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Provident Hospital Day at Beechwood Sunday

The greatest aggregation of theatre and night club talent ever assembled will be staged this year as a gala benefit show for Provident Hospital fund-raising drive at Beechwood Park Sunday afternoon.

Flink Johnson and his popular combo have been added to the long list of entertainers who will do their bit for the hospital.

Others scheduled to appear are Joe Morris and his band, Mary Ann Foley, both donated by Gamby's; Emmanuel, talented organist, from Club 1017; the Cardinals, sensational singing group, donated by the Super Music Co., 570 N. Gay St., and the Swallows, King Recording artists, donated by the Cotton Radio Store, Druid Hill and North Ave.

Captans to Sing

Also slated to do their part are the Captains, the Miditones, the Buds and Billy Fair and his orchestra, all donated by Beechwood Park.

A highlight of the program will be the finals in the Miss Beechwood Park bathing beauty contest, semi-finals of which were held last week with Misses Nathalia Jessup, Maybelle Dowell, Bernita O'Neal, Barbara Brown, Shirley Bailey, Hester Gillins and Doris Allen, emerging as finalists.

Holder of a lucky ticket at the park will win a 50-square inch RCA television set.

Round Trip 25 Cents

Buses to transport persons will be leaving Mosher and Pennsylvania Avenue every half hour between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Buses will also leave Gay and Orleans St., every hour on the hour between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fare will be 25 cents round trip.

Buses are being donated by the Diggs Motor Coach and Baltimore Motor Coach Companies.

The management of Beechwood Park is donating the use of its facilities, in addition to some of the entertainment.

FLINK JOHNSON

"I ONLY HEARD" by Veteran Newsweaman and Editor RUTH JENKINS is the column built-in-farmer AFRO readers are talking about.

Visited Baltimore

Hugh MacBeth, former Baltimore attorney now living in Los Angeles stopped in Baltimore last week. He had attended the Elks convention in Buffalo, N.Y. and made the principal address at the Elks laid a wreath at the base of the monument of Crispus Attucks in Boston after a visit to Canada.

HOMESICK FOR TEXAS:

Beautician Grows Own Cotton in Flower Bed

Wanting something around the house to remind her of home, Mrs. A. M. Blair, a homesick beautician from Texas, asked her 69-year-old mother, Mrs. Howard Elise, who was visiting her in April, to send her some cotton seeds.

The seeds were then sown in the flower garden in the backyard of her home at 1355 North Ave., the plants have grown to a height ranging from 3½ to 4½ feet tall, blossoms are in the pink and white stages.

The tallest of the four plants contain about 12 green bolls. Next month they will burst into snow-white balls of cotton. Using a Longhorn seed, she hopes to prove that yield a comparatively large cotton ball at harvest time, Mrs. Blair has applied all of the knowledge she learned about growing cotton in Sherman, Denisonville, Texas as a girl.

City Pupils View Cotton

"If this turns out the way that I expect, I am going to try it at my place in Howard County next year," Mrs. Blair said. She has had some 30 pupils and students from the city schools to visit and view the cotton since April.

The 36-year-old woman has been living in Baltimore for 12 years. Her husband, Felix, is employed by the Dupont Chemical Experimental Department, Wilmington, Del. Among her other hobbies are planting flowers, cooking and fishing.

She is a graduate of the Lillard Beauty Culture School of Tampa, Fla., 1935; has been attending the Robert Fiance School, New York City, during the summer since 1948; a graduate of the I. M. Terrell High School, Texas; and has received extension credits from the Jarvis College in Texas.

Mrs. Blair is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Ladies of Today, Professional and Business Women, the Urban League Guild, State Beauticians Association and the Courtesy Committee of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Drowned Woman Not Identified

Police continued their efforts last week to identify the body of a woman found in the harbor Monday morning.

Their sole lead was a "good luck" charm found around her neck which bore the words, "Joe's Cafe, 633 Portland St." A check at the tavern failed to produce anyone who could identify the woman.

The drowning victim is about 30 years old, 5 feet, six inches tall, 175 pounds, had dark brown skin. She wore a cheap yellow dress with a floral design on the pocket.

