THEY LIVE INTEGRATION:

Fighting Sailors Resent Sports Ban

(Continued from page 1)

As is usually the custom on visiting any port for an extended stay, Chief Thayer put feelers out to various baseball clubs in the city for engagements with his team, the Ashlands.

From the many responses, they made a schedule which saw them beat the Naval Hospital in Annapolis by a score of 9 to 8.

Played Fairfield Team

The next engagement was with the Fairfield team, which the sailors won by a score of 19 to 3. They played this team on a rocky sandlot diamond adjacent to their ship's berth.

Their third game was to have been with the Mohawks in Easterwood Park, but the Park Board law said the best players in those parts weren't the players because of the difference in color of their skins.

When I visited the ship the day after the incident, the vessel was buzzing with discussions about it. As I came aboard the deck officer, Lt. Asit, conducted me to the wardroom where most of the men had congregated.

The gobs lolled around the spacious room in various poses and talked with a great deal of interest about the team's disappointment.

Contrary to Policy

Chief Cummings said: "The Navy emphasizes teamwork and this seems to be directly contrary to it. We have here a new softball team and our main objective is to play ball. And that's all we planned to do, yesterday.

"Thayer and myself spent several months in Korea and we know firsthand how the UN is working. Over there you have all nationalities, races, and creeds working, sleeping, fighting, and dying together."

Chief Thayer was particularly voluble in denouncing the action. He said by saying: "When we first came to Baltimore they had this long I Am an American Day parade on television. I would hardly thought seeing this parade, that I would encounter such a situation in Baltimore. I'll never forget it either."

More Than Ball Game

Hospital Mate Edwards, dressed in immaculate whites, stroked his chin and said: "You know this thing is more than a mere ball game. Many of the people in Baltimore must have relatives or dear friends in the armed services.

"These same members of the armed forces have probably been saved or save their lives in some respects to men of different races and creeds. When you enter the Navy you are taught to fight, sleep and play together. When we try to do it, look like the civilians won't let us."

When I asked Charles Jones his reaction, because he was colored, I expected some venemous remarks. But as it to exemplify the gratifying aspects of the integration program in the Navy he merely shrugged and said: "I feel like the rest of the fellows.

Never Had Trouble

"I've been North all my life and we never had this trouble. When we wanted to play ball, we played ball and that was all there was to it. That's the only reason we were out to that park. We wanted to play some ball.

As I prepared to leave the ship, a sailor came out of a cabin and hollered to one of the sailors with whom I had been talking. "Hey, you gonna play ball today?" At this several of the men laughed good naturedly.

And that's what Baltimore's attitude toward segregated sports means to these fighting men. It's a big joke.

The USS Ashland, classified as a Landing Ship, Dock, is currently berthed in the Fairfield yards of the Maryland Drydock Company for extensive repairs. Present plans indicate possibly another month in port.

Second Incident

This is the second time within two weeks that service teams have felt the bitter sting of segregated sports in Baltimore's parks. The first incident arose when a white tennis team from Fort Meade was told it couldn't play a colored team in Druid Hill Park.

The NAACP had written the Park Board requesting a hearing after that incident. A reply was received from the Board, Tuesday, stating the request will be considered at its next meeting on June 22.

Ballimore Nine Get "Business"

Seek FEPC Order; Receive "Sympathy"

Nine Ballimoreans interested in the issuance of a Presidential FEPC Executive Order went to Washington Tuesday to see President, Truman and got the usual "business."

The "usual business" was that the complainants about the unfair employment practices currently rampant in Baltimore's defense plants and federal agencies were referred to a Presidential "advisor."

"Adviser" is Nash

The Presidential "advisor" on minority group affairs in this case was silver haired Phileo Nash, who is taking over the responsibilities formerly handled by David K. Niles, who resigned his White House post recently.

