CORE CHECKING DEPARTMENT STORES

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

Mr Johnson is vacationing. His guest columnist this week is — City Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr., newly elected representative of the Fourth District.)

Dear Max:

Not long ago, Louis Jordan made popular a song, "Accentuate the Positive — Eliminate the Negative." Wish we could adopt this as OUR song.

HENRY PARKS

It's about time our city — all of us — drops the "can't do" and start working on the "can do." The city fathers must think positively about what we "can do" to overcome a hundred years of denial.

Another song that should be "for real" goes: "Nice Work If You Can Get It And You Can Get It If You Try." There is a Judy Garland favorite that says, "Wishing Will Make It So."

That is not quite true, but it is a good starting point.

FOR YEARS we have been mouthing words. Now we are singing out and beginning to act. A hue and a cry from the people has been a great factor in legal determinations and in building our laws.

Fortunately, and in the nick of time, our world is once again becoming concerned with the rights of individuals.

What happens to the least of us can happen to anyone of us, no matter how high up we may be. Permit injustice to anyone and it will be like planting a diseased germ in a healthy body.

Back to positive thinking and its application lightly to political matters.

WASN'T IT GOOD to give colored college students summer jobs for the first time when I asked why we never had them before?

Also obtained a couple of City Council clerks and some labor jobs. Will ask more questions.

Wasn't it considerate to place a highly qualified first on the list "man-of-color" as assistant Civic Center director, after we pointed out the facts to all concerned and gained the support of friends in high places?

Still must depend on sympathetic friends.

Isn't it hopeful to start getting the proper persons in the Equal Opportunity Commission after so much maneuvering, and isn't it good that EOC is promised the necessary budget and staff to do the job assigned it?

Hope they aren't used as a "catch-all."

WONDER WHY you don't see (unless you use a microscope) colored persons working in all of the city departments, and wouldn't an Executive Order correct this?

There should be special effort to make up for lost time.

Wonder if it is true that colored men are generally limited to the lowest jobs in city departments, and if it is true that they have a white standard and a colored standard for work conditions and personal practices?

Isn't it remarkable how many others are taking credit for making the Baltimore public accommodations law effective again?

It was only a matter of a sensible question on the possibility since the trespass barrier was removed.

Wonder why some people are perplexed that I secured a scholarship for a white girl and a city job for a highly qualified white man in my district?

Don't they want me to practice what I preach?

Wonder why it's startling that along with civil rights I am concerned with the broad aspects and problems of our city?

WONDER WHY the position of director of Bureau of Music under the Department of Recreation and Parks is still open? Is it because a colored man has been the only one on the qualified list for the past year?

Wonder why the real power structure of our town has an "ostrich complex?" They build skyscrapers and expressways, but bury their heads from "people problems."

Couldn't we insist that the pension funds collected from city employees be placed through brokerage houses that practice fair employment and that, wherever possible, companies with open employment practices be favored for investment and/or deposit of our funds?

Understand there are over 25,000 city jobs.

Couldn't the city purchase from companies that practice fair employment and give contracts to companies that don't discriminate? After all, tax dollars belong to everyone.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN if we insisted that all our friends and associates not only register to vote but also that they vote? Wouldn't the politicians start courting us then, too?

Wonder when BURHA is going to correct that silly "preference clause" that is hiding the possibility of rank discrimi-

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McKeldin aims for model city

"We know what we need to do and we know what we have to do to make all our people first class citizens.

"We propose to do it!"

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin used those terms to describe his proposed package of civil rights ordinances to be introduced when City Council reconvenes in September

The mayor announced plans to introduce legislation last weekend. However, he declined to elaborate on the nature of the measures, still to be drawn up by City Solicitor Joseph Allen and his staff.

At his press conference Wednesday, Mr. McKeldin also refused to detail the proposed laws.

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THE PACKAGE legislation, he said, is intended to make Baltimore a "model city," and must be brought through a "team - effort"—meaning City Council and his administration.

Mayor McKeldin said he wants to "set an example for other cities in the country" in the area of civil rights and must depend on the cooperation of the council to get it through.

No details on the areas covered and scope of the proposed measures will be released until the council and agency heads have been consulted for recommendations, the mayor stated.