Body Is Decomposed

The woman apparently had been in the water for several days. Her body was badly decomposed, a fact that hampered identification efforts.

The body was found far out in the channel which gave birth to a police theory that the woman did not enter the water in Baltimore but in some nearby community.

Meanwhile, police have taken the woman's fingerprints and forwarded them to the FBI.

Catonsville News

By GEORGE TORSELL

Educational Day will be observed Sunday at Grace AME Church, for the benefit of the aged home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett were dinner guests, Sunday, of Mr. Bennett's mother.

Charles Woodland spent the week in New York, where he attended the Robinson-Turpin fight.

Pvt. George Holmes of Camp Pickett, Va., spent the week home.

Mrs. Marian Johnson is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ada Webb.

AME Ministers Meet

The AME ministers of the Baltimore AME Conference met recently at Grace AME Church. The Rev. C. C. Brown is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lipscomb of Jamaica, N.Y., have returned from a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granger Fields.

Mrs. Francis Morris of Clarksville, Md., visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williams, Sunday.

David Green, who spent the summer in New York visiting his mother, has returned here for school.

Miss Shirley Washington spent summer in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodland and Mrs. Ethel Page, newcomers to Catonsville, resided at 80 Walters Avenue.

Mrs. Smith Hospitalized

Mrs. Ollie Smith is a patient at Provident Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Brown have returned from their vacation in New Jersey.

Roland Briscoe of New Jersey, spent the week end here visiting his brother, Irvin.

Theodore Lee of New York was a week end visitor here.

Over 50 members of Crescent Lodge and their friends will go to New York, Sunday, with the Fast Exalted Rulers Council train excursion. Samuel Torsell is general chairman of the excursion.

Voluntary Separation Cited in Divorce Case

Citing a voluntary separation after nine years of marriage, Mrs. Jeanette Benjamin of 1306 W. Lanvale St. was divorced, the week, from her husband Henry C. Benjamin.

The wife related that she married Mr. Benjamin April 24, 1938, and their several to separate July 12, 1947. Her maiden name, Nixon, was restored.

The husband was represented by E. Everett Lane, attorney, and his wife by D. Lindsay Bayham. Mr. Benjamin, it was said, lives in the 1100 block N. Gilmor St.

CITY SOLDIER ASSIGNED TO PENNSYLVANIA CAMP

Pvt. Roy Allen Wade Jr., 21, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Wade of 312-N. Stricker St., has been assigned to Company B, Infantry Division at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa., from the Fort Meade Induction Center recently.

New Area Association Fights Liquor Licenses

Officials of the New Area Improvement Association urged other citizens, this week, to protest business places that seek to operate liquor licensed establishments in their neighborhoods.

"We need schools, libraries, jobs and homes. We get beer, wine and whiskey," declared the open letter to the public, signed by, Earl Koger and James Williams representing the New Area group.

14 Applications Sought

The letter pointed out that within the past two years, the organization has had to fight 14 cases of business places trying to obtain alcoholic licenses in that neighborhood.

Four applications for the 2100 block W. North Ave. are pending, the letter added.

It declared, "Businessmen who seek to hinder our community's progress are not worthy of our support. Let's withhold our patronage, even if it means going out of the neighborhood to buy; even if it means they have to close up and move away."

Could Help Other Ways

The writers pointed out that there are many other things the businessmen can do "other than to exploit us for our money."

It posed the questions, "How many businessmen took part in our crusade for the Smallwood St. school . . . how many attended the hearings when we demanded our park at Eastwood Park . . . why hasn't someone re-opened the Post Office Branch—what businessmen have lived here years and the library branch from moving away?"

The letter also pointed out that these same corner grocers and druggists who feel they need to hoe beer and whiskey to accommodate new colored customers, do not want persons near their own homes.

It declared, "It costs about $5,500 to hospitalize a drunkard. For the same amount, a youth can go through Douglass High School and to Morgan State College."