The Baltimore delegation included: George E. Barrett, director of Maryland Technical Institute; Howard Silverberg, CIO Steelworkers Union; Sterling Paige, Carpenter's Local 544; Mrs. Evelyn P. Burrell, acting executive secretary, committee on FEPC; Mrs. Gwendolyn Seward, Mrs. Rhea Spector, Mrs. Martha B. Cooley, president, Parkview Improvement Association; Mrs. Gertrude Seis, and Clarence Yancey.

Four See "Advisor"

Only Mr. Barrett, Mr. Silverberg, Mr. Paige and Mrs. Burrell were permitted "upstairs" in the Old State Department building to the offices of Mr. Nash for the conference.

They presented a resolution which urged the President to reissue the old FEPC act of World War II and cited numerous instances in which Baltimore industries having government war material contracts were violating the non-discriminatory hiring clause.

The delegates claimed that plants such as the Glenn Martin Aircraft and Bethlehem Steel plants were recruiting white workers from throughout the south rather than utilize the local colored labor supply.

After hearing their case, Mr. Nash pointed out that the President wanted to issue an FEPC order earlier this year, but the Russell Amendment rider on the appropriations bill kept him from doing so.

He expressed "sympathy" to their grievance.

TEA PARTY PLANNED TO AID THE BLIND

There will be a Musical Mad Hatters Tea Party at the YWCA Sunday, June 17 at 4 p.m. for the benefit of the Home for the Blind. There will be a dressmakers' review styled and modeled by Mrs. Leona Miller and Miss Juanita Welling. Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter is chairman of the affair.

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OPINION

The Appointment of Dr. Holmes

Appointment of Dr. D. O. W. Holmes to the State Board of Education marks a significant milestone in the history of Maryland.

This board, composed of 7 members appointed by the governor for terms of 7 years, is responsible for the state's public school system, for the formulation of policies governing education within the state, and for the passage of the necessary by-laws.

The State Board of Education appoints the state superintendent of schools, who is now Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, for a term of four years. He also serves as secretary of the Board and is responsible for the execution of its policies and the enforcement of its regulations.

The State Department of Education has six divisions.

(1) The Division of Instruction provides leadership in planning and supervising educational programs for young people and adults in the public schools of the state.

(2) The Division of Vocational courses in the public schools, such as home economics, agriculture, and industrial arts and the school lunch program.

(3) The Finance and Research Division is responsible for the compilation of the Federal, State and county reports required for the administration of the school system, and for the distribution of funds made available to local school systems by the Federal and State governments.

(4) Division of Certification and Accreditation is responsible for certifying professional and instructional staffs in public and private schools in the state. All schools and colleges (both public and private) operating in the state are accredited by the division.

(5) The Division of Library Extension, located at 400 Cathedral Street, exercises supervision of the school libraries and county libraries providing direct service of books and periodicals to individuals, groups or libraries and gives professional supervision and assistance to all schools and public libraries.

(6) The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation administers the Federal Civilian Rehabilitation Act funds provided by it within the state of Maryland.

Administers to Colleges

The State Board also administers Bowie State College, annual budget of $285,000; Frostburg Teachers College, $309,000; Salisbury Teachers College, $293,000; Towson State College, 753,000; Coppin Teachers College, $68,000.

In the office of the State Department of Education alone the total expenditures for wages and salaries of 149 employees totals $450,000. An added $70,000 is provided for supplies, equipment and expenses.

Total budget allowed by Governor McKeldin for 1951 is 32 million and for 1952, 35 million dollars for the entire department.

The State Department of Education is responsible for the administration of this huge sum.

In the long uphill battle in the past thirty years the salary of county teachers, nearly 25 million of which is paid by the state, have been enalized.

Little or no progress has been made in the employment and use of colored persons in the administrative staff of the State Department of Education except for the appointment of county supervisors for colored schools.

The state supervisor of colored schools, whose office corresponds to the position of assistant superintendent of colored schools in Baltimore, has long been held by a white person.

It is in this direction that the new member of the State Board of Education can be expected to make significant progress.

