RECEIVES LAW DEGREE—Mrs. Lena K. Lee, principal of Elementary School 127, was awarded a degree from the University of Maryland Law School at the recent College Park commencement activities. (Henderson Photo)

ATTY. LEE GRADUATES FROM ARMY SUPPLY SCHOOL

Cpl. James M. Lee, son of Mrs. Annie H. Lee of 1910 McCulloh St., has been graduated from the Army's Supply School conducted son and other relatives.

by the 3rd Armored Division.

Cpl. Lee served with the U.S. Marines from 1943 until 1946 in the European Theater. He was ordered into active military service on November 18.

AFRO Newsies to Sell Bonds

Baltimore AFRO newsies, 350 strong, will serve as official U.S. Defense Bond sales agents during the week July 1 to 7.

Wearing lapel pins which will identify them as authorized bond agents, the AFRO carriers will distribute pledges to AFRO subscribers on July 3 and collect them on July 6.

The campaign, sponsored by the International Circulation Managers Association as a public service, is believed to be the largest volunteer door-to-door effort in recent history.

A total of 10 prizes donated by the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers will be awarded those carriers turning in the most signed pledges.

JOHN R. SCOTT

Funeral services for John R. Scott, of 501 Gaston St., husband of Mrs. Carrie Scott were held today (Friday) June 22 at his son's residence 730 Dolphin St.

He is survived by Avon Scott, a daughter.

Mutual Benefit Album

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GILMOR HOMES —resident assembly members are shown as they met to celebrate the housing project's ninth anniversary. Seated from left to right are: Mesdames Arella Snowden, Lottie Hall, Viola Green, Lillian Ramsey, Beatrice Richardson and Grace Manning. Standing, left to right are: Mesdames Mamie Vamerson, Valma Washington, Arella Dixon, Emma Quinn, Mildred Ford, Ruth Rich, Lillian Lewis, Signora Higginbottom, Helen Dorsey and Emily Utley.

Last Ditch Fight Expected in Glen Burnie Murder

ANNAPOLIS A motion is expected to be filed in the Court of Appeals here next week, for a last ditch fight to save Thomas A. Edwards, twice-convicted slayer, from the gallows.

William J. McWilliams, court-appointed attorney for Edwards, said he is "considering" filing a motion to reargue the case before Maryland's highest court.

Last week the Court of Appeals held Edwards guilty of the sensational 1948 Glen Burnie double murder. The court unanimously upheld two Baltimore Criminal Court judges who ruled Edwards must hang for the slaying of John A. Mahlan and Mary Kline on Sept. 17, 1948.

His Second Conviction

It was the second time the case of the 26-year-old gardener had been before the appellate court. Earlier, the court overruled a lower court verdict and ordered a new trial for Edwards.

During the second trial the State drew a web of circumstantial evidence around the defendant, who did not take the stand, and obtained a second conviction.

Judge Edward S. Delaplaine wrote the 27-page decision for the six-judge court. It declared that Edwards had lied to police and that he had a reputation for loose talk.

Citing notes taken by a death house guard who allegedly overheard Edwards talking with two other condemned men, Judge Delaplaine said:

"It is significant that the utterances were characteristic of (Edwards), as he was a garrulous braggart who had utter contempt for the police."

The guard testified that he heard Edwards say:

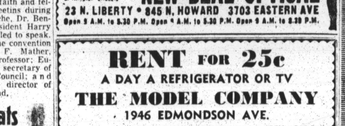
"I threw the gun overboard. Those kick cops will never find it."

Baltimore Girl Becomes Nun

Shirley Evelyn Snead, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy C. Snead and the late Jesse Snead, of 1411 Division St., is the first colored girl to become a nun of the Order of Discalced Carmelites in this country.

She received the brown habit of Carmel and her new name in religion, Sister Josepha of the Sacred Heart, at recent ordination ceremonies at the Carmelite Monastery, Concord, New Hampshire.

Sister Josepha is a graduate of



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St. Frances Academy, Baltimore, and was valedictorian of her class as well as being three time winner of the school's general excellence award.