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—Frederick Douglass

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Nature gives you the face you have at 20. Life models the face you have at 30, but the face you have at 50 is the one you deserve.—ART BAKER.

Grand Jury Says in Effect That Col. Ober Should Resign

The report of the Grand Jury for the May Term, prepared after four months of investigation of vigilance, has done more than spotlight the wide prevalence of gambling in Baltimore.

It has pin-pointed dereliction of duty on the part of Police Commissioner Beverly Ober, who now stands indicted before the public. If not before a court of law.

The law of this land, following Blackstone's definition, asserts that an indictment is a "written accusation, of one or more persons . . . referred to, and presented by, a grand jury, upon oath."

The grand, jury report, after making no less than seven references to areas of police work in which the Commissioner "should show strong interest," states unequivocally that while "the commissioner's integrity is not questioned . . . what is questioned is his determination to go to the root of the trouble."

Specifically, the grand jury says the commissioner should:

1. Question officers, who evidence wealth beyond the stated and accepted for their income.

2. Determine why patrolmen are used in the prohibition area leading to raids and apprehension of gamblers on their beats.

3. Determine why there have been no dismissals or demotions for inefficiency in a force of 2500 men.

4. Demand better supervision of his subordinate officers in a supervisory capacity.

5. Investigate personally the matter of alleged tip-offs of vice squad raids.

6. Determine why patrolmen on beats have not apprehended big-time gamblers.

7. Invite honest policemen to call at his personally and tell him what they know.

The grand jury goes even further, pointing out the failure on the part of the commissioner to make use of information gathered by the State's Attorney's office "will be gross negligence."

A properly administered police force would not have to wait for complaints made against it by a grand jury. It is significant that the jury's members felt impelled to direct the commissioner's attention to these matters.

The grand jury thus fully substantiates the AFRO's contention, that Commissioner Ober is incompetent, and, that the Governor should relieve him.

The grand jury's categorical reference to weaknesses in law enforcement, and to the relation between law enforcement and violators (despite their efforts to soften the blow), constitute a direct indictment of Mr. Ober.

The entire law enforcement branch of our government must be shaken up, and reshaped until matter is cleared up.

The grand jury says, the report of the Senate Crime Committee confirms, its view, that **gambling and lottery in Baltimore could not have existed in Baltimore without police knowledge and permission.**

It says, such large scale lottery operations had to have protection from arrest. It is apparent, the report states, that "the majority of arrests by the vice squad have been on small operators.

The grand jury asserts that it learned that it was not "permission" that abetted the existence of gambling, but "protection" by police pay-off.

It is suggested, that if the commissioner looks deeply enough into the smoke, he will find the fire, but his determination to do so is questionable.

The case is quite clear.

"With negligence in law enforcement, there is no room for doubt."

Deliberate inattention to his duty by a law enforcement officer, regardless of his rank, permits the violator to flourish and prosper."

Obviously, the trouble with our police force is at the top, and the top ought to be lopped off.

The Theatre IV Protest

Local fight fans are rightfully worked over the urgly effect of the International Boxing Club's television deal in connection with Wednesday night's Turpin-Robinson fight.

None seemed certain about where the principal blame lay, but all recognized gross unfairness in any arrangement that robbed all but a relatively few white spectators of any possibility of viewing the contest, no matter how willing they were to pay the price.

Facts relative to the deal are these:

1. Theatre interests bought, from the International Boxing Club, exclusive rights to televise the fight over a closed circuit;

2. Few theatres are either equipped with the permanent type of theatre-television setup required for adequate reception, or inclined to make the estimated $20,000 investment to install one, in face of present uncertainty over the future of the close-circuit arrangement;

3. In Washington and Baltimore, both a generation or so behind the times in application of democratic principles, the lone theatres prepared to participate in the screening of the event are houses clinging to the outmoded policy of catering to white patrons only.

The net result was the colored fight fans, whose interest was particularly keen because both fighters are colored, were completely shut-out.

As citizens, they have a right to expect that regulations of the Federal Communications Commission will be so administered as to protect the interests of all segments of the population.