If Governor McKeldin demonstrates by the appointment of Dr. Holmes that an expert colored educator can serve effectively on the State Board of Education there should be no question in the mind of the Board and the State Superintendent of Education that there should be also qualified colored persons on the administrative staff.

Speak Your Piece

Cabbie Wants Tips

Dear AFRO:

Your editorial advising the public not to tip cab drivers has imposed a hardship on the cabbies and certainly has not improved cab service in Baltimore.

We have to work long hours for our money and if we get no tips we will take home only about $32 to $35 a week. That's for six days, 12 hours a day, 72 hours a week.

If the AFRO can't do anything to help the cab drivers, I don't think the paper should down us. All this week, people riding in my cab have asked, "Did you see the AFRO editorial?"

Your paper compared cab drivers to street-car operators which, of course, it not a fair comparison. In the first place, street car and bus operators work on a fixed salary usually around $1.50 an hour, with time-and-a-half for overtime. If they work 40 hours, they get from $60 to $65.

I drive from 116 to 120 miles a day and usually take in around $15. My tips usually cover four dollars a day, but the day after your article was published—urging people not to tip cab drivers—I only got $2.25 in tips.

Driving a cab is no picnic. I wish the writers of your editorial would try driving one for just three days, then he could see that we don't make a fabulous salary. Maybe he could then write an article giving a true picture.

A cab driver can't take an hour off and go home for lunch. He has to eat on the run, as he is required by law to give the public continuous service.

If the cab drivers are given an opportunity to make a decent living wage the service to the public would improve. After all, you get only what you pay for.

Miss ROSA LEE KING
Local cab driver

Common-Law Marriages

Dear AFRO: How anyone can live in common-law marriage and not have a guilty conscience is a question. To the young lady who commented on my article on common-law marriages, I still say they should be outlawed.

If she believed in what is right, she'd agree with me. We can find any outstanding clergymen, citizens, educators, or lawmakers sanctioning, upholding, or speaking in favor of common-law marriages.

The young lady also mentioned a friend of hers who has a com mon-law mate, two children. She says they are very happy. Isn't the home with children more real, more beautiful and complete when the parents are lawfully married? If people would only stop to think what an ugly stain these marriages create they wouldn't get themselves involved.

GEO. W. BYRD

Lets Keep Western

Dear AFRO: We are wondering who of everybody in West Baltimore, is in favor of closing Western police station as expressed by Police Commissioner Ober.

For the good of all concerned in the closing Western, additions should be made and colored policemen added to the Western district.

DR. CYRUS W. H. BRIDDELL

Prepare Now, Give Then

Soon now the annual campaign to raise funds for Provident Hospital will be launched, and the important thing is that it get off to an inspiring start.

The goal for this effort is $300,000. The necessary impetus to send it over the top would be furthering if those associated closely with the hospital—doctors, nurses and employees—raise or subscribe a substantial sum.

This means if those who benefit directly from the use of the hospital as a laboratory and workshop can put $50,000 on the line in subscriptions and pledges before the campaign begins, there can be public rallying to the cause and doing its part in making the drive a success.

Fortunately, 65 of the 100 physicians in Baltimore recognize the value of Provident Hospital and are members of the staff.

Last year these physicians treated a total of 26,418 patients, of whom 3,531 were adults; 1,287 newborn and the remainder patients in the clinics.

Therefore, physicians and the general public can attest to the tremendous service Provident renders to this community and the need for its improvement and expansion.

The public campaign for funds begins as soon as workers and staff can be recruited and organized into action.

Meanwhile, the public should tie a string on its little finger and prepare to give to Provident when the solicitors call.

Park Board Is Stupid, Period

The Baltimore Sun editorially called the Park Board "stupid" this week because it interrupted a baseball game in Easterwood Park between a colored team and a mixed team of sailors from the U.S.S. Ashland, now in port.