Nuns of the Carmelite order remain in contemplative seclusion at the various monasteries, keeping apart from the outside world, devoted to prayer.

Accompanying Mrs. Snead from Baltimore to the services were her mother, Mrs. Pearl Catlin of 1911 Druid Hill Ave.

Lester Suitt Attends Y Meet

Lester M. Suitt, executive secretary of the Hackensack, N.J. community YMCA branch, is attending the centennial convention of YMCAs in Cleveland, Ohio.

The convention will be held June 21 through the 24th.

Mr. Suitt, one-time membership secretary at the Druid YMCA in Baltimore, will attend three conferences on Christian faith and fellowship, and other meetings during which Dr. Ralph Bunche, Dr. Benjamin Mays and President Harry S. Truman are scheduled to speak.

Other speakers at the convention include Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Harvard University professor; Eugene Barnett, general secretary of the National YMCA Council; and Channing H. Tobias, director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

Youth Defeats Attack Charge

Judge Emory K. Niles dismissed a criminal attack charge against an 18-year-old youth, living in the 800 block Spring St., in Criminal Court, Tuesday.

The youth was charged with attacking a 31-year-old married woman living in the 1100 block E. Lombard St., after forcing her up an alley at point of a knife.

Attorney Joseph Kaufman, defense counsel produced witness to disprove the woman's statement she had never seen the defendant before. It was after hearing this, and the youth's testimony of the woman's request for money that Judge Niles dismissed the case.

Insurance Fellowship to Morgan Economics Prof.

Dr. Winfred O. Bryson, head of the Economics department at Morgan State College was selected by the coordinating committee for the Fellowship Program for Insurance Teachers as a participating fellow for the summer.

He was assigned to work with the United States Life Insurance Company of New York City, a century old firm with branches in all the British possessions.

The six weeks Dr. Bryson will spend with the company is part of a college business exchange program. This plan enables college teachers to work with commercial organizations to learn how they operate. This first-hand information is brought back to the classroom to be passed on to students.

New Officers Take Reigns of Cherry Hill Committee

The Rev. Arthur White, pastor of the Cherry Hill Community Methodist Church, installed officers of the Cherry Hill Co-ordinating Committee Wednesday in the Community building auditorium.

Newly elected officers are: Mrs. Gladys Tyler, president; the Rev. Casper I. Glenn, vice-president; Mrs. James Bundy, executive secretary; Mrs. Georgia Orr, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edna Charles, treasurer; and the Rev. Nannie Gibbs, chaplain.

Milton Brown, Northwest Community Council Co-ordinator, was the guest speaker.

Rector Sings

Title Rev. John F. Bianchi, rector of St. Monica's Episcopal Church, who was ordained Saturday at the Washington Cathedral, is shown as he sang a baritone on "The Parade of Stars" program of the United Negro College Fund at Asbury Methodist Church, Sunday.

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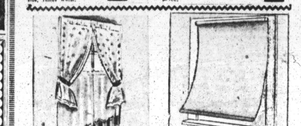

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★ OPINION ★

Don't Jump to Conclusions Concerning the Dope Traffic

The commission studying the should not jump to conclusions because maps and surveys show more arrests for violation of dope laws in the Northwest section than in all the rest of the city.

"Washington Confidential" is a rather revealing document on crime and gambling in Washington and Baltimore. Its authors are Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer.

They have this to say about the traffic:

"The boss of dope and reefers in Washington is a colored man who buys in wholesale lots in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore direct from the importers.

Chinese industry. Chinese are among the main retail dope purveyors for the white trade as well as their own race.

"With narcotics as with girls, the Chinese find a potent weapon with which to further the interests of their fellow Orientals all over the country.

"More than one high government official is on dope, which procures from Chinese laundries, and in turn have him at their mercy because they control the source and because they have the power of blackmail.

"The Chinese import some, obtain the rest from the central Mafia sources in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, or direct from abroad.

"Dope can be hidden in rice, vegetables and even wet-wash.

"All narcotics in the U.S. are controlled at the top by a tight ring of evil men who, in turn, issue state and territorial rights to middlemen.