In the same capacity, they are entitled to protection against unfair restraint of trade and all the other injustices that stem from the development of monopolistic trusts.

As avid followers of sports, they have earned the sympathetic consideration of the IBC, whose policy makers must have known how this type of closed-circuit telecast would work out in prejudice-ridden areas.

The FCC's claim that it lacks jurisdiction except where airlanes are involved will carry very little weight with a majority of the disappointed fans.

This group of perplexed fight enthusiasts will probably yield some strong supporters for any movement aimed at court interference with the theatre-television scheme, and it would not be at all surprising to find them organizing a boycott of the IBC, unless assurance is given that Wednesday night's disgraceful performance will not be repeated.

Provident Fund Raises Questions

Successful conclusion of the Provident Hospital campaign to raise $300,000 for modernization purposes has raised some questions.

For some time, members of the medical fraternity and other persons in certain civic circles have discussed the probability that Mt. Sinai Hospital, which is building a new plant on the outskirts of the city, might be willing to sell its present site.

It is a comparatively modern 300-bed hospital, located adjacent to Johns Hopkins Hospital.

These discussions, of course, raise two other questions:

Would Provident Hospital be willing to make the move, rather than modernize and expand its present site?

Would Johns Hopkins Hospital have any valid objections to the proposition?

On the first, Director John L. Procope at Provident states that he has decidedly himself to "sleeping to it that there is a first-class hospital in Northwest Baltimore."

He points out, further, that funds raised in the campaign were solicited for this purpose and use of them for any other purpose would be tantamount to a breach of faith with donors.

However, there is pretty solid argument on the other side:

Instead of investing a quarter of a million dollars in renovating an old structure and purchasing additional property to expand Provident's effective capacity, Mt. Sinai, if available, offers a modern building, more beds and other medical advantages in one move.

Many cities have only one good hospital community to serve the needs of its people—without regard for geographical location of population.

Some places, people travel hundreds of miles to get to a hospital.

Breach of faith with donors, not withstanding, the question resolves itself into a matter of what is the wisest expenditure of the money this community has raised to insure itself good hospital facilities.

Only the Provident Board of directors, expressing the will of the community, can decide that, but it certainly ought to give the question consideration and come up with the right answer.

Hodge Podge
By BOB MATTHEWS

Again September has arrived—and with it the opening of school.

Little children with brightly scrubbed faces skipping merrily along with shining new books and pencils clasped in their hands.

Some are going to new schools to meet new friends, new teachers.

Some go back to the same old grind in the same old building.

Speaking of buildings, some of Baltimore's school edifices have been badly mis-named.

I'm referring to those things they call "portables."

I suppose the buildings are portable enough, but the word implies that they will port them someplace.

Discovered to my amazement that some of them have been standing in the same spots for about 20 years.

But then—school days are happy days—at least that's what it says in the book.

Of course the book didn't mention just who they were happy for.

The children aren't happy to go back to the grind.

Neither are the teachers aren't happy to be getting up early in the mornings.

The fathers aren't happy with the additional expense of new clothes, books, etc.—what's happy about school days.

People you hear saying they're happy are those who have been out of school for years.

But—upon reflection—there is one person to whom the opening of school is a happy occasion.

It's mother! After two months around the house—it's a blessing to be able to foist them off on the schoolteachers for a few hours a day.

Yep! School days are happy days —for mothers only.

Better Not Repeal the Bouse Act

State's Attorney Anselm Sodaro and members of the Grand Jury whose term just ended, are agitated that the Bouse Act should be repealed.

The AFRO disagrees.

The Grand Jury states that the Act "has furnished an alibi for some members of the Police Department in not making arrests in gambling cases."

The State's Attorney infers that smart lawyers will use it as a legal loophole to make it difficult for the State to obtain convictions.

Neither contention seems of sufficient merit to warrant a repeal.

No good policeman should resort to alibis. A good State's Attorney should be as smart as any smart lawyer.

Furthermore, an able member of the Supreme Bench has said, regarding repeal of the Act:

"I'm afraid in certain sections of the city where lottery was being carried on, the lottery Squad might be expected to enter every establishment and look around. It may subject certain localities to unreasonable searches."