He said surveys of "what has been done in this area by other major cities" are now being conducted.

Results of these surveys, recommendation from councilmen and city officials, will be compiled and the package will be ready when the council returns from summer vacation, Mr McKeldin said.

Bathing suits put janitor in hot water

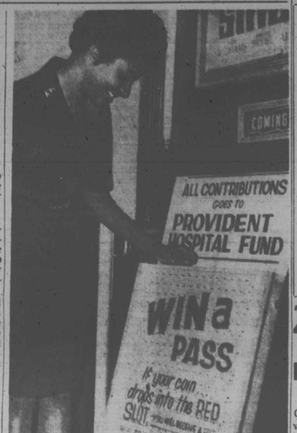
A post office janitor who stole fashionable women's clothes including 37 bathing suits, was sentenced to 18 months in prison by Chief Judge Roszel C. Thomsen of Federal Court last week.

James H. Stewart, 43, 1800 block Clifton Ave., pleaded nolo contendere (no defense) to charges he stole $800 worth of bathing suits and fashionable dresses from the mails at Towson Post Office.

Stewart, a government employe with a high 15 years service, and a janitor at the Towson branch for five years, was ordered to serve three months of the term in a "jail - like institution" - (Lewisburg, Pa.) and the balance on probation.

Daniel Moyland, prosecutor, said postal inspectors arrested Stewart after he stole the items from the parcel post section of the post office and attempted to dispose of them.

The 37 bathing suits were recovered, Mr. Moyland told Judge Thomsen, but other items were not located.



MISS MARGARET DEMARY points to the newest Provident Hospital fund-raiser. Coins are inserted in the top of the interesting gadget and if the coins fall into the proper slot, the depositor wins a free ticket to the Harlem Theater, where the gadget is on display.

Youths chase man into woman's home, police too busy to come investigate

Efforts by neighbors in the You just have to wait a minute". I hung up.

1800 block of Appleton St. to reach police Monday night proved frustrating as 20 teenagers, some with razors, invaded the neighborhood.

Although an alert C. and P. telephone operator finally got the call through, it was 45 minutes after the boys had entered the neighborhood that police arrived.

The episode started about 10 p.m. when 20 teenagers with drawn knives entered the block. The first call went to police with no answer to the persistent ring of the telephone and the gang moved on down the street.

A little later, the group returned and Mrs. Phyllis Covington, mother of six children told the AFRO:

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"I WAS standing on the steps when this bleeding man came pushing by me and ran into my house. A moment later this boy, who looked no more than—13 came to the steps. He had a straight razor in his hand. I ran into the house and slammed the door.

"I had never seen this man before. He was bleeding and said he lived around the corner. He was afraid to leave the house. My son and my girlfriend tried to get police but we got no answer.

"Finally I went to the phone and dialed the operator. She got the number.

"Some man on the switchboard answered. He was so rude I never did get a chance to tell him what I wanted. He said he was just coming on the switchboard and such things like, "All right lady.

"THEN THE injured man called, because he was afraid to leave. The police finally came. He went out to the police car. They didn't even get out the car to find out what was wrong.

"The man had stopped bleeding then and I heard them ask him if he wanted to go to the hospital. By that time the boys had left the neighborhood.

"It was a horrible experience. I have never been so scared in my life.

"A few weeks ago, a policeman was having trouble arresting a boy in this area and police cars came from everywhere in a few seconds after my call.

"I hate to think what would have happened if I hadn't run into the house . . ."

Mrs. Covington's children range in age from 10 to 21.

She explained later she had on shorts and the boys were rude to her.

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A CALL to Radio Police at SA. 7-1200, revealed that shifts are changed between 9:40 and 10 p.m.

Lt. Leroy Williams of the Radio Police told the AFRO: "We have a record here.

A complainant from 1800 block of Appleton St. wanted an officer at 10:25 p.m. The car was dispatched.

"He had to come from South of Edmondson Ave and West of Monroe St. At the time the other cars must have been out of service.

"Monday night was like a Friday or Saturday night. We were very busy.

"We have no record on a 9:45 p.m. call. But at 10:25 the man said he wanted an officer. If they had said a man had been assaulted or injured it would have been marked so on the report.