"Washington merchants are offered to make their purchases in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, but mainly in New York.

"Kids of all ages and both sexes and races are smoking reefers in prodigious quantities. These are easily obtainable from peddlers who work outside the schools.

"Reefers are sold for the week or sometimes three for a dollar.

"The problem in Baltimore will take a lot of study. The committee can do well to start off by reading "Washington Confidential" to determine if all the names mentioned have been put on the list for investigation.

"A major kik crime element is marijuana.

"Youngsters go on from it to more potent narcotics, then commit petty crimes to obtain the funds to buy the drugs.

"Reefers and other dope sharply bring out latent lawlessness.

"Lait and Mortimer's analysis of dope selling may be inaccurate we wouldn't know.

"Dope peddling is something new among colored people.

"A half century ago it was virtual ly unknown.

"The boys who make the big money bringing dope into this country on ships and distributing it by auto and railroad are not colored.

"Police can make a larger number of arrests in the colored areas because there is less protection from the big shots.

"A reefer is from that it is a diction.

Another Old Law Needs Repealing

The State Legislature, during its last session, junked jim crow transportation law. The recent appointment of Dr. D. O. W. Holmes to the State Board of Education points up another State Statute which has all the earmarks of antiquity.

When questioned last week about the service of a colored person as State supervisor of schools, Dr. Thomas J. Pullen, State superintendent of education, pointed out that the law forbids such appointment.

Reference was to Article 77, Section 35, (Annotated Code) which provides that one of the professional assistants of the State Department of Education shall be:

"a white supervisor of colored schools, who shall have supervision of all colored schools, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the State superintendent of schools."

During the past 30 years, the Department of Education has made little or no progress in the employment of colored persons in the administrative staff.

The injustice of this policy is reflected in money spent by the Department for salaries. The 22 supervisors will receive a total of $124,984 in 1952. None of this amount will go to colored persons.

The salaries to be paid the Department's 149 employees next year will total $671,817. According to Pullen, only two of these employees are colored. Their combined salaries total about $7,317.

The board, composed of seven members, appointed by the Governor for terms of seven years, is responsible for the State's public school system: for formulating policies governing education within the State, and for passage of the necessary by-laws.

Dr. Holmes is a member of this board, and as such carries his share of the group's responsibility to give the people of the State the best public school system possible —his race and color notwithstanding.

Why then, should the law require racial qualifications for the State supervisor of colored schools?

It shouldn't. Article 77, Section 35 is a silly law, and it should go, obviously an abridgment of citizenship rights, solely because of race and color.

At it's next session the State Legislature should lose no time in liquidating this "law" to the same trash heap as the old Jim-Crow transportation law.

In the meantime, the Board can prove that it is not attempting to hide behind this jim crow barrier.

There are other professional assistants with no mention of race. These include:

(1) an assistant State superintendent of schools; (2) a supervisor of high schools; (3) a supervisor of rural schools; and (4) numerous other clerical and professional assistants and agents.

Qualified persons, irrespective of race or color may be appointed to any of these positions and there are no legal restrictions to block such appointments.

A Question of Values

A bank janitor steals $15,000 and is sentenced to two years and a half in the State Penitentiary. A woman kills a man and gets an indefinite term of not more than two years in the State Reformatory for Women. She can be paroled after serving 30 days.

Such were the sentences meted out in two recent cases tried in Baltimore City Courts. Together, or separately, they pose a serious question of values.

The point at issue in not the bank janitor's sentence. Rather, it is that of the 26-year-old woman who admittedly stabbed a man to death with a knife.

In rendering his decision, the Judge said he never condones homicide in any form; that in case he thought there were "extenuating circumstances," meaning of course, that there were certain other things to take into consideration in addition to the killing.

He probably alluded to this set of facts:

The victim had the reputation of being a neighborhood bully, who often beat the woman;

On the night of the fatal killing he beat her in a public place and forced her to leave;

Of these factors into account, the Judge probably concluded that the woman should be convicted of manslaughter, and not second degree murder as the State requested.