He is right. Innocent persons would be subjected to all sorts of abuses at the hands of unscrupulous officers.

Until Baltimore has a police force that fully understands the extent and limitations of its duties to all citizens, the Bouse Act must stand.

Jacksons Get Wrong Dish Through Faulty French

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney, visiting Europe, will give day-by-day story of the trip she is taking with her mother, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP. This is an a series of dispatches to some of the newspaper editions of Your Favorite Newspaper.)

We all had a big laugh on ourselves today. Yesterday we had ordered for my mother and Katherine a chicken dinner, roast veal on the menu which was all French at the restaurant. The meat was so tender and soft Mamma was eating with relish. Katherine has suspicions. She kept saying "This taste like something I don't like—veal."

"Karleen, stop talking and eat your dinner," Marion admonished her. "You don't know what you ate!" We learned today that it was brains which Marion and we, the interpreters, had ordered. Both Mamma and Karleen shivered when they were suddenly enlightening cold.

Better bring your pocket French-English dictionary with you when you come to Paris.

So Much to See

This is our fifth day in Paris. It is all too short time. You just don't begin to see or know Paris in five days. There is so much we must come back next year to see (we hope).

I learned that our hotel is in one of the historical sections of Paris. About five streets converge at our hotel which is at the end of the Rue de L'Opera. The Opera House is at the other end.

Across the street from our hotel is the Cafe de la Paix, the cafe de la Regence. Founded in 1714, it advertises itself as the oldest restaurant in Paris. In its heyday it was the table on which Napoleon Bonaparte dictated his plan for safe in 1798. Napoleon's chess men also are displayed as a glass case. They are carved in ivory and the King is a miniature figure of Napoleon. Queen, Napoleon's wife.

Where Jeanne D'Arc Rallied

On the second floor of the building housing the Cafe de la Regence is a large plaque with these words: "Ici S'Elevait Le Pavillon D'Honneur pres de Jaqueline Jeanne D'Arc fut blessee Le 8 Septembre 1429." This is the section of the city in which Jeanne D'Arc rallied her people.

In the back of our hotel in front of the Tuileries Gardens is a magnificent statue all in gold of Jeanne D'Arc in armor, mounted on her charger with sword in hand.

Catercorner from our hotel is the famous French "Theatre" building which takes up a whole block and houses the Theatre Comedie Francaise, which is closed for the summer. Back of it is where Catherine de Medici had her palace.

History Comes to Life

Around the corner on the Place de Vendome is the house in which Chopin lived and studied.

It is fascinating how history comes to life and has so much more meaning when we see the places where the historical events took place.

We learned from the French papers today that an estimated two and a half million Frenchmen had left Paris for their annual vacations for the seaside and in the mountains. That is why so many stores and shops, etc. are closed.

However, just as many tourists are here from all over the world to take their place. Evidently many of the French merchants don't need their money. But the tourist trade is the largest industry in Paris, and is called the invisible export of France, we are told.

Only Perfume Is Cheap

Don't let anyone tell you that things are cheap in Paris. Only one thing I've found is cheap. That is perfumes. You pay for them approximately 1/3 of what you pay in the States. Everything else is sky high.

France is not only the center of beauty and freedom, it is the seat of learning and culture. The Latin Quarter on the Left Bank of the Seine River is named thus because it is the site of hundreds of schools and universities.

There is a great student population in Paris. They come from all over the globe.

The Seine River flows through Paris, and divides it. Directions are given in terms of whether the location is on the left bank or on the right bank of the Seine. Magnificent old trees line its banks. Beautiful bridges connect the two.

Streets Kept Clean

The streets of Paris are kept scrupulously clean. They are swept down and washed once every day. The street cleaners use the old-fashioned brooms made of tree switches, such as we have seen in books and paintings. These brooms don't look too efficient yet the streets are cleaner than those Baltimore where we use all kinds of modern brushes, etc.