W. Baltimore Methodists meeting in Buckeystown

By CHARLOTTE DOWNIE

The Buckeystown Methodist Church, Buckeystown, Md., is host to delegates to the 17th session of the West Baltimore District Conference of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church, August 14 through 18.

The Conference has chosen as its theme this year "Jesus Christ Is Lord". Sub - Theme: "Aldersgate — Emancipation and Complete Freedom."

The conference opened with a welcoming service with the Rev. H. J. McDonald presiding. The Rev. Robert H. Bullett is the host pastor.

Friday, August 16, will feature a workshop on "Stewardship and Finance," with Elbert Moore, district secretary, presiding and a workshop on "Missions," the Rev. G. Allen, district secretary, presiding.

After the supper will be "An Everybody's Birthday Party." featuring "The Minister's Popularity Contest".

At 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Ada Riggs, chairman, District Board will preside over the District Steward's program. Devotions will be led by the Rev. G. Aukward and featured will be the Crowning of "Miss Baltimore District".

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ON SATURDAY, August 17, the Golden Cross will present a skit directed by Mrs. Inez McAbee, district director of the Golden Cross.

Youth hour at 2:30 p.m. with Louis Bond presiding, will feature an address by Dr. W. D. Lester, director, Department of Evangelism for Special Activities, General Board of Evangelism, Nashvill, Tenn. Music will be rendered by the sub-district choir, Miss Olivia Copeland, directress.

Highlight on Sunday will be a sermon to be delivered by the district superintendent.

Bishop Edgar A. Love is resident bishop of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Church.

Youths invited to meeting on apprenticeship training

A "we can help you" call went out this week to all young men age 18 to 25 who are interested in training or apprenticeship trades.

The young men are invited to a meeting at Douglas Memorial Community Church in the 1300 block Madison Ave., at 7 p.m. Monday.

An official from the Labor Department will be present to discuss the opportunities of the program. A film will be shown.

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, church minister and a member of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, which is sponsoring the Monday night meeting, said high school graduates are preferred for the training program.

HE SAID that young men who qualify are paid during the period while they learn the trade or serve their apprenticeships.

An effort from the Labor Department will be present to discuss the opportunities of the program. A film will be shown.

The Rev. Mr. Bascom emphasized the fact that apprenticeship training covers many of the more exciting jobs today, including technical areas, in addition to the traditional fields such as brick masonry.

200 job openings now at Aberdeen

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Nearly 200 vacancies for scientific and technical personnel qualified to join Army testing, research and development staffs are open at Aberdeen Proving Ground, the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners here reported today.

Engineers, mathematicians and physicists are in particular demand right now, according to Edward Stubbs, Jr., the Board's executive secretary. Most of the openings, he said, resulted from increased emphasis on programs assigned to the U. S. Army Ballistic Research Laboratories and additional staffing of the Army's new Test and Evaluation Command created here last year.

Position vacancies range from the GS-5 level through GS-16, with starting salaries scaled from $5,325 a year to $12,845.

In addition to general categories of engineers, mathematicians, and physicists, the two commands are seeking mechanical, electronic, chemical and aero engineers to complete their staffs.

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SUBSTANTIAL OPPORTUNITIES for professional development become available to individuals associated with BRL and TEC programs, Stubbs pointed out. In addition to sharing in the benefits normal to civil service employment, numerous opportunities to participate in a wide range of special schooling and study are offered.

The Ballistic Research Laboratories, a principal research establishment of the Army Materiel Command, has more than 150 openings. It is responsible for conducting investigations in the fields of physical and natural sciences which form the basis for the design and use of the Army's weapons.

The interests of BRL scientists span many specialized fields, such as nuclear physics and hypersonic flow, as well as the general fields of operations as the analysis, mathematics, physics, chemistry and engineering.

BRL's continuing efforts to improve Army weaponry often results in developments with important nonmilitary applications.

Inquiries concerning vacancies may be directed to Mr. Stubbs at Aberdeen Proving Ground (telephone: 272-4000, extension 68194). Applications, Standard Form 57, which can be obtained at local Post Offices, should be submitted to the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiner, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Seek to learn job policies

In a move to speed up equal employment opportunities for colored persons in the Baltimore City area the Baltimore City Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality has begun a survey of employment policies of about 25 department stores in this area.

