★ OPINION ★

An aged man, whom Abraham hospitably invited to his tent, refused to join him in prayer to the one spiritual God. Learning that he was a fire-worshipper, Abraham drove him from his door. That night God appeared to Abraham in a vision and said: "I have borne with that ignorant man for seventy years; could you not have patiently suffered him one night?"—THE TALMUD.

Baltimore's Mock A-Bomb Attack Was As Unreal As A Fairy Tale

Sponsors of a mock A-bomb attack at War Memorial Stadium as part of Baltimore's Independence Day celebration are certainly to be commended for a well-planned and well-executed civic project.

The 20,000 spectators and 175 volunteer participants have firsthand knowledge of what can happen and what should be done in the event this city ever becomes a bomb target. But the complete absence of colored participants in the exercise—except as spectators—leads us to wonder if Mr. Holland and Mr. McIntosh believe that the explosion of an atomic bomb will affect white persons only?

Mr. Paul L. Holland is director of civil defense for Baltimore. Mr. David G. McIntosh heads the State defense agency. We are aware, as we raise the question, that the July 4th exercise was sponsored by a private group.

Nevertheless, we feel impelled to observe that disaster is the greatest levelling force on earth and an atom-bomb attack portends disaster beyond human comprehension.

We cannot understand how any city or section of a city can practice civil defense on any scale and leave out as large a part of the citizenry as colored persons represent in Baltimore.

A poll of AFRO employees, who live in almost every section of the city, discloses that none knows of any civil defense plan such as were in effect during World War II when air raid wardens were designated and first aid classes specialists trained in many schools.

Like the average man, none knows anything to do in case of atomic attack except "run, hide and hope."

The threat of A-bomb attack is very real, but it would seem that our approach to the problem of what to do if an attack comes is as unrealistic as Grimm's fairy tales.

we feel, at the audacity of a minister who speaks of a "miracle" as solution to a legal problem or who openly admits complicity in a closet full of skeletons.

His followers may watch for the miracle in the courtroom but the AFRO hopes for the day when soul-savers who cannot stay out of court will go away and leave our people alone.

La Baker, Came, Saw, Conquered

Josephine Baker, billed as the queen of four continents, came to Washington Monday for a one-night stand and, within three hours of her arrival, had a taste of the District's jim crow.

Seeking to refresh herself with a cooling soda at the fountain in Hecht's department store, the St. Louis-born Miss Baker was refused service.

Thanks to Miss Baker's calm handling of the situation, there was no overt incident and, except for the tumultuous reception which she received later on at the National Guard Armory, she would have left the nation's capital with nothing but an unpleasant memory.

In her armory performance, Miss Baker was superb. She lived up to all advance notices with a versatile and dazzling display of gowns, glamour, gesticulations, and gyrations, which with the humidity, left some 6,000 cash customers limp at the close of a two and one-half hour program.

But the fact that the idol of Paris was subjected to the degrading segregation policy of a local department store points up the utter stupidity of the pattern of separation which criss-crosses life in the nation's capital—a capital which many would like to call the world capital.

Would the heavens have fallen had Miss Baker been served? Would the store have been forced into bankruptcy because of the transaction?

Here was a chance to make Hecht's much-advertised "Brotherhood" policy something real instead of fictional. Miss Baker, a great woman in her own right, whose activity with the French underground during World War II was responsible for bringing freedom to hundreds of human beings whose skins were lighter than hers, certainly deserved a better fate.

Recalling the Hecht incident at the close of her performance, Miss Baker told her audience: "I believe in God. I have always been deeply religious and I have found that God works things out in His own way and in His own time."

Sometimes things happen which make us wonder whether there aren't a lot of people whose attitude toward God is so much different from that of Miss Baker, because their hearts are so full of hatred and bigotry that there is no room for God, who is Love, to come in.

Miss Baker came, saw and conquered. Even in her battle against intolerance and injustice, she's still on top. The walls are crumbling all around and even Hecht's will not be spared.

Thank God, We Test It Now

For 25 years the people of Virginia have suffered under a hateful and oppressive law enacted by the State Assembly.

This law, passed in 1926, requires segregation of colored and white persons in all places of public assembly.

Only last year the measure was amended to provide for criminal punishment and fines of $10 to $25 for persons who refused to accept jim crow seating.

Sponsors of meetings who failed to make racially separate arrangements could be fined $100 to $500.

Places of public assembly include theatres, concert halls, restaurants, bus and railroad stations, airports, pool rooms, baseball parks and stadiums.

