend, getting away from the headaches of the Northwestern Police Court for a few days.

Traffic Czar Barnes' new static blocks, located at all street corners are already wearing away at some intersection. They don't answer to be as lasting as the painted lines.

There's a Lucky Photo with a head encircled in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. It may be you. It's worth $5 if it is.

WORK BENCH:

North Carolina prophecy

Some will soon be in congress

By CLARENCE MITCHELL
WASHINGTON

Highway 48, North Carolina—The future of the United States took a turn for the better in Mount Olivet Baptist Church, last week.

Located in the heart of Bertie County, the building was the meeting place for citizens who are determined to increase their voting strength.

Bertie county is one of the so-called black belt units. Approximately 59 per cent of the population is colored. Yet, in this county a colored man cannot be elected dog catcher under the existing set-up.

THE COUNTY is a part of the first congressional district. Those who attended the meeting were irked by reports of crude conduct on the part of their congressman.

In Washington, it was reported, he kept a crowd of colleagues standing in his office and used profanity even though women were present.

Kelly M. Alexander and Charles McLean of the NAACP arranged the meeting.

They are a part of a series that will be held throughout the state, with special emphasis on the eastern part of North Carolina where the Negro is concentrated vote is highest.

SOME IDEA of what the prospects are can be gotten from the following figures on the colored population in counties where work is now being done.

Hertford County has 12,860 colored people, or 60 per cent of the population. Gates County has 5,021 or 52.5 per cent of the population.

Halifax County has 32,988 colored residents, or 56.4 per cent of the population. In Hoke County the figures show 8,778 colored, or 55.7 per cent of the population. Martin County has 14,677 or 50.4 per cent.

Northampton County has 18,189, or 63.9 per cent. Perquimans County has 4,886, or 52.9 per cent, and Warren county has 14,817, or 62.9 per cent.

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DURING THE meetings, the Rev. John A. Mebane called on all whose forebears had served in the North Carolina Legislature to raise their hands. Several hands went up.

The Rev. Mr. Mebane's father, Hon. John A. Mebane, was a state senator from Northampton and Bertie Counties. Outside the church is the grave of the Rev. Bryant Lee. He was once pastor of Mount Olivet Church and also served in the North Carolina Legislature.

As I looked at the prosperous, serious persons in the church I could foresee many more members of the legislature from Bertie. I believe that some of them will soon be in Washington as members of Congress.

THESE MEN and women are farmers, store owners, teachers and honest citizens of all kinds. They are the kind of people that the United States is trying to protect against Communist aggression all over the world.

They would be much more certain of being able to register and vote without being molested or thwarted if they were German or Japanese citizens instead of Negro citizens.

SENATOR MEBANE and the Rev. Mr. Lee could have given exciting speeches about a nation that protects the rights of persons in far off countries, but does not protect the elementary right of voting at home.

In the months between now and election day there will be a steady drive to get all eligible voters on the books in the heavily populated colored counties.

If it succeeds, there is no doubt that it will be a long step in the direction of better government for one of the largest and most influential states in the union.

Color Poses Problem In Adoption Of Tots

By HERB MANGRUM

Do you want to adopt a child? Are you the type of person who is concerned about what the color of your child's skin will be?

Then you can be counted among the thousands who are contributing to one of the major problems confronting adoption agencies in America today.

Due to color consciousness, there are in Baltimore at least two children who may grow up without ever knowing what is is to have a mother and father.

They are a handsome young boy and an attractive girl who are given the best of care.

The agency, according to officials, has no trouble finding homes for children with lighter skins. Presently they have ten children. Of that number only two are dark. They are Diane and Ronald and they are the ones who have been with the agency the longest.

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According to Mrs. Florella Clark, a case worker for the agency, "if something is not done soon these will be doomed to spend their lives in foster homes.

"What the solution to the problem is we do not know," states Miss Verna Waskowitz, division supervisor of the children's division.

According to Clark L. Mock, executive secretary of the agency: "It may take a bit of education to lick this problem."