As we understand the law, manslaughter is to kill a person in hot blood, with great provocation. From evidence produced at the trial, however, it appears that the woman waited until her tormentor fell asleep (or at least into a drunken stupor) before plunging the knife into his chest.

In view of the fact she could have called police, the manslaughter verdict looked awfully strained.

And now the question of values: which is more serious, taking one's property or taking one's life? And did the extenuating circumstances —as the jurist saw them—also include the fact that the defendant is a woman?

A WOMAN

A woman's a fragile thing
A woman's a breath of spring
A ray of light on the darkest day
A woman's sweet as May.
A woman's a hard and avid soul
A woman's life is a rock
A part she plays with cunning skill,
A woman's a bitter pill.
A woman's what she is, at that
A woman's a lamb or cat
A joy or heartache—All agree
A woman's a beauty to see.
—MACEO T. HOWARD.

Speak Your Piece

Downtown Beggers

Dear AFRO: I recall reading the comment of one of your writers concerning children begging in downtown Baltimore. He should be commended for bringing to light an activity which has long been a public menace. I wish to lend light to a similar activity which also finds the downtown section of our city a "lucrative market."

It so happens that I am employed by a downtown firm and during the course of a day, I see much of the happenings there. For the past two weeks, I have observed several adults approaching a person after person, sparing none because of color, requesting donations for their church groups. Some of these people inform their "victim" they forgot to bring the envelope, but any contribution would most assuredly be placed therein, as soon as they returned home.

Instead of something must be done to relieve the plight of these parasites. It is wonderful to have a newspaper such as the AFRO, which at least serves as a sounding board of such activities. None can deny the fact that the church, like any other institution, needs money for its maintenance, but one must at least give a thought to the questionable representatives of the church, who are becoming more and more troublesome to the shopper.

J. HAYWOOD HARRISON

Hospital Campaign

Dear AFRO: Please allow me to express sincere appreciation for the editorial concerning the proposed financial campaign for $300,000 for the Provident Hospital. I am sorry that the writer erred in one particular, stating that this effort was our "annual" effort to raise funds. This campaign represents our first request to the Baltimore community to assist in the rehabilitation of our present facilities.

JOHN L. PROCOPE,
Administrator

On Tipping Cabbies

Dear AFRO: I read your editorial of June 9 regarding cab drivers. Being one myself, I don't blame your attitude, but I do think that the last paragraph is silly and indicates that you apparently were born yesterday.

The system of tipping cab drivers, waiters, red caps, bell boys, manicurists and etc., is of long standing and will long endure.

W. O. KNIGHT
Pasadena, Md.

Bunche Talks on Korea as He Gets 26th Degree

By ARTHUR RANDALL

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, who as Editor Cliff Mackay pointed out in News in Tabloid last Tuesday had received 25 honorary degrees, was presented the 26th at recent commencement exercises for the thousands of graduates of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

After he was given the doctor of laws degree, he spoke on Korea, saying that even if it won in the fighting now going on, it would lose the war and the Republic of Korea to Communists if our white soldiers displayed the same kind of race prejudice there that whites show generally at home.

ON SPENDING ONE'S VACATION

Perhaps the most unprofitable way to spend one's vacation is to while away the time at home. I know, because that's the way I spent mine, in thinking (1) I'll save money; and (2) I'll get a well-deserved rest.

Not only did I not save money, but I also put in so many strenuous hours working around the house and romping with my two kids, 4 and 2, that it was something of a relief to get back to the mild madness of the city streets.

My sweet wife, who when I am not on vacation permits me to relax and lie in bed until I actually have to rush to get to work on time, promised me from my blissful dreams early, early day with some chore in mind for me to do around the house or to baby-sit while she attended to some business in Pa-away Baltimore.

Unusual? Not Yearned

Not only were the selected chores unusual for me, but, being a working schedule, they were uncalled for, such as: cleaning out the cellar room and closets and trunks which had been untouched and locked up for some three years; making fires although it was June; and lugging groceries home from the Village store.

The children, bless their malicious hearts, were as annoying as their mother, for at 7 p.m.—their rising time—they would shake me out of my slumbers and ask "innocently" "Daddy, to you have to go to work today?"