So far, the most encouraging response from letters to the various stores has come from one downtown Baltimore department store which stated, "Our policy, to employ, retain and promote individuals without reference to race."

The store added, "We currently employ colored in executive, supervisory, clerical, sales, and other categories. And . . . our employment of colored in a variety of capacities is steadily expanding."

As soon as the survey is completed, CORE's public relations committee, directed by Lloyd Taylor, will make an announcement of the results and an analysis.

Dr. Randall on staff at Maryland U.

Dr. Lewis Randall, 31, a medical school graduate of the University of Maryland in 1956 has been appointed to the school staff to teach senior medical students in a bi-weekly seminar on obstetrics and gynecology.

A graduate of Morgan State College, he served his internship and residency at University of Maryland. He also assists in the office of Dr. William Hall.

Dr. Randall, who is married to the former Miss Marie Byrd, is a native of Baltimore. They have three children, Linda, 6; Lewis, 3, and Lionel, 3 months.

Dr. Randall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Whitworth. His wife's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Byrd.

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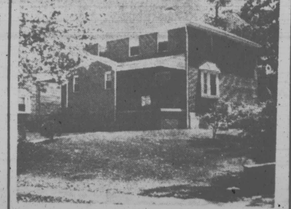

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NO! THIS IS NOT A DICE GAME— In the middle of this group of police officers is an 11-year-old girl, who had escaped from the University Hospital Mental Ward Monday, in company with a 14-year-old girl patient. According to police the girls had hidden in the basement of a vacant house in the 800 block W. Fayette St. and when police attempted to get them out they threw bricks and more officers had to be called. The girls were finally carried from the basement. One of them went into a state of shock. Both were returned to the hospital.

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MARCHERS MAY NUMBER 300,000

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THE WEATHER
For today (Friday) Saturday and Sunday, considerable sunshine, warm and humid. High temperatures in the lower 90s. Fair at night with low temperatures ranging from the mid-80s downtown to the upper 70s in the suburbs.

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FULL PROBE DEMANDED OF SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY

Marchers may total 300,000

Mayor McKeldin has proclaimed Wednesday, August 28 as "Freedom Day" and has given all city government workers permission to take time off without pay to participate in the mammoth March on Washington to be staged that day.

With five days remaining, until March Day, the Mayor's proclamation thus puts Baltimore officially on record as supporting the goals of the epochal march for jobs and freedom.

While the Mayor responded with an official declaration, he turned down the Maryland Committee for the March on Washington's request that he make August 28th a legal holiday, commenting that this would set a "difficult" precedent.

Tawes can't

Governor Tawes, however, has given no official sanction to the March and begged off a request that he meet with Baltimore participants in the March on the morning of August 28 before history-making civil rights demonstration begins.

Governor Tawes informed March officials that prior commitments prevented his appearance at pre - March ceremonies.

Archbishop for

Meanwhile with little time remaining, the Maryland March Committee's cam-

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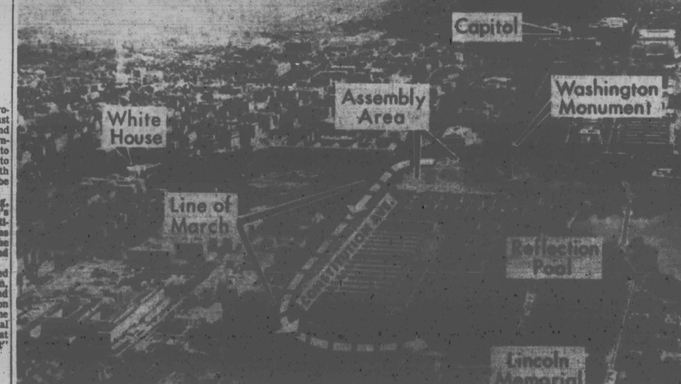
Afro Team
Of 20 of the nation's top writers and cameramen will provide the best all-round coverage of historic Aug. 28 March — Don't Miss a single issue.



"MARCH ON WASHINGTON" MAP — This aerial view of Washington, D.C., shows the proposed route of the civil rights "March on Washington," which is scheduled for August 28. The marchers will form at the Washington Monument and march to the Lincoln Memorial for a series of speeches.