Two nice medium priced restaurants we highly recommend to you, Le Hallye is at 35 Boulevard des Capucines, one block from the Opera. It has large picture windows that command a wonderful view. The food is very best—we ate while in Paris.

Russian Decor

A dinner from soup to dessert with an entre of roast lamb, veal, chicken, duck will cost about $2 in American money. The coffee is excellent. The food is not too oily or too full of wine. Good for the stomach.

Le Coq D'or is on the left bank of the Seine in the Latin Quarter. It has Russian decor and is quite picturesque with red checkered tablecloths. It has a Russian stringed ensemble which can play everything from Russian folk music to Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny.

The food is well seasoned and well prepared, with the most delicious homemade ice cream. The shishkabob cuts of lamb roasted on skewers is something to write home about. We paid 1700 francs, about $5 in American money for four full course dinners.

Of course, the French restaurants make their money on wines. We do not drink their wines. So these prices do not include anything stronger than coffee and tea. The weather has been amazingly cool. We have not been out of our coats since we arrived in Paris. It took off my coat a few minutes each day when the sun came out after a shower. I caught cold. We have slept under two blankets each night. If you want to escape the Baltimore heat wave, come to Paris.

(Another article by Mrs. Mitchell will appear next week.)

Improvements for Home for the Aged Taking Candy from Babies Ain't Easy
Only Heard

By RUTH JENKINS

A popular radio dance band dedicated the song "I Cover the Waterfront" to the New Jersey crime syndicate after testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee that racketeers controlled operations along the waterfront there.

Maryland's gambling picture has been viewed and reviewed to date by the Senate Committee, the local grand jury, a State Legislative Council committee, and in the offing, a citizens' committee is appointed by the governor.

Throughout all these reviews runs the bold theme that some members of Baltimore's Finest are accepting regular bribes to turn their heads the other way.

To which Commissioner Obert replied repeatedly that he has no "factual information" about police pay-offs.

Yes, Commissioner, such shenanigans are going on, with the appropriate theme song "More Than You Know."

COURTESY AUCTIONEERS Train announcers at Philadelphia railroad stations are so courteous that they say "Good evening" into the mike before they announce train schedules.

Renovations and an extension building are almost completed at the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged operated by the Methodist Church at 822 N. Carrollton Ave.

The outside has been covered with formstone while the new section includes dormitory facilities for the 35 residents, a chapel, two clasrooms, restrooms, two parlors, a dining room and kitchen.

Beginning with a 1 p.m. dinner, dedication ceremonies for the dining hall will be held on Oct. 7. The chapel will be named for the late Mrs. Elvira Bond, who was the first vice-president of the Home's board of management.

A board meeting to discuss final arrangements was set for Sept. 11, but because so many members are attending the Area Council in Philadelphia, the meeting has been postponed to Sept. 18. Garrett D. Rawlins is president.

The U.S. Census classifies Negroes, Indians, Japanese and Chinese as "non-white," but Mexicans are considered "white."

MONEY FOR SALE: — Some 4,000 Booster J. Washington memorial half dollars are on sale at the Union Trust Company of Maryland, Baltimore and St. Paul Sts.

The coins sell for 60 cents each. Ten cents more than their face value. The profit is used to finance educational activities inasmuch as Dr. Washington was among the nation's leading educators of his day.

In mint cities, the coins are still selling for $1 and $2.

Jenkins

Expressing his appreciation to the banks which circulated the Rev. S. J. Phillips Jones, the Booker T. Washington Birthday Memorial says:

"The banks of the nation have done more to help the Memorial program to open industrial training to students of low educational status than any other group of organizations."

Newspapers are printed on a press. With this in mind, one of our readers sent us a letter the week addressed to "Dear Presser."

FLEETING THOUGHTS: — Cards were recently sent out by the Consolidated Gas and Electric Company requesting customers to advise them what date would be convenient for a representative to come check their gas meters.

The reverse side of the card bears a note stating that "No postage stamp is necessary if mailed in the United States."

Just how many Baltimore customers do they have outside the United States? Or should I have taken my cash to Canada to mail it?