My answer was negative — and I would usually mumble "no, darn you, get out of here and let me get some sleep" — they would then prepare to harass, make rest of the day, proclaiming their intention then by screaming, "then you can play with us." and warming over on the bed to make certain of the fact that I was fully awake and not likely to slip back to sleep.

So hectic was life around the house on my vacation that I was actually glad when one of my fellow workers importuned me to put on overalls and go to Washington and help him do hard carpentry work on the house he is building himself. It gave me a chance to get a "little rest."

ON READING THE LABELS

It pays not only to read the small print on contracts but also to read it on medicine containers. We are a pretty gullible people. So prone to believe everything that we are handed that we do ourselves a distinct disservice by not being like "the man from Missouri," who has to be shown.

I have in mind the cases of two friends of mine, one of whom swallowed an ounce bottle full of castor oil, thinking it was castor oil; and the other, who accepted in good faith a check for one-dollar, thinking it was one for one-hundred dollars.

The first of these keeled over in his bathroom a half hour after drinking the camphorated oil and was unconscious for several minutes; and the second fell into a deep faint when he presented his check at the bank and was handed a "face" when he thought he was due to receive a "century."

U.S. BLAMED FOR IRAN STEP

The feeling that all is not going well with the Iranian situation was intensified, Thursday, when Sir Stanley Evans, British Laborite, attacked in the House of Commons the American oil interests who are trying to monopolize the world's supply of oil.

Referring to the United States' policy, Evans stated: "I fear very much that if we get out of Iran, eventually we will find it is our friends and not our enemies who have taken our place."

His statement added fuel to the flames that have been glowing since the British recognized the Chinese Reds as the legitimate government of China and made overtures to the United Nations for the seat in its delegation rather than that of the Nationalists, who have no sovereignty over the nation.

The United States continues to recognize and deal with the defeated, dispossessed Nationalist regime and is even guarding with its fleet its members in Formosa after the Nationalists had been forced to flee from the wrath of China's millions for "selling out" to the Western nations.

How Far Affronty?

Both the United States and Great Britain will learn just how far affronty can be carried before it leads to violence if they continue etc., to treat the smaller nations in the world as if they had no rights which they (the larger—and white—nations) were bound to respect.

The United States' putch in Korea has been registered as a dismal failure; and our State Department now is looking for some way to retire without losing face, from the situation it put itself into there.

Britain is trying to cow little Iran with her air force from assumed control of her own land and chief productive facility, the oil fields, although the people of Iran have demanded that they get out and stay out.

Feeling that we may lose out in this endeavor, they have suggested that battleships be sent into the Suez Canal to open the way for the passage of oil-bearing tankers from the rich fields of Palestine.

Egypt has kept the canal closed to foreign shipping because she is in a state of war with the Jewish people of Israel. Will the Egyptians relent under pressure? I do not believe so. The handwriting is on the wall.

A Decade of Progress Marked by Housing Unit

Marking its 10th anniversary this year, the Citizens Planning and Housing Association has spearheaded the movement to rid Baltimore of its slums.

As a matter of fact this movement originated with the CPHA which forced the city to recognize the fact that it had slums.

When the Citizens Association was organized, Baltimore had no housing Code nor housing regulations. Public housing was a thing one read about in the papers, and no amount of slum condition was outside of the law.

Vandals Blamed for Slums

No houses were condemned by the health department simply because there were no minimum standards to which a dwelling had to conform. Slums, said the officials, were the products of the people who lived in them.

The CPHA, however, served as the "hot foot" to awaken Baltimore to the fact that housing and law enforcement could correct slum conditions. Today that fact is accepted and this city is known wide for its Baltimore Plan.

Started With Small Group

All of this stemmed from the small band of citizens who joined together in 1937 to fight for public housing in Maryland, and who became the Citizens Housing Council in 1940 and the Citizens Planning and Housing Association a year later.