The stupidity, according to the Sun, lay in the fact that the Park Board waited until the play had begun before asserting its authority, under its rule, banning athletic contests between mixed teams.

To follow up the logic of this argument, the Sun would find no "stupidity" in the Park Board's action for refusing the two teams a permit to play. According to Sun reasoning, it is only "stupid" because it stopped the play after it began.

That is a distinction too fine for our minds.

We agree with the Sun that the Park Board is "stupid." We say that because it enacts a rule against mixed recreation, that it refuses a permit when it knows a team is mixed, and it interrupts a play after mixed teams have begun.

In other words, it is "stupid," period.

'Fancy Toilets'

Two Senators, members of the Maryland Legislative Council, this week criticized costs of school construction in the counties.

Such criticism is not new. Mrs. Marie Beauregardsmidt objected to the use of black marble in the entrance way to Douglass High School. Similar criticism prevented the addition of a swimming pool and a cadet corps to this school.

One of the legislators, Senator Edward Turner of Queens Anne County, a Democrat, complained of fancy tiled bathrooms with mirrors in schools housing children whose homes have outside toilets.

Can it be that Senator Turner is proposing two kinds of school buildings—one for those children who live in homes with inside toilets, and another school building for those who live in homes having outside toilets

Senator Turner ought to be advised that the use of tile in toilets is standard construction all over the United States and colored tile is no more expensive than other tile.

Tile is not used because it costs more than wood or cement but because it is sanitary and therefore a necessity in toilet construction. The law of the land requires these buildings to be equal without any reference to the home conditions of the children.

If anybody wants to see fancy toilets, he might examine those in the State Office Building used by the members of the legislature.

It is our belief that all our children deserve standard school buildings.

Our suggestion is that Senator Turner study the question more thoroughly.

School's Out, Drive Carefully

In only a few days now, school will be out and the number of youngsters playing in the streets will be greatly increased.

Children darting out from between parked cars, bicycling or skating in the street are hazards with which every motorist is familiar.

It would be fine if there were spacious playgrounds in every neighborhood where youngsters might engage in supervised play. Even if that were possible, there would always be some non-conformists to add to the normal hazards of operating an automobile in traffic.

Knowing this, motorists should take extra precaution during the coming vacation days. Maiming a child, possibly for life is too high a price to pay just to save a few seconds.

Tragic Incident: Shouldn't Happen Here [or Anywhere]. But it Did

By AUDREY WEAVER

It was Saturday night. The young man standing on the corner had grabbed a nearby post to steady himself, but finally gave up and fell to the pavement with a loud "thud," and lay still.

On the speedway street many cars whizzed by and neighbors sitting on their steps looked in the direction of the man with curiosity and then turned their heads and continued to talk.

As two people a quarter of a block away started timidly toward the fallen man to see if they could help him, a young couple accrossed the street, stepped three feet to their left to avoid stepping on him, looked down at him a few fleeting second and went on their way without any concern.

Thought Him Drunk

When one of the two persons who were concerned enough to go to the house on the corner nearest the fallen man, he asked the person on the steps what the trouble was—"Oh he is just a drunk," was the reply, "I saw him stagger and hang on to that post before he fell."

That halted the two people who had started out to assist the fallen man.

However, as they lingered nearby, the stricken man slowly came to himself and managed, after a great deal of effort, to get to his feet. When he had steadied himself, he remarked to the two men nearest him—

"I guess I am all right now. I have these attacks often; Asmy injury."

And everyone had viewed him as a mere "drunk."

Few of the observers seemed to realize that even if he had been "drunk," after falling to the pavement with the terrific force that he did, he would have needed assistance and first aid.

It is heart-rendering to note, but in these days everyone seems so self centered and concerned solely with his own affairs that he has no time to be interested in his neighbors woes.

"Am I my brother's keeper?"