This year Mrs. Clark has been responsible for placing five children. There is a tendency among adopting parents to request more girls than boys, she declared.

In an effort to find homes for the darker children, at least 12 local mothers have been asked to mention the agencies problem at their services.

In connection with this program the Council of Churches has offered to help.

THE FAMILY and Children's Aid Society is an affiliate of the Community Chest. In addition to its adoption bureau it has a department protection division where married couples can come for advice.

In operation since 1849, the agency is a merger of the old Family and Welfare department and the Henry Watson Children's Aid Society.

THEY WANT HOME—Typical of the children eligible for adoption at the Family and Children's Society at 204 W. Lanvale St., is this four-year-old boy and two-year-old girl. Wards of the agency for more than a year, they are frequently passed up for adoption because of their color.

THE STAFF meeting to discuss a problem that is national in scope, the failure of childless couples to accept dark children for adoption, staff members of the Family and Children's Society confer at their headquarters. At left is Miss Verna Waskowitz, supervisor of the children's division; Mrs. Flozella Clark, adoptions case worker, and Clark L. Mock, executive secretary.

Love is one cure for stomach ache

"Love, to be taken regularly in large doses." Those were the words on the prescription blank the doctor handed to Jimmys' mother. Jimmy had been suffering from frequent stomach upsets.

Children have stomach disorders caused by emotional upsets, just as adults do. Many of these illnesses, doctors believe, begin because the children do not get enough love and are surrounded by an atmosphere of irritability, impatience, and anger.

Many cases of infantile colic are also thought to be psychoemotional in origin. Colic frequently crops up in babies whose mothers are cross and impatient.

A baby's greatest need is for the sense of security that affectionate mothering gives him. When a baby becomes "colicky," he may be expressing his feeling of insecurity. More affectionate and patient mothering is often the best remedy.

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IN OLDER children, "bottled up" emotions may also show themselves in real physical illness. Perhaps the child may complain only of "knots in my stomach" or "cramps." But the ulcer and ulcerative colitis are not uncommon.

Children who develop these conditions may be very well-behaved youngsters who are unable to express their angry feelings.

Their troubles are often traced to the fact that their need for security and love was not met in infancy.

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JIMMY'S TROUBLE started the spring he became a pitcher for the Tigers, his Little League team. He was a good pitcher. But he began to be afraid to play for fear of losing.

He felt that his parents were proud of him and loved him only when he won. So the stomach upsets arrived with every game.

The doctor was able to recognize the emotional basis of Jimmy's trouble. He was able to show the parents that their good little boy who was so eager to please was not a happy child.

They learned to be more patient with his boyish failures, and to show him that their love did not depend on his behavior. Jimmy's stomach trouble was cured by love.

Coming Events

OCTOBER 1 - 22

These are the days when the NAACP is asking your support. The goal of the annual membership drive is 10,000. Have you joined yet?

OCTOBER 9 - 15

This is Fire Prevention Week. A good time to check your home for fire hazards. Fire houses are open for inspection.

OCTOBER 11

A meeting of the membership-nominating committee of the Baltimore Area Girl Scout Council will be held at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the YWCA Building, Park and Franklin Sts.

OCTOBER 12

Board meeting of the United Church Women of Baltimore at 10 a.m. in the Council House, 14 W. Madison St.

OCTOBER 13

Army surplus property will be on sale today at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Sale starts at 9 a.m. Clothing and automotive equipment are among the items.

A meeting of the program committee of the Baltimore Area Girl Scout Council will be held at the Girl Scout office, third floor of the YWCA Building, Park and Franklin Sts., at 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 14

The annual Baltimore Boys Choir concert series opens this afternoon at 5 p. m. at the Ethical Society Auditorium, 2127 W. North Ave.

Roland Hayes appears in a concert at the First Unitarian Church, Charles and Franklin Sts., at 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22

More than 14,000 teachers are expected in town for the annual convention of the Maryland State Teachers.