The law reached even to the chapel at Hampton Institute and all the churches of the State.

The seven colored and four white members of the NAACP who asked an injunction in Federal Court, Tuesday, seek to have these segregation laws declared void, not only at the Mosque, but in all places of public assembly in the State.

They are on firm legal ground.

The Federal courts have already said that jim crow is illegal in State universities.

They have outlawed city ordinances setting aside certain sections of the city for colored and white persons.

They have banned separation of the races in trains, buses and dining cars.

Last week, Philip Perlman, Solicitor General of the U.S., asked the Washington Federal Court of Appeals to declare soda fountains, theatres, restaurants, public places open to all citizens.

To express what he thinks the law is, he reached back 61 years to a decision by one Judge Morse in the Supreme Court of Michigan.

Judge Morse said:

"The man who goes either by himself or with his family to a public place, must expect to meet persons of every all classes of people, and to suit his caprice or prejudice on social news, that this or that person shall be excluded because he does not wish to be associated with him.

"He may draw his social line as closely as he chooses at home, or in other private places, but he cannot in a public place carry the privacy of his home with him, or ask that people not as good or great as he shall step aside when he appears."

All citizens who conform to the law have the same rights in public places of assembly.

The Federal Constitution is on the side of the NAACP.

The jim crow law of Virginia is unconstitutional.

Thank God we test it now.

GOP Looks Out Window

Latest move on the national civil rights front came last week when Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn), heading a group of nine Senators introduced eight civil rights bills.

It was no mere coincidence that the date for the introduction of these measures marked the first anniversary of the Korean invasion and the tenth anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's executive order creating the first national Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Said Senator Humphrey:

"It is altogether fitting and proper that on this day of commemoration and anniversary the Senate of the United States make itself again aware of the need to face up to its responsibilities, enact civil rights legislation and use that as a weapon to turn against the enemies of the free world."

Rights Field Covered

The bills cover employment, lynching, voting, peonage, interstate transportation and for strengthening existing civil rights statutes.

Joining with Senator Humphrey were the following colleagues, all Democrats, save one:

William Benton, Conn; Paul Douglas, Ill.; Herbert Lehman, N.Y.; Warren Magnuson, Wash.; James E. Murray, Mont.; Matthew M. Neely, W. Va., and John Pastore, R.I., all Democrats, and Wayne L. Morse, lone Republican of Oregon.

It will be noted that the names of much GOP stalwarts as Senators Taft of Ohio; Ferguson of Michigan, lives of New York, Taft of Ohio, Ferguson of Michigan, McCarthy of Wisconsin and a few other Republican bigwigs are missing from the list of sponsors.

GOP Senators Play Dead

While there are some who will take the dim view that little, if any, of this legislation will even get to first base, the fact remains that the GOP, whenever there is an opportunity to give even an indication of intent to live up to campaign promises, usually manages to be looking out of the window at the time.

Tactics such as this unquestionably account for the growing defection in Republican ranks. The main thing, of course, is to get some laws on the books and some enforcement of present statutes and we'd like to see some bi-partisan support along this line.

The civil rights issue has been a political football long enough.

The 'Miracle' We Would Prefer

The day will come, we hope, when it will no longer be timely or necessary to comment in these columns on prophets, evagelists, seers and fortune tellers who run afoul of the law.

In recent years, we have had no less than four occasions to do so. In recent weeks, one of the better known local evangelists has been convicted in a court of law of such unseeming charges as assault and carrying a deadly weapon.

Now this week still another member of the cloth is haled into court on charges of larceny after trust in a matter involving nearly $4,000. Charges and counter-charges are being hurled in so many directions and in such profusion that only the court is competent to decide the facts.

But an AFRO reporter attending services conducted by the accused minister has heard him urge his followers to "watch the AFRO" to see the "miracle" he will perform —ostensibly to get himself out of the mess he is in.

He asserts that when the whole truth is told a "lot of skeitons will come tumbling out of the closet."

What a sorry state of affairs.

We cannot describe the revulsion

Jehovah's Witnesses Speak on Transfusion Controversy

In an answer to the question why two members of Jehovah's Witnesses did not want the doctors to give their daughter a blood transfusion, the May 22 issue of this religious denomination's magazine explains that such treatment is a violation of their teachings against eating blood.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Labrenza based their objection on the Biblical books of Genesis and Leviticus. The Juvenile Courts of Chicago overruled their decision in April, when the parents refused to let their daughter, Cheryl, have a blood transfusion.