These past 10 years have seen the CPHA sponsoring the movements for (1) enactment of the Housing Code in 1941; (2) appointment of housing inspectors in 1942; (3) the block by block enforcement in 1945; (4) the Housing Council and police sanitarians in 1947; and (5) initiation of housing education in the public schools.

Supported Rent Control

The group has supported enactment of legislation for urban redevelopment by private enterprise, public Stanley Evans, British Laborite, attacked in the House of Commons the American oil interests who are trying to monopolize the world's supply of oil.

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Between projects, it has served as a continuing lesson in good tenant relations through its interracial membership and interracial teamwork.

Cited for Performance

The Association was organized by Miss Frances Morton who won Norma and Murray Hearn Sc-

Poets Nook

A CHILD SAID HIS PRAYER

I watched intensly from the hall,
To hear this youngster pray
For I had wondered for sometime
Just what a child would say.
Dear God above, he started off,
Bless everyone for me.
The good, the bad, the poor and sick.
The slave that should be free.
Bless all of those that work so hard,
To give more than they take
And those that never understand,
Please help them for my sake.
Bless mom and pop, and Granny too,
As on my knee I bend.
And help me be a betterboy,
In every way—AMEN.

—PAUL McALLISTER

Podge Hodge

By BOB MATTHEWS

Again I find it necessary to remind science of a few pertinent facts:

Scientists have worked near-miracles, explained phenomena, and are continually working to improve the comforts of the average man.

If a man from another century could walk into a modern kitchen of today, he would shake his head in disbelief.

Matthews

What with cloth washing machines, robot-brained stoves, refrigerators that defrost automatically, you just marvel at the ingenuity of man.

But with all these amazing things, the harnessing of water power for electricity, the utilization of the invisible atom—science still (to my knowledge) has not solved the problem of the ring around the bathtub.

Don't see why if refrigerators can defrost themselves, a bathtub can't during itself.

Water softeners don't make any difference either. Even tried bubble bath. Came out of the tub smelling like an attar of roses, but the ring was still there.

They've invented all sorts of brushes—long neck, nylon bristles, etc., but you still have to scrub out the ring with Bab-O.

Why it's downright discouraging. Then when you finish a nice hot bath, towel yourself briskly—you feel clean through and through.

Then what happens? You have to turn around and scrub the ring out of the tub.

"Course you could leave the ring there until you get dirty again—but if you're married—you'd better not.

POLITICS

From the DEMOCRATIC Viewpoint

By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

Believe it or not there are no laws in Maryland segregating the

Our Bill of Rights and the Constitution of Maryland are silent on this point.

Maryland differs from the southern states whereby statutes segregation is fostered.

For years now it seems that our Park Board has been out of step with the progress that is being made in other cities towards integration.

In many cities like St. Louis, Washington, and others in the South which once placed barriers against integrated use of recreational and cultural facilities, we find their Mayors and other public officials have realized their responsibility to all the people and have in the interest of fair play and sportsmanship removed the barriers.

We realize that to take a stand for progress and democracy we must have courage, character and a keen sense of justice.

Seven Members

Do our officials measure up to this standard?

The Department of Recreation and Parks Board is composed of seven (7) members, six (6) appointed by the Mayor and the seventh appointed by the School Board. The members serve for a period of six (6) years.

The City charter states that these members should be selected from among those deemed most capable, by reason of character, education, intelligence and experience for the promotion of public recreation, parks and music for all the people of Baltimore City.

That the Board is to establish, maintain and control parks, athletic and recreational facilities and activities for the people of Baltimore.

Not Informed of Their Duties

After reading the general powers and duties of the Park Board, it leaves me wondering by their action on various interracial matters whether the members have actually been informed as to their duty.

The Board has the sole power to make rules and regulations. They have the further power with the parks to act as the conservators of the peace.

Some years ago the old Board which was composed of Messrs. Garrett, Robinson, Boone, Sermanek, Harris and Hammerman, made a rule of forbidding whites and colored persons to participate in sports in the various parks. The present Board has the power in the light and interest of promoting democracy at home and in international good will abroad to change this ruling. Already the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland have been embarrassed by this segregation policy of the Park Board.