Youth Speaks to Age

(EDITOR'S NOTE. This is the speech made to Dr. George C. Wilkinson, first assistant superintendent of schools, at his testimonial dinner Monday by Miss Jane Marie Coleman, Kelly Miller Junior High School senior, representing the school. Miss Coleman stole the show with her masterful delivery, poise and general decorum.)

Master of ceremonies, honored guest, ladies and gentlemen

It is with a deep sense of reverence, a warm glow of pride, and a profound realization of the meaning of this occasion that I, the representative of the junior high schools of Divisions 10-12, speak for them this evening.

I say "with a deep sense of reverence," for during the administration of Dr. Garnett C. Wilkinson the junior high school of the District has grown and [illegible]

Construction Contributions

In the [illegible] is being constructed Banneker's new annex which is already in use, and Frazier will eventually have an addition. Douglass Junior High is being constructed for the Southeast; for the Southwest an annex to Randall has already been built.

For the Northeast plans include an addition to Browne and for the far Northeast two schools, one new, the other for immediate occupancy in the fall, if that is possible.

These lasting contributions have been made possible only through his foresight and undaunted devotion to the democratic education.

9A Student

I apologize for my glow of pride because the feeling is a personal one. I am a 9A student of Kelly Miller Junior High School, the finest of the city and the last to be built during Dr. Wilkinson's term of service.

Its striking architecture, latest equipment, modern classrooms, extensive recreational facilities and beautiful grounds make it a most stimulating place of learning.

Dr. Wilkinson, the present 1600 boys and girls of the far Northeast area and all of its future students will be eternally grateful to you for it.

The junior high schools are conscious of the [illegible] to you for your contribution to the final tribute to the leadership of this renowned educator. With the other schools of Divisions 10-12, we wish to express our sincere appreciation and respect.

May I express to you, Dr. Wilkinson, our very, very best wishes for your continued success and happiness. The doors of the junior high schools and the hearts of the junior high school students—will always be open to you.

Speak Up Mr. Mayor

Since Republican Governor McKeldin has been in office, he has appointed John L. Berry as magistrate. Dr. D. O. W. Holmes as a member of the State Board of Education, Dr. Ralph Young as a member of the State Board of Health, and Dr. James A. White as a member of the board for the Maryland School of the Blind.

Each of these is a new position which colored persons have never held before.

In addition, they are excellent appointments and there is no question of each of these persons will make a worthwhile contribution to the governor's administration.

Mr. McKeldin is to be congratulated on the quality and the promptness with which he has added these men as his advisers.

We also have a new Mayor of Baltimore. He is a Democrat. Number of appointments made to date—None.

You can write the moral to this story.

However, we cannot help asking why the Mayor has made no appointments.

What about appointment of colored persons to the fire department

Shall we ultimately have to set up a test case on that if we are to correct the malaise existing in the City parks and beaches by the Recreation Board?

What about the McCulloh Street and Druid Hill Avenue speedways?

Will the mayor use his influence in the Council, which is sufficient if he employs it, to limit traffic on these two streets to white citizens said be pledged to do so if elected.

Speak up Mr. Mayor. It is your turn.

POLITICS

From the REPUBLICAN Viewpoint
By MARSE S. CALLOWAY

There has always been a tendency for people to underestimate the background of politics in high office.

This has been the case on Governor Ober.

I was completely convinced recently, when I heard our Governor at the Commencement Exercises at the University of Maryland, say that,"I thank God that the day has come when the University of Maryland is an Institution for all people regardless of race, creed or color."

This proves that the Governor possesses complete moral courage, and political integrity.

Very few have such high qualities, or would dare make such a bold statement, on such an occasion.

We have many men and women of the other race who feel the same way at heart, but lack the moral courage to let it be known publicly.

The position taken by our Governor places him in a class by himself, and convinces me that he is one who believes in the truth, and that the truth will set you free.

As a further demonstration of this fact, let me call your attention again, to his recent appointment of Judge Paul J. Berry, the first colored Magistrate of the city of Baltimore to actually hear cases in a Station House and dispense justice.