Jehovah's Witnesses said that the judge not only violated God's law, but violated the Common Law that assures a person security and freedom which is guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

Minister Supports Transfusion

In support of the transfusion, a methodist minister paid "What more wonderful use of blood could there be than to use it to save human life?" In answer Jehovah's Witnesses quote a passage from Genesis 9:4, the command that was given to Noah after the flood; "Flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall Ye not eat."

This passage is further supported in Leviticus 17, which says, "What so ever man there be of the house of Isreal, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will set my face against that soul that eateth the blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

"For the life of the flesh is the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your soul: For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Isreal, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh; for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: Whosoever eateth it shall be cut off."

Jehovah Witnesses Beliefs

From this passage, they conclude that Jesus did not give blood transfusions when he was on earth healing the sick. They say, "Jesus restricted the use of blood to make atonements for inherently sinful, but obedient mankind."

The article contends that the public has put science before God. The author explains that Jehovah's Witnesses know that the doctors do much good, but they are not ready to bow to their every edict. "In a choice between God and science, they will take God," the writer adds.

Labrenza Gives Report

According to the magazine, Mr. Labrenza visited the doctor that attended his wife during pregnancy and reported that." He told me that he did not think the baby needed a transfusion, and that out of 4,000 babies he has personally delivered, he never lost one baby with the rare blood condition found in the RH factor."

The article states that "No Jehovah's Witnesses will violate God law regarding blood in order to employ a questionable and controversial medical fashion. But neither we will they try to change others who differ with them. Jehovah's Witnesses want freedom to believe according to their conscience, and they grant you the freedom to do the same.

Mixed Playgrounds Used Fully, Recreation Study Discloses

WASHINGTON

Play areas operated as "open units" are utilized more fully than those on segregated basis, a District Recreation Department analysis on transition areas revealed.

Superintendent of District Recreation, Milo F. Christiansen, in a 20-page report after a year's study, made the observation. He recommended the use "biracially" of two playgrounds, New York Avenue and Raymond.

Two playgrounds being used interracially, Garfield and Rose Park, showed increases in attendance While the white participation increased in some months, the overall total for the year increased with growing non-white use of the grounds.

Garfield had a turnout of 27,537 in mixed play during the 1950-51 year, 21,866 of whom were colored. There were 5,670 whites as compared to 22,804 in the previous year when the areas were on a segregated basis.

A total of 78,918 youngsters frequented Rose Park playground, of which 56,030 were non-white.

Rose Park and Garfield Park were the first experiment in the area of interracial participation. Mr. Christiansen pointed out. During the experiment trial, there has not been a single instance of racial friction or racial outbreak on either playground, it was said.

Change Slow At Cardozo

It was pointed out that the change over, making Cardozo an open city-wide center, has been slower than anticipated from a standpoint of participation.

The regular program at Cardozo includes folk, square and social dancing, volleyball, badminton, ping-pong and basketball. The Washington Civic Orchestra has met regularly at the Center.

The orchestra, one of the first of community activities opene dto all in the city. To date, it has no colored applicants.

Mr. Christiansen pointed out that when it was known the orchestra was to be mixed, there was the resignation of a small number of former members who were not prepared for the change in policy.

Despite the resignation of a few white members, no minority group members have evinced interest in the orchestra. Nevertheless the orchestra is determined to maintain its new policy.

As a result of the study of the areas as a whole, Mr. Christiansen has recommended also that the department staff initiate studies at the Washington units for possible changeover to "open units."

Turkey Thicket, Edgewood, Noyes, Hoover, Rosedale, Sherwood, Trinidad, and Langley.

Holiday Deaths Are Falling Off

The National Safety Council, whose figures have been startlingly accurate in the past, came a cropper in its prediction that 30-odd persons would lose their lives in highway accidents July 4.

Less than 95 persons lost their lives. Maryland had only one accident fatality.

We can imagine that the Safety Council is delighted that it was so wide of the mark. Maryland is exceedingly proud that despite the appalling death, the State enjoyed one of the most accident-free holidays in recent years.

For many years it has been pointed out that traffic deaths far exceed the annual toll of heart disease, tuberculosis and cancer which are by far the nation's most deadly diseases. But we have gone on, from year to year, setting new and more horrible records on the highways.

With more autos abroad than ever before there is greater need for care and caution when driving than ever before. And it is significant that the Safety Council's holiday death estimates have been consistently too high thus far in 1951.

We like to think that drivers are heeding the slogan: "Drive Carefully. The Life You Save May Be Your Own."

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

DEFINITION: Picnic—a pleasure party, the food for which is usually provided by members of the group and is eaten in the open air.