I Am An American Day

On one Sunday the citizens and the City officials loudly proclaim "I Am An American Day" and the following Sunday the Park Board, through its agents, stopped a ten mile march between army personnel from Fort George Meade and a Colored group from enjoying this sport in Druid Hill Park.

In neither of these events was there the slightest idea of the parties to create an issue.

It was an attempt of good American citizens to aid a group of our own forces who are fighting and giving their lives for democracy abroad to have a wholesome afternoon of recreation.

Winchell and Godfrey

Walter Winchell in his column of June 15 stated that Arthur Godfrey was asked by the Secretary of the Navy to come to Baltimore to get a citation at a charity ballgame for people of all "colors, creeds, races," to be staged by the Masons, B'nai B'rith and Knights of Columbus.

"Arthur said he was honored and he went to Baltimore Stadium. Arthur got sick to his middle when he learned that there wasn't one colored person among the 22,000 out front."

This statement of Winchell's did not appear in any of the local papers.

Dr. Ralph Bunche while delivering the commencement address at Morgan State College, referring to the tennis case, stated:

"To what utterly ridiculous lengths the doctrines and practice of segregation may be carried has been graphically demonstrated recently in this very city of Baltimore." And further said:

"What a strange doctrine it is that requires Negro taxpayers of Baltimore to play tennis on public courts only with colored persons, even though others may wish to play with them."

Board Can Get in Step

The present park boards can get in step with the times by following the old Board by actually carrying out the pledge they made when they took office.

I understand that various groups have requested a hearing on the subject before the Board and this has been denied.

If so, this is the only public board not to have public hearings on matters of interest to the taxpayers. All sessions of the Park Board should be open so that the public will be informed as to what is taking place.

The history of star-chamber sessions went out of existence in democracies years ago.

Awaken, members of the Park Board, to your sworn duty to all the citizens of Baltimore.

From the REPUBLICAN Viewpoint

By MARSE S. CALLOWAY

There can be no question about the fact that segregation has been practiced by the Democrats, in this Country, for a long, long time.

The colored people have been placed, and forced to remain, in a separate and distinct class, which may be called, the second class citizenship of this nation.

The Republican Party, through emancipation, made our people first class citizens of this country, but the Democrats have, through gradual processes almost hidden from view of the average citizen, carried this cursed movement far, far, that today, its effects can be detected and felt in the nation and throughout the world.

To my very startling surprise I recently noticed in some of the offices in the offices of the Supervisor of Elections of Baltimore City, that there is a very definite system of segregation, and separation of white and colored voters. This unholy system is supported and maintained by the taxes paid by the citizens of the free state of Maryland!

These laws and practices were made and enforced by the Democrats, and it is discouraging to know that they are supported by some of the Republicans, who are essentially the Fathers of Freedom, and in favor of equal rights, not for all citizens, regardless of sex, creed or color.

Even though many colored people register and vote the Democratic ticket, white democrats and some white republicans, believe in thought and practice, that such segregation of names in a city election office is proper.

Such thought and action is a disgrace to democracy.

It appears that taking the law off the statute books, does not change these practices, which are continuous.

His Excellency Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, recently signed the law wiping segregation off the books, as applied to travel. But what does it mean, if a colored person goes downtown and wants a sandwich or cup of coffee? You are segregated, and have to take your food out in the alley, and eat there, or be insulted.

Laws or no laws, in actual practice, we are still segregated, and we must continue to fight until every vestige of second class citizenship is wiped out everywhere.

TO A TREE

Let me stand beneath your arms,
And feel your benediction
Small, unworthy
Beg you in your time girdled majesty.
To teach me about eternity.
For I have breathed too long the air of cities,
I have been hustled too much in crowds;
My vision is obscured and I am puzzled.
Speak to me, old tree, in the morning of my day
Tell me of the great stores of energy
Drawn by you from the blue bowl of the sky.
I have seen too often, sunlight filtering through smoke.
Speak to me, old tree, in the morning of my life
Tell me of the miracles wrought beneath thy feet.
The gladness which is spring,
The realization which is summer,
The plenty which is autumn,
And the great silent hope, which is winter.
Oh, sheltering tree! When the wind blows through your leaves,
Whisper to me about "God."