The appointment of Dr. Holmes, President Emeritus of Morgan State College to the position on the Board of Education for the State of Maryland, Dr. J. A. White on the Board of Md. School for the Blind, Dr. Ralph Young on the State Board of Health are further examples of Gov. McKendin's sincerity, and belief in eual rights for all.

You will be glad to learn of another important appointment the governor has made and will soon announce.

These high principles are evident, not because he desires political favor, but because he feels that all citizens have an equal right to all opportunities, afforded by the Free State of Maryland.

Father

By ARCHIE R. SMITH

"When your father is living, study his needs.
And when he is gone, study his life."
So said the wise Buddha.
Today is Father's Day and we bring him greetings.
For we feel that he, too, should have a day;
To lay aside his cares and worries
And let joyous hirth have full sway.
He fills a place unique in life
And for him we make an appeal,
That you give him all honor due
And for him each day reverence feel.

DEMOCRATIC Viewpoint
By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

In a few days there will be a hearing before the Zoning Board on Ordinance No. 19.

This ordinance changes the classification of a piece of property known as the Mondawmin estate from residential to first commercial.

The Mondawmin estate is the property of the late Alexander Brown and is surrounded by a high green fence at the present time.

It is bounded by Gwynns Falls Parkway, Reisterstown Road, Liberty Heights and Tioga Parkway. This area is to be modernized into a shopping center similar to the one at Edmondson Village, Cherry Hill and Northwood.

The promoters estimate that it will cost about six million dollars to construct stores, parking areas and bowling alleys. The proposed project will be located in front of the Western High School and at the end of Pulaski, Smallwood, Parson Streets and Ruxton and Wheeler Avenues.

The present trend of the colored population is towards this project and in a few years we will see all the homes in this area, hemmed the question is, will the shopping center be of an advantage to the youth of the city, go into these places, there are so many older men and women enjoying our privileges, that we feel somewhat out of place.

There are enough bars on Pennsylvania Ave. so that if you were to close approximately nine of them, there would still be enough for older men and women to enjoy themselves.

We never seem to realize that the reason so many of us are drinking to dope is because we do not have enough recreation.

From Where I Stand

I can say from where I stand, it is nothing that can't be stopped. The young people like music, so we walk down the street where we hear music in the taverns.

Hence we, the boys, turn up our collars and the girls up their aprons and in we go to enjoy the music, if we really need a recreation center to make people realize how little benefit as well as an improvement the present site.

Hence, I am suggesting that all should approve this planned shopping center.

WORK BENCH

By CLARENCE MITCHELL

Since coming to Washington, I have been made acutely aware of a cruel and utterly inexplicable kind of censorship exercised by newspapers on matters affecting minority groups.

Oddly enough, I have frequently observed more factual publicity in some of the Southern dailies than I have in Washington papers on many important racial matters.

Lately, this same virus has got ten into the reporting of a few minority group writers who have a tendency to take to reporting the facts as they are.

A case in point is the recent defeat of the Rankin Jim Crow Hospital Bill.

NAACP Also Helped

Aside from the excellent fight waged against the measure on the floor by Reps. Adam C. Powell and William L. Dawson, there was an effective campaign against this bill by the NAACP.

Most of the daily papers knew about this because they had press releases on the effort. Also, these same papers usually fall over themselves to get any kind of scandalous or derogatory news about colored people.

The reporting on this effort of the NAACP was quite different. In one read the news stories, it appeared that the defeat of the legislation was the normal working of the wheels of righteousness.

This kind of reporting places a heavy burden on the colored press to report all of the facts. We must make up for the blue penciling which is so liberally applied in the dailies.

Get Wrong Impression

Unless this is done, the people will get the impression that they need not be concerned about the actions of their Congressmen and Senators because everything will work out right anyhow.

On rolumnist with whom I discussed this question said: "Well, I am not a propagandist myself."

This same individual obviously searches out adverse propaganda whenever possible.