A picnic, to me, is somewhat like life—you get out of it about what you put into it.

If you start out to a picnic with the idea that you're not going to enjoy yourself or with the notion that your every minute must be planned for you, you'll be in a sad state.

But, if you dump your worries and cares at the office, or leave them at home, and start out with the idea that you're off for a good time; you'll have just that.

And, if your hostesses are what the name implies (persons who receive with a smile and indicate they're glad to have you as one of them on July 4th), then your day could be a perfect one.

Incidentally, don't shortchange this role of host or hostess at any gathering. I've been to some where it took the host so long to make an appearance and extend the glad hand, that you had the feeling you were walking uninvited into a private club session.

Fact is, no picnic nor social gathering, for that matter, can be a great success unless the host or hostess makes new arrivals feel at home.

But back to picnics—if you like to read, lie in the sun and relax, play ball with the kids, darts with the teen agers or reminisce with old friends you haven't seen for years, or exchange pleasantries with new friends, yours should be as a good day as ours was Wednesday. Of course, I agree with a fellow writer who started a discussion anent picnics (in some circles anyhow), that a picnic which degenerates into a card gambling session is just plain dull. (There was not a card in sight on Wednesday).

But there's a remedy for that too. You don't have to stay—as the familiar jingly says—"Don't grumble and stay, get up and be on your merry way."

PS—Recommended for people who find picnics dull:—Take along a youngster and glory with him in his uninhibited enjoyment of the great outdoors. My two-year-old had the time of her life playing ball, running up and down with never a 'don't' or 'stop' from mother and I had fun watching her.

Yep, you get out of a picnic just about what you put into it. That's life too!

Speak Your Piece

Courageous Leadership

Dear AFRO: It was really an inspiration to read the statement by Houston H. Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools decrying park jim crow.

It is significant that such a statement should come from Mr. Jackson because so many of our leaders have forgotten their obligation to the public. This lapse of memory, I think, is due largely to their selfishness. They fear they will hinder their chances for future success.

With such courageous leadership, I'm sure the parents of Baltimore can look forward to greater achievements for the public school children.

—MACEO T. HOWARD.

Expresses Thanks

Dear AFRO: The Baltimore Branch of the National Vocational Guidance Association wishes to express its sincere thanks for the splendid manner in which you assisted in covering our meetings. As you know, interpretation of the guidance program to the general public is one of our prime objectives. You have helped us immeasurable to realize this objective. We hope that beginning with the fall sessions we, again, may count on your support.

—(Mrs.) MARIAN W. WATERS President

Poets Nook

The hush, the quiet, the frenzy queer,
The chaplin speaks, the time is near
For quiet said prayers and rifles cheer.
Before their comrades are lowered down,
No finer soldier anywhere,
So loyal to the end,
A one who didn't know defeat,
So loved by all the men.
And as the Bugler's call rings out,
A tear fills every eye.
For they had known, and lived, and lost
A true and brave GI.

—PAUL D. McALLISTER

POLITICS

From the REPUBLICAN Viewpoint

By MARSE S. CALLOWAY

This is the time of the year when many of our schools throughout the Country, have their commencement exercises.

Young men and women graduates go forth into the world with great expectations that with their educational training they can become future leaders of our Country.

Each of them, though years of schooling has dreamed and planned his career each has visions of a great future in the world of tomorrow in business, finance, and other branches of endeavor.

What great disapointments they will encounter.

These fresh candidates for leadership, have not earned the lesson which history and experience have taught all men and women outside the classroom.

It is beautiful expressed thus: Since I must fight if I would reign, increase my courage Lord I'll bear the load and endure the pain, supported by Thy Word."

Everyone who makes a success of life, must fit every inch of the way, no matter what obstacle is encountered.

Every Dog, Every Man

Students, graduates, candidates for success—must realize that anything worthwhile is worth fighting for, and is only be attained by sacrifice and suffering.

Ideals are worthy of the sacrifice of life itself.

This is be demonstrated by reference to the history of Lincoln, who asked each Governor of the Union, how much would he give to save the Union.

It remains for the Governor of Pennsylvania to give the most convincing answer, which was, "I'll give every liar and every man, to save the Union."

Take Nothing For Granted

My advice to the young men, and young women is not to take your future for granted.

It is not and cannot be assured because your educational accomplishments.

Your fore conduct, your future work and sacrifice, your future struggles for freedom and equal opportunity can which the scales in your or—if you so will it, respects.

Democratic Viewpoint

By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

In reading the recent report of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, many interesting facts are revealed.