PAUL B. SHOCKLEY

Restore Housing Cut

Dear AFRO: The House of Representatives has cut the public housing program from the 75,000 units decreed by defense authorities to 5,000 units for the entire country.

Citizens should write their Senators and Congressmen to restore this cut. A National Housing Conference concerning this matter will be held in Washington, June 25-26. All interested persons should contact the Citizens Planning and Housing Association at 319 N. Charles St. because we want a good delegation.

CITIZENS PLANNING AND HOUSING ASSOCIATION,

★ REPORTER'S ROUNDUP ★

Scratch Pad

By MAE MORRIS MEDDERS

Got any bad habits you want to get rid of? It's easy. All it takes is will power!

Take for instance smoking. "Cut it out if you want to live a long time" orders the doctor. So who wants to die young?

The first night you don't be so hard. When you want a cigarette, all you have to do is climb in bed and go to sleep. That'll take care of at least eight hours.

Morning Treatment

In the morning, instead of reaching for a cigarette, reach for the tooth brush and scrub until your mouth is sore. This not only will make you forget about smoking, but will work up an appetite.

Then rush into the kitchen and eat a good breakfast. When the last gulp is down, fight back that "after eating urge" to smoke, leave the dishes dirty, and dash out the front door for the bus to work. (There's a law against smoking on busses, so that helps).

Stick It Out

At the office, wave away the smoke other people blow across your face, chew chewing gum, eat potato chips, drink water, but fight it, kid, fight it!

And at the end of the day you'll find that you made it! See there. All it takes is—

"Pardon me, bud, but have you got a match?"

MEDDERS

Lonesomania

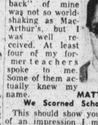
By BUDDY LONESOME

Hotrod, Baltimore's newest disc jockey, is making an ass out of many so-called "veteran" announcers around town who actually laughed at this Johnny Comet. Lately and predicted dire results for his future. Utilizing a breezy, rapid, delivery freely interspersed with live talk such as Mommee and Daddee, the 28-year-old announcer, formerly from WDIA in Memphis, Tenn., has his present advertising clients tickled to death and many more are clamoring to buy time on his program.

It had long been a pet peeve of mine that many of the tan disc jockeys seem to be afflicted with a halting delivery which soon grates on the ears and nerves. When I first heard Hotrod and found he possessed only had a smooth delivery, but actually set a mile a minute pace, I felt like shouting Halleluiah!

I had overheard one of the veteran radio announcers in a barroom talking about Hotrod sounded like a damn fool "with all that country jive talk on the radio." But Jake Embry, president of the radio station said Hotrod has thousands of listeners of both races who can really be classed as fans.

Currently living in Cherry Hill on Cherry Crest Rd., the versatile young showman, christened Maurice Hubert Jr., has the radio audience eating out of his hand, and to borrow his parlance, "Well, Au Rooter!



LONESOME

Mainstream

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

Covering the recent Douglass High School graduation, marked my return to the alma mater after several years.

This "come back" of mine was not so world-shaking as MacArthur's, but it was well received. At least four of my former teachers spoke to me. Some of them actually knew my name.

We Scorned Scholars

This should show you what kind of an impression I made on my teachers. In my Douglass days, anyone who did homework regularly or made the honor roll was regarded by us n'er-do-wells as something of a traitor.

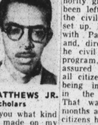
Seriously though, Douglass has changed quite a bit. The corridors sport new and pleasant coats of paint. A new library, with books yet, has been installed on the second floor. Douglass pupils can now take courses in anything from driving a car to pottery making.

Grads Better Looking

The pupils seem much more mature than in my time. (Probably because I'm older.) Girls and fellows seem more attractive, possessed with greater poise.

My graduating class (forgive me, classmates) was one of the ugliest ever to emerge from the Baker Jr. school. If you doubtedly, take a look at our yearbook.

But one thing does remain the same. Then as now, a few threatens the world and in the face of it, we youngsters managed to smile.



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