If the free press in the United States is to remain free, it must truly report the news. It cannot delete information about the great forces in the nation that are shaping our destiny

Hard for Honest Folk

Ironically, charlatans and mountebanks of various kinds can get reams of publicity on fake schemes. Honest people are frequently find it hard to tell their story.

Like medicine, law and teaching, the press must be free from bias and hold truth sacred. Anyone who does not follow this code betrays only his trust.

Hate Dirt? Then Do Something

Everyone who likes cleanliness and hates dirt should give a helping hand to the current Clean Block Campaign — every man, woman and child.

The reasons are many. They go back to almost 17 years ago, July, 1935, when the AFRO first suggested that Junior Page members conduct a clean block drive.

The basic aims of the movement were (still are) to develop ideals of beauty and cleanliness, to make people realize how little it takes in money and materials to better conditions, and to improve relations between landlord and tenant.

The success of the cleanliness movement is to be found in the fact that today the Clean Block Campaign, sponsored by the AFRO, has become something of a local institution—supported by and enjoyed by and benefiting thousands each year.

Take a look at some of the accomplishments of last year's effort.

Some 5,000 workers registered towards of 320 blocks throughout the city.

They painted over 4,000 sets of steps; cleaned over 3,000 yards, over 2,400 cellars and over 780 alleys. Over 2,000 fences were painted or whitewashed.

This cleanup, fixup work benefited directly more than 25,000 persons. It is impossible to know how many were helped indirectly.

But the fact that the Clean Block Campaign enjoys such wide support, including that of the City government, is indication of its worth.

Still there is much more to be accomplished. This year's effort should be greater than that of last year. It has to be. And for this reason every responsible citizen, young and old, ought to give active support to the Clean Block Campaign.

Hodge Podge

By BOB MATTHEWS

The power of speech is indeed a miraculous thing. Whenever a controversial issue arises, it can be settled by referendum — in most cases.

Good friend of mine with two small boys tells us that in his household, where they have instituted a voting system.

Seems the father taught the boys to do their civic duties when over an argument started between them—they would demand a vote.

Mother might say: "Well boys, it's time to go to bed!"

The boys would immediately reply, "I vote against it."

Mother would vote for it, father would vote for it, then father being president of the household, would cast another ballot to break the deadlock.

Worked Beautifully—But

It worked beautifully for two or three months. The boys readily conceded that it was a fair and equitable way of settling things.

They would abide strictly by the vote.

But finally it happened!

Father was in the drug store buying some razon blades and for company had taken the boys along.

No. 1 pipes up: "I'd like some ice cream."

No. 2 son, "Good idea, I vote for it."

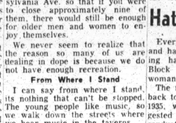
No. 1 son, "I vote for it too."

Father, "I vote against it."

Father had ice cream!

This is the reason we don't have the voting system around the menagerie.

After all, with three kids and only two parents, how could we win!



Matthews

Poets Nook

The Lighthouse

By Paul D. McAllister

Lighthouse with shining light
Guide one safely through the night
Showe me as you've done before
Till my good ship is safe at shore.
The reefs and wrecks that lie unseen.
Like wolves that seek their prey
Are helpless monsters in our wake
When you have shown the way,
And I shall be quite satisfied
When I can see your beacon glide
Until the dangers that we pass
Will be behind — in port at last.

★ REPORTER'S ROUNDUP ★

Scratch Pad

By MAE MORRIS MEDDERS

MEDDERS

Okay, so I'm going south on a vacation. I should mind Could it be any worse than Baltimore

Just the other day a big red-faced fellow climbed on the witness stand a referred to a defendant as "a bare-head." Asked to explain, he said, "That's slang for a n—r" Yes, it happened here!

The judged called him down, but the guy shrugged it off, saying, "I'm a Pollack—don't make no difference to me."

Same All Over

Name calling, jim crow, Baltimore or points south—it's all the same. Actually it's merely a question of degree.