This city along with Federal Funds erected the first Housing project in 1937, namely the Edgar Allen Poe. Since then we have had the McCullob, Frederick Douglass, Gilmor, Somerset Court and Cherry Hill, while only two for the group, the Latrobe and O'Donnell Heights.

These housing projects have met a need here in Baltimore not only was the low income earning groups provided with better living conditions, but some out of the city.

Maximum Income $3000

We find that when circumstances raise the family income beyond a certain point, they must move out to make room for a family whose income is within the limits set by the Authority in 194. The maximum income seems to be around $3,000 over that the family has to move.

These people have become used to living in a project and have been trained in taking care of the property, and have been actively participating in community programs.

Their children have had the protection of play areas and been taught community responsibility. Now when their family has to move to a neighborhood of row houses and into a crowded apartment, usually all these good traits are abandoned.

New Type Needed

Hence there should be some type of Housing Project for these people.

Here is a field where our financiers and business groups should invest their capital.

In some cities, the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance has constructed projects to meet this need. Why can't one of the insurance groups meet this challenge and construct such a project here in Baltimore.

New Gym

I am sure the people in South Baltimore' who have children attending school no. 106 will be glad to know that a gymnasium will soon be erected on the lot next to the school, modern in all respects.

★ REPORTER'S ROUNDUP ★

Scratch Pad

By MAE MORRIS MEDDERS

An outdoor barbecue party? Sounded like fun, so we started preparing.

Squeezed a dozen lemons for lemonade; stocked up with hot dogs, rolls and mustard; bought a bag of charcoal to throw on the fire. Rigged up the record player in the backyard; dragged out the comfort able MEDDERS chairs; hooked up soft lights for atmosphere; wished secretly that the hot dogs were steaks, but waited patiently anyhow for the first batch to roast in the barbecue pit.

And did they smell good! Every once in a while, we'd open the oven, and stick the weenies with a fork so the juice would pop out.

"I Felt Something"

Came time to eat. Somebody said, "I felt a drop of rain." Everybody else looked at him and tried hard not to believe what he said.

Then somebody else said, "Yes it is raining too!" Another cried out, "Pass the hot dogs quick!"

But it was too late. By now it was pouring rain. The guests were dashing for shelter: the hot dogs were getting wet; the rolls were getting wet; the lemonade was turing to water, and the record player was—

Oh well. I wasn't hungry anyway.

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

The Warner Bros film "I Was A Communist For The FBI" is a long awaited answer to the insidious, ingratiating Communist propaganda aimed at minority groups. Those of you who weren't fortunate enough to see this gripping photoplay at the Royal, should expend every effort to catch it at your neighborhood theatre. The honest reaction you get from this revealing expose' of commie treachery, is alone worth the price of admission.

LONESOME

It seems to me the Communist party in Maryland, as in other parts of these United States, has long considered itself to be self appointed guardian of the colored race. Consequently, many gullible people have sincerely believed in these white people who "so understand our problems," and accepted the traitors as true friends.

If you want to hitch your wagon to any political philosophy, take the time to read thoroughly any of Dr. Ralph Bunche's speeches on minority problems. It's from true leaders, such as he, and not fanatic followers of the Communist dogma, that inspirational leadership must come.

This may sound farfetched, but I honestly wish there were some way the motion picture, "I Was A Communist For The FBI" could be shown gratis to audiences all over the country. Especially to college groups, for I feel that is where the danger lies.

Mainstream

By RALPH MATTHEWS Jr.

Pine Street, a narrow lane running down behind Lexington Market, has never been noted for its peace and quiet.

Pine Street, to put it mildly, is usually rough as all get out.

Anything can and does happen on this side-street. Anything from wife-beatings to barroom brawls. Right in the middle of this MATTHEWS JR violence and Western Police Station, a sort of fortress in the wilderness.

It is flanked on all sides by taverns, hash joints, fortune telling parlors and houses of dubious repute. The policemen operating out of Western would never have to walk more than two blocks in any direction to find enough trouble to keep them busy.

He-Man Territory

If you don't believe Pine Street is he-man territory, listen to this: Not long ago, a man became involved in an argument with others in a bar across the street from the station. He finally fled for his life.

He ran into Western Police Station for aid. Several seconds after he zoomed through the door, a brick hurled by one of his pursuers followed him. For a week, Western was minus a window pane.

This is the station Police Commissioner Ober wants to close. You can just imagine what Pine and all the other tough little streets in that district would be like then.