Bishop Shehan will join Aug. 28 March

Seven high-ranking Catholic churchmen from the Baltimore - Baltimore - Washington - Richmond area - including two archbishops - will join the Aug. 28 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the Catholic Review reported Thursday.

Archbishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Baltimore diocese and Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington will head the delegation of bishops in the massive demonstration in the nation's capital.

They are:

Bishop Michael W. Hyle of Wilmington, Del.; Bishop John J. Russell, Richmond; Auxiliary Bishop T. Austin Murphy, Baltimore; Auxiliary Bishop Philip W. Hannan, Washington and Auxiliary Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler of Richmond.

EDWARD J. VAN de CASTLE, president of the Baltimore Catholic Interracial Council, said that several hundred Catholic laymen will be among the estimated 15,000 Baltimoreans in the demonstration.

Local Catholic marchers will assemble at St. Peter

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Zantzinger faces judges Wednesday

A motion for a new trial for William D. Zantzinger, 24, Southern Maryland farmer convicted of manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Hattie Carroll, will be heard Wednesday, August 28, in either Hagerstown, Md., at 10:30 a.m.

Should the motion be denied, there is a possibility that sentence will be pronounced at that time.

Zantzinger was convicted of manslaughter and three assault charges on June 27, after a four day trial which was moved from Baltimore to Hagerstown at the request of the defense attorneys.

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MRS. CARROLL, a 51-year - old grandmother who lived in Baltimore's Cherry Hill area, died of a stroke brought on by a brain hemorrhage.

The state charged that the

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Ocean City hotel bars Del. Dixon

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Democratic National Committeewoman Mildred Otenasek told the AFRO this morning (Friday) that since the contention was over the Atlantic Hotel, the rally set for there Saturday would be transferred to another place or cancelled.

State Sen. Verda F. Welcome and Del. Irma George Dixon will be missing from the United Democratic Women Clubs of Maryland's summer meeting which opens today, (Friday) in Ocean City, because of hotel discrimination.

The "social meeting" which usually attracts Democratic club women from all over the state, was marred this year when Delegate Dixon was refused accommodations at the Atlantic Hotel, the meeting headquarters.

The convention has two main events. A luncheon given by Maryland officials today at Phillips Crab House and a mass rally at the Atlantic Hotel on Saturday.

All the delegates can attend the rally although they cannot stay at the hotel, Mrs. Carmel Bindas. Dundalk, chairman of the United Democratic Women's Clubs, said.

Both Mrs. Bindas and Dr. Mildred Otenasek, national committeewoman, have reservations at the Atlantic Hotel.

The Issue was brought to

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No trouble is expected at the March

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — There was every indication this week that the March on Washington for jobs and freedom will be "orderly and dignified."

"We do not expect any trouble at all on Aug. 28," Police Chief Robert V. Murray said Wednesday.

Murray gave this official view at a briefing of personnel concerned with keeping law and order during the March.

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ALTOGETHER, ABOUT 10,000 men will assist in traf-

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Two charge jobs based on race

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

A long smoldering bomb of alleged racial discrimination in jobs is about to go off under the Social Security Administration and the resulting explosion threatens to rock the Woodlawn headquarters of the federal agency to its very foundations.

This week the Baltimore branch NAACP lit the fuse under the Social Security agency, with its national headquarters in suburban Woodlawn.

Charging that the Social Security Administration has permitted "alarming racially discriminatory policies of hiring and promotion," the NAACP on Tuesday urged Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson, as chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, to take immediate action.

This move was followed Thursday, with a telegram from the Md. Conference of NAACP Branches to Congressman Adam C. Powell, (D. N.Y.) chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor asking that he hold full-scale public hearings on racial discrimination within the Social Security national operation.

In addition to urging action by the Vice-President and the New York congressman, the Baltimore NAACP office also alerted Maryland's eight U.S. Congressmen and two Senators about the complaint lodged with Vice-President Johnson, and requested their assistance in launching a full-dress Congressional probe of the mammoth federal agency.