OCTOBER 22

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

OCTOBER 29

Homecoming Day at Morgan State College as the Bears tangle with the grid squad from A. and T. College. Game time is 2 p.m.

Kappa Alpha Psi's Kabaret Party at Coliseum.

Grace Church fetes 75th anniversary

Members of Grace Presbyterian Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., will observe the 75th anniversary of their Church, beginning Monday and ending Thursday. The Rev. Robert T. Newbold is pastor.

The four-day celebration which will feature interdenominational - interfaith night, a drama; musicals and banquet, will begin each night at 8 p.m. Governor McKeldin will speak at the banquet Thursday.

Presiding over the Interdenominational - Interfaith Night, Monday, will be the Rev. John Tilley, pastor, New Metropolitan Baptist Church.

RABBI ABRAHAM Schusterman, of Har Sinai Congregation, will deliver the message while the Rev. Willis Ford, executive secretary of the Council of Churches, will read the scripture.

The dedicatory prayer will be given by the Rev. Edward C. Carroll, pastor, Sharp St. Memorial Methodist Church.

The anniversary drama, "The Miracle of Faith" will be presented Tuesday under the direction of Mrs. Willa Mae Bland.

Cast in the play are Mesdames Emma Bright, Mary Brown, Edna Canty, Marie Edwards, Kathryn Frisby, Catherine Greene, Theresa McIver, Charlotte Mebane and Miss Abia Jackson.

Also Edward Murray, E. Lloyd Davis, George Lottier and Dionne Milbourne.

FEATURED IN the musicale, Wednesday night, are choirs from Govans Presbyterian Church, Forrest Barrett, director; Union Baptist Church, Dr. Houston Jackson, director and Knox Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Mercedes Douglass, director.

Also participating on the program will be the Revs. Baxter L. Matthews, Robert T. Newbold Jr., H. Octavius Graham, and Lloyd G. Lee.

The anniversary banquet will be held Thursday night in the parlors of Douglas Memorial C.C. Church, Lafayette and Madison Aves.

Prior to Governor McKeldin's speech will be greetings from:

The Rev. Garnett Lee, pastor, Capital St. Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa.; the Rev. Walter Cremeans, general Presbyter, of the Baltimore Presbytery; the Rev. Jesse Barber, secretary of the Board of National Missions, New York City and the Rev. T. Guthrie Speers, pastor, Hyde Memorial Presbyterian Church.

THE REV. Edgar Ward, pastor, Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian Church, will say grace and the Rev. Reginald J. Daniels will deliver the benediction.

Others appearing on the program will be the Rev. Mr. Newbold, Magistrate Linwood Foger of Northwestern Police Court and John L. Berry.

THE HISTORY of the church dates back to 1880 when 73 former members of the Madison St. Presbyterian Church withdrew and founded Grace Church under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Hedges.

The first church home was a building known as Linden Hall, located at Hoffman St. and Linden Ave. A year later the congregation secured the present church site, formerly the Dolphin St. Presbyterian Church.

In 1893, the Rev. Mr. Hedges retired and the Rev. Edward F. Hodgson became pastor of the church. Under his direction, the Willing Workers and the Helping Hand Society were organized.

The Rev. Mr. Eggleston retired in 1908 and the Rev. William Williams was called to the pulpit. During his eight years of service, the Presbyterian Brotherhood and the Minute Men were formed.

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IN 1917, the Rev. John T. Colbert took over the pastorate for the following 36 years. Under his direction, the church was remodeled in 1931 including the addition of a kitchen, choir room and pastor's study.

The Sunday School room and main floor of the sanctuary were completely repaired and redecorated. A new organ was installed and a new chancellery was built in the main auditorium.

New church organizations were formed including the Ladies Aid Society, the Missionary Society and the Men's Club.

The Rev. Mr. Colbert's service to the church ended abruptly, with his death, Aug. 14, 1950 and on June 7, 1953, the present pastor, the Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr. was elected pastor.

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THE REV. Mr. Newbold established the following organizations:

Grace Church Council, Christian Fellowship Circle, Ushers'