News Beat

By RUFUS WELLS

Running afoul of the law seems to be a habit with evangelists Baltimore. The latest gentleman cloth to have a brush with John Law is Bishop Paul Tucker, founder of the Good Samaritan Holiness Temple in East Baltimore.

One of his followers, Mrs. Mamie E. Ford, contends that he has shaken her out of "misappropriated" some her money—$3,950 to be exact. The Bishop denies this soon officially. He admits having the money from Mrs. Ford said $600 of it was given to the church. The bishop says the other money ($3,350) was furniture, since he and Mrs. Ford, a widow, were to be married.

Not To Wed But

Mrs. Ford told Mag John L. Berry in Northwest Police Court that she has "realized" of marrying the bishop when she entertained such thoughts.

The case has been postponed until Aug. 3, to allow time to do a little investigating on their own.

The numbers racket lived in the story behind the story. The controversy and rather large "contributions" to the bishop's church. The home of the case should be interesting.

Why Not Let Youth Decide?

More meetings have been scheduled to determine whether the New York Avenue and Raymond playgrounds and the Rose Park in the Brookland area shall be made interracial.

This business of holding meeting after meeting to decide a matter as simple as this has always struck us as a bit daffy.

If the adults would just let the youngsters alone and let nature take its course, the issue which they have so complicated would be quickly simplified.

Whether play is supervised or not, does not make a great deal of difference. The youngsters usually work out their own rules and regulations and abide by them. All that they ask is an opportunity.

The caution and concern which their elders manifest has, time and again, been proved unfounded. Where there have been "incidents," they have usually been provoked by adult leadership.

It's about time the youngsters are given a chance to show what they can do on their own. Certainly, they couldn't make a greater mess than their elders already

Work Bench

Looking at Labor

With CLARENCE MITCHELL

AFETA—In the bright mahogany above Atlanta's alums are lists of the skilled colored craftsmen have left a lasting challenge to discriminating businesses.

Rome knows that the craftsmen South Carolina and Louisiana's wonderful homes in precisely period.

It left behind them iron work elegantly dated with graceful curves. They put their souls into the work and wooden columns South's white aristocracy's homes.

Joy in Creating

Were slaves then and the pleasure they got, if any, was joy that comes from creating beautiful.

buildings they erected give place to those who picture them as brutish savages—incapable of any duty higher than that of field hand.

the time of freedom, when there was competition for jobs, began the stories about incompetence of colored mechanics. Some foolish colored people, themselves, helped to promote this truth.

Not Based on Fact

There are today contractors who insist that colored carpenters cannot hang doors properly. Other builders pretend that colored carpenters do poorly when they reach the corners of walls under construction.

There are thousands of colored building tradesmen who know that these labels are not based on fact. There are hundreds of contractors in the building field who also know this, but pretend that they do not.

Down here in Atlanta the homes on Morris Brown Drive, Fountain Drive and Anderson Avenue again point up the skill of the colored construction workers.

In a quiet suburban atmosphere they have built fabulous dwellings in numerous architectural styles. Some of the houses are a combination of the best features in several types of construction.

No Corners in House

One home, the residence of a bricklayer, is famous because somehow there are no corners anywhere in the house. It stands, gleaming white and beautiful—an architectural enigma.

Now, when the critics tell the crazy stories about the colored carpenter who laid floors wrong or the painter who ruined the woodwork, we can shut them up by pointing to Atlanta.

There is one postscript to this column. In the pre-Civil War days the black workmen could not even enter the front door of the homes they built for the planters and other wealthy whites.

Today, the palatial dwellings with picture windows and hand painted wall-paper are also occupied by colored owners.

Eggs must be given better care during the summer if maximum quality and prices are expected.

93 Youths Enjoy Biggest Season at Camp Wood

Ninety-three boys, including 14 counselors, enjoyed one of the activities at Camp Francis M. Wood, June 18 through 25. The camp is sponsored and financed by the Eastside Community Committee, Inc.

On Sunday, June 24, approximately 78 parents took advantage of the "Open House" entertainment which has been offered by the Eastside for the past seven years.

Out of a total 93 campers, 45 gained a total of 226 pounds, approximately 5 pounds per boy. There was practically no illness—only two boys had minor abrasions.

The annual contest winners at Camp Wood were:

Best counselors: Lawrence Pully and Harold Maddox.

Best squad: No. 11, counselor: Harold Maddox.

Best looking beds: Squad No. 9, counselor: James Jacobs.

Best manners while eating: squad No. 9.

Best hiker: George Parker, squad No. 9.

Biggest eater: James Conley, squad No. 11.