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THESE FIRST steps are a sign of things to come for the Social Security Administration which employs 30,000 federal workers nationally, 10,000 of whom are in offices of its Maryland headquarters.

Of the 10,000 Maryland workers, some 2,000 are colored.

Impetus to the NAACP assault on what it has termed "rampant" discrimination in hiring and promotion by this government agency was given this week when two young colored ex-servicemen, one an employee of the Social Security Woodlawn complex, charged through the NAACP that they have been treated unfairly as regards employment, because of their race.

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THE COMPLAINTS of these two young men are the first of many documented instances of racial discrimination within the Social Security Agency, to be released by the NAACP.

Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, president of the Baltimore NAACP, said the two men, Leon Gilmore, 31, a Social Security employee, and Harrison L. Gross Jr., 33, both native Baltimoreans had voluntarily lodged complaints as to unfair treatment because of race.

Mr. Gilmore, an Air Force veteran trained in finance, charged that he had been denied opportunities for advancement within the Social Security Administration although qualified.

Mr. Gross stated that he had been rebuffed and given contradictory explanations as to why he has not yet been hired for a job with Social Security here, for which he qualified through examination.

He formally complained, through the NAACP, that in the absence of any other reasonable explanation he has concluded that his race is the basis for his rejection.

"We have been working on this since 1961," said Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, president of the Baltimore NAACP," and both these gentlemen are willing to risk their future economic security so that we can undo the evil of racial inequity in federal employment once and for all time.

"They are brave and we have many other complainants just as brave ready to expose Social Security racial policies."

The full significance of the Baltimore NAACP attack on the racial patterns at Social Security goes far beyond the confines of Maryland.

Although two Marylanders are first to step forward to complain, the Social Security racial issue is a national one.

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THERE ARE OFFICES in other states which employ no colored citizens and even within the Woodlawn complex,

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OUR MIXED UP LAWS

Couple finally gets license

It took former mayor Philip H. Goodman to unravel the state's mixed-up marriage laws Saturday before a young couple could get a license to wed.

The intended bride, a college senior, went to the Marriage License Bureau to apply for a license.

When she told deputy clerk Jack Harris that her husband-to-be was born in the Philippine Islands, she was told they could not get married because it would violate the state's ban on interracial marriages.

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AT THE Court of Common Pleas, where the licenses are issued, racial groups are broken down as:

Colored, brown, red, yellow and white.

Persons of the brown race are permitted to wed persons of the red and yellow races, but not those of the colored and white races.

Colored persons are prohibited from marrying anyone in Maryland who belongs to the other racial groups.

Although the coed insisted that her intended husband was colored because his father was, Mr. Harris said he still couldn't issue the license.

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APPRISED OF the situation Mr. Goodman persuaded the clerk to issue the license after the coed returned to the bureau with her father.

They will be married Sunday.

Commenting on the state's outdated and confusing marriage laws, the mother of the bride-to-be told the AFRO:

"It's just a silly, half - and - half, checkerboard mess!"

TRAGEDY IN AIRPLANE

Jolly Jax leader killed

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

"He was scared to even travel in an airplane as late

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as 1961. Yet he died while learning to fly . . . I guess it was just his time."

This was the touching and philosophical reaction of Mrs. Ernestine Hill Thursday as she commented on the tragic death of her husband, Herman.

Mr. Hill, leader of the popular Jolly Jax, a brothers' instrumental and vocal trio, died Wednesday morning in an airplane crash near Ocean City on the Eastern Shore.

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HE WAS a student trainee and had been taking flying instructions for three weeks, Carroll Hill, a brother, said.

Mr. Hill and his instructor, William Mobray, suffered fatal skull fractures and lacerations when their two - seat Piper Cub crashed shortly after taking off from the Ocean City Airport.

Both were dead when a Coast Guard Rescue squad reached the wreckage on the tip of Assateague Island.

Carroll, also a member of the trio, said Herman took an interest in flying when an employee at the club where they have been playing for eight weeks, invited them to go for a flight.

"When we were playing in Bermuda, Herman hated the idea of flying, but after he went up with our pilot-friend he began to like it and decided to learn to fly."

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THE BAND LEADER was scheduled to make his first solo Thursday, his brother said.

An unidentified man told Federal Aviation officials he first saw the small aircraft

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