Where this city doesn't post conspicuous signs "white" and "colored," it gets the message across without printing it.

We're Behind Them

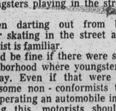
At the same time, in the southern state where I'm vacationing, there are colored firemen and City Councilmen. One colored fellow there owns a whole bus line.

So "phoney" on all those folks who say I'm jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Seems to me it's just as "hot" up yonder.

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME



LONESOME

To prove my honest conviction that Baltimore is a screwy town, let's take as exhibit "A" the June 12 issue of a local morning paper.

On the back page, which is devoted to news of strictly local import, there are three stories concerning the controversial field of racial relations.

In the right corner is a long article recounting the "progressive" step taken by Mayor D'Alesandro in planning a 25-member commission on human relations, as a step toward ending interfaith, interracial, and intergroup tensions and misunderstanding.

Mr. "D" and the Park Board

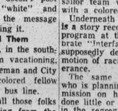
To the left of this article is a two-column story concerning the halting of a softball game in Easterwood Park because a mixed sailor team wanted to play ball with a colored team.

Underneath this bit of nonsense is a story recounting the elaborate program at the Stadium to celebrate "Interfaith Night." A night supposedly dedicated to the promotion of racial and religious tolerance.

The same Mayor D'Alesandro who is planning the weighty commission on human relations has done little or nothing to intercede in the segregated policy of the Park Board. Apolcy which for two successive weeks has encroached on the privileges of members of the armed forces.

Mainstream

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.



MATTHEWS JR.

Western Police Court Magistrate Oscar W. Zenitz thinks that may be there ain't no justice after all.

It may sound strange for a man who dispenses justice daily to feel this way. The magistrate, however, has good cause.

For trying to be fair, he has been sounded down as being a judge who gives colored people the short end of the stick.

This is not true. The facts go this way.

Last week, a cabbie was found guilty by Magistrate Zenitz on charges of refusing to transport a passenger. The driver and passenger both were colored. Zenitz let him off lightly, giving him a small fine and a stern lecture about the ethics of cab-driving.

Judge's Position

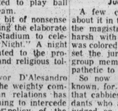
A few civic leaders, reading about it in the AFRO, thought that the magistrate was being unduly harsh with the man because he was colored. This condemnation upset the jurist. He is a minority group member himself, and sympathetic to an extreme.

So now Mr. Zenitz wants it known, for those who don't know, that cabbies and any other defendants who appear before him are judged on evidence and not because they are brown, white or lavender. For that matter.

You can't get any fairer than that!

News Beat

By RUFUS WELLS



WELLS

Out in Baltimore County, police have declared an all-out war on numbers and gambling. The crackdown was ordered by Hamilton R. Atkinson, head of the county police department and former Baltimore police commissioner, after was testified in a city court that the gamblers and numbers folk had moved their operations into the county.

A few weeks ago, Chief Atkinson ordered the removal of all one-ball pinball machines in the county. His action was based on a request made by the State's attorney, John E. Raine Jr.

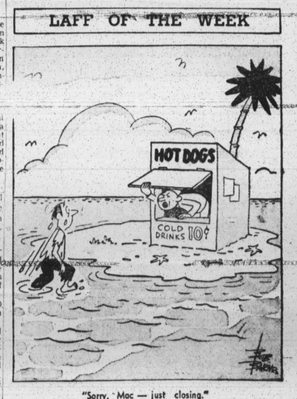
Earlier, Judge J. Howard Murray of the county circuit court had ruled that pinball machines were gambling devices per se, even though there was no evidence of actual pay-offs.

Baltimore County had 500 licensed pinball machines when the Atkinson order was issued.

In the next few weeks, you will probably begin reading newspaper stories of police raids on numbers in Baltimore County. Just a few months ago, a numbers raid was something unusual.

When they start pulling in the big fish and the small fry, don't say we didn't tell you.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Sorry, Mac — just closing."