Biggest counselor eater: Cornelius Maddox, squad No. 8.

Best boy swimmer: Harry Green, squad No. 8. Best counselor swimmer: Harold Harris, squad No. 10.

Best basketball team: squad No. 10. James Harris, counselor.

Best softball team: squad No. 7. Haskel Bradford, counselor. Best volleyball team: squad No. 6, Donald Moody, counselor.

Best singer: Kenneth Scott, squad No. 10.

Best piano player: Thomas Johnson, squad No. 9.

Best singing group: squad No. 1. Milton Ferguson Jr., counselor.

Best camp boy: Aaron E. Smith, squad No. 9.

Best behaved squad: squad No. 11, counselor Harold Maddox in charge.

Thirty-one boys learned to swim and were labeled as problem cases, soon adjusted to the discipline of camp life. Boys not accustomed to point to bed at 9:30 p.m. soon fell in line and seemed to have enjoyed it. The supervisory personnel at Camp Wood was: director, William S. Mello; camp doctor, Mendaman Cora Ford and Edythe A. Jones.

The counselors were Milton Ferguson, Jean Jones, Lawrence Pully, Donald Moody, Haskel R. Bradford, Denis Maddox, James Jacobs, James Harris and Harold Maddox. Head waiter, Bert Mello; assistant waiter, Warner Taylor.

New Interne at City Hospitals

Dr. Talmadge Pinkney of 2310 W. North Ave., has been appointed to the staff of City Hospitals as an interne in pediatrics. He is the first doctor of his race to join the staff of City.

A member of an old Baltimore family, Dr. Pinkney attended Morgan State College, and was graduated from Lincoln University. He received his medical degree from Howard University in 1949.

Interned in New York

Dr. Pinkeny received a rotating internship which allowed him to serve at Harlem Hospital in New York from July 1, 1949 to June 30 of1950. He was an assistant president in medicine at Provident Hospital during the following year.

His wife teaches special courses in the city schools.

June Graduates of Bates High School

Members of the Bates High School of Annapolis June graduating class are shown above. Gov T. R. McKeldin was principal speaker at the recent exercises for the 85 seniors.

SOLLERS POINT High School June graduates are shown above with school principal, Charles Fletcher, at the end of recent commencement exercises. There were 27 girls, 17 boys in the class.—(Henderson Photo)

DOUGLASS EVENING SCHOOL —Shown above are the June graduates of the Frederick Douglass Evening High School, at their recent commencement exercises. Seated at center is Robert P. Diggs, principal. (Henderson) Photo)

Lye-Thrower Fined for Assault on Neighbors

For throwing lye on two neighbors, Miss Nellie Johnson, 25, of the unit block of N. Poppleton St. was fined $200 and costs in Western Police court recently.

Testimony by Charles Brown, 23 of 22 N. Poppleton St. and Mrs. Emma Simpson, 43, of the same address revealed that the lye-hurling was a result of an argument concerning a boy-friend of the Johnson woman.

Miss Johnson said that the two neighbors had approached her home in a menacing fashion and that she had thrown the acid in self-defense. Brown and Mrs. Simpson both suffered first and second degree burns of the face and body.

Bids Opening for New Gym

Bids will be opened July 25 for the construction of a new gymnasium at Harvey Johnson School No. 106.

The advertisement of the contract was proposed to the Board of Estimates, Wednesday, by the Board of Public Works.

Paul Holland, director of public works, expressed the hope, however, that the National Production Authority will allow the actual construction of the gymnasium after the contract is awarded. Under a recent NPA ruling, construction for recreational purposes has been banned.

$2500 BAIL FOR MAN HELD ON NUMBERS CHARGE

Caeal McClean, 27, of the 500 block Gold St., was arrested this week by Western district policeman for having numbers slips.

The man was held for court actionon $2500 bail after officers headed by Lt. William Dickerson stated that the lottery slips had been found in his clothes. McClean pleaded not guilty.

License Price Rise Fails to Halt Non-Resident Couples

Despite Baltimore having upped the price of marriage licenses from $3 to $4 for non-resident applicants, six out-of-town couples failed to blink an eye at the inflated price, this week.

They were:

Cleveland W. Lynch, 42, and Miss Mavis L. Harriott, 33, both Jamaica, L. I.; Samuel C. Allen, 29, and Miss Evelyn F. Savage, 35, both Petersburg, Va.; Adam J. Armstead, 40, Fairfax, Va. and Mrs. Blanche E. Le Grand, 36, divorced, Rockingham, N.C.; Leonard Jenkins, 37, and Miss Marie Frazier, 29, both Brooklyn, N.Y.

Samuel Cohen, 44, and Mrs. Doris L. Slagle, 28, divorced, both York, Pa.; Philip H. Faintroy, 32, and Miss Marie A. Adams, both Philadelphia;

Soldier Licensed

Cpl. James R. Brunt, 21, of Manhattan, Kansas, stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland, and Miss Betty Branford, 20, of Severn, Md. were also among those obtaining wedding permits here.

Baltimoreans licensed were:

DALLMAS-SMITH — Warren, 30, 521 Brune St.; Laura, 28, widow.

BARBER-SIMPSON — Lynn, 38, 1701 E. Preston St.; Amanda, 38, divorced.

BRUNT-BRANFORD — George, 21, 1642 Millington St.; Margaret.

SCROGGINS-McAFEE — Paul, 26, 42 N. Schroeder St.; Emma L.

HARRIS-WYATT — Elliott, 45, Pearl, 42, widow, 34 N. Fulton Ave.

CARRINGTON-BOULDIN — William S., 24, 2665 Francis St.; Perlena.

MATTHEWS-HAWKINS. — Haywood, 30, 1919 W. Saratoga St.; Harriett, 28.

ROGERS-JACKSON — Thomas, 49, 1220 Ashland Ave.; Margaret, 42.

JONES-LOGAN — Benjamin, 42, 1732 E. Madison St.; Dorothy J., 21.

LEWIS-BROWN — Sam, 30, Sunpar; Shirley, 20, 1223 Division St.

WASHINGTON-QUARLES — Lindsay, 22, 1000 W. Pratt St.; Lois M., 20.

BRANFORD-BRANFORD — William G., 20, 821 Druid Hill Ave.; Violet A., 16.

JACKSON-HAMMOND — Robert N., 22, 1310 Pendleton St.; Rebecca B., 22, divorced.

SANDERS-JACKSON — George, 26, 1816 E. 20 St.; Mae McCherie.

SWEAT-SCOTT — Ernest, 27, divorced, 1605 and one-half Pennsylvania Ave.; Allie Mae, 40.

WASHINGTON-WILLIAMS — Richard T., 21, 1030 W. Lexington St.; Jessie.

SMITH-WASHINGTON — Leonard R., 20, 1 Bishop St.; Hemstead.

STEWART-CARTER — Bernard M., 20, Delores, 18, 1 N. Schroeder St.

JEFFERSON-ALLEN — James H., 19, Bertice C., 18, 504 Carlton St.

GLENN-FORBES — Walter, 19, Au Sable Ave.; Bidie.

SEWARD-WRIGHT — Oscar, 30, widower, 1322 W. Baltimore Ave.; Odessa, 49, divorced.

FOLKS-REED — Elroy, 30, Bertha L., 30, 1 Pendleton Ave.

SMITH-CUSTIC — George W., 30, Ethel J., 30, 1338 W. Lafayette Ave.

WILLIAMS-MADISON — Reuben C., 21, Hamilton H., 21 N. Poppleton St.

CARTER-HOLMES — John T., 22, 1328 Pennsylvania Ave.; Georgia, 18.

GREEN-BURGESS — Leroy, 21, 227 W. Biddle St.; Minnie, 17.

JACKSON-CHASE — Thomas, 28, Hanover St. 300 block; Pearl, 28.

TURNER-SCOTT — George, 28, 559 Lauriston St.; Mary E., 20.

Frontiersmen Get High Elk Positions

The Tri-State Association of Elks—Maryland, Delaware and D.C.—at its recent convention in Wilmington, Del. unanimously re-elected Dr. Bernard Harris, Frederick Club president, as its president for the coming term.

Gerald B. Wilson, a frontiersman, was elected third vice-president, and David Shockley of the Frederick Chapter Frontiers was made coordinator of Money Raising Projects. Conservation of Sight for needy children was the project adopted by the convention.

Mr. Wilson was recently appointed by the Liquor Board as an Inspector. The speaker for the Tuesday's meeting was Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Brown, Judge of the Housing Court, who interestingly and graphically presented the highlights of her work. Next week's speaker will be H. B. Kaminkow.

Open House Set for Trade Schools

The Maryland Technical Institute, Tailoring Division will open its doors to the public Tuesday and Thursday, July 10, and 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

The open house display will include the works and progress attained in the main Tailoring School at 1224 Pennsylvania Ave. and its annexes located at 220 W. Baltimore St. and 1000 Pennsylvania Ave. since the opening date, Nov. 10, 1947, to the present.

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