Award of wrist watch will be made Saturday to the customer who guesses closest to the number of beans in the Mystery Jar at the Lincoln Photographic Studio, 1305 Pennsylvania Ave. which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

TOYNOTES STUDENTS: — Lionel Alfonso Todman of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, president of the Morgan College summer graduating class of 53 persons, also ranked with a cumulative average of 2.363.

He completed his college work in three years and two summers.

A major in sociology, Todman has returned home to work in that field where he feels there is a great need. He left immediately after the commencement exercises with his family of mother, two sisters and a brother, and a six-year-old niece who had come from the Islands to see him graduate.

During his stay at Morgan, Todman became a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and participated in many campus activities.

Graduation exercises for the September class of the Baltimore City Police Academy will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the auditorium of the War Memorial Building, Gay and Lexington Sts.

SOB-SISTER: — Who thought up that cliche, "Easy as taking candy from a baby?" Tain't so.

In the first place, babies so loudly, his mama comes arunning in order to see what's the matter. In second place, very few babies have sharp teeth; rattles, yes, but candy, never.

In the third place, who would want a gooey piece of candy after a baby has dribbled all over it?

In the fourth place, next time my neighbor's darling infant slaps his candy in the lap of my new dress, I'll give him to the right place. That out to be as easy as falling off a log.

Is There a Christ On Every Planet?

By JOHN JASPER

Here Are AFRO's Queries

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the query of AFRO-AMERICAN Ask Me Not Department. They replies will be carried in a series of articles in these columns.

Fred Hoyle and Raymond Arthur Lyttleton's new theory of creation sets forth the following:

The universe is constantly recreating and destroying itself.

New stars are born from hydrogen in the interstellar spaces. When they contract to a certain point they explode, creating planets which are drawn into the orbits of sister stars.

On many other planets there must be life as on ours.

If there are thousands of stars and many planets, are there many God's in these, or is there one God?

Are There Many Christs?

Are there many Christs on many planets, each of them the only Son of God, who was crucified, dead and buried and rose again to sit at the right hand of His Father?

Or is there one Christ who went through life and death on all our planets at the same time?

Most of us have read the Biblical story of creation as written in Genesis.

We know the earth is not flat with four corners.

We know the revolving earth, not the motion of the sun, is responsible for day and night.

We know the earth was not created and man was not made in a single week. The processes required not days, but millions of years.

How does theology propose to keep up with modern knowledge of astronomy and the universe? Should theology try to do so?

In addition to the Old and New Testaments, should we not add a third section to our Bible which will reconcile the facts of creation and of life for earnest Christians of the 20th Century?

Dr. Charles L. Hill replied:

Specifically, it would be wrong to say that Jesus Christ never taught the idea of brotherhood. It would be closer to the truth to say that Jesus Christ taught the idea of brotherhood in a reserved sense.

By that I mean this: Potentially, all men are brothers by virtue of a common creation, but actually, i. e. spiritual sense, they do not become brothers except through a communion of fellowship with Jesus Christ

Thus, the clearest view which might be descriptive of the actual situation would be to say something like this:

Jesus of Nazareth taught the idea of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man in Jesus Christ. The concept of adoption, which was taken over from Roman law and credited by Apostle Paul, would seem to indicate that this formula gives a true picture of the situation.

I only wish that I had more time to explore this interesting question, but I feel that these brief notes will serve as an index on my position in the matter.

CHARLES L. HILL, Pres. Wilberforce University

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

JIM CROW SCHOOLS HURT ALL OF US

If you don't believe that separate or segregated schools hurt not only the colored children of Baltimore but the whites as well, come up to my neighborhood one of these mornings and see for yourself.

1. Small white children who live within one, two or three blocks of School No. 141 (formerly School 62 at Walbrook and Smallwood Sts., walking all the way to Western High School on Gwynns Falls Parkway and Pulaski Sts. to attend elementary classes—a good eight or ten blocks from their homes.

2. Small colored children who live within one, two or three blocks to Western High School, where elementary classes are being held, walking eight or ten blocks to School No. 141.

They pass my house in a steady stream. The whites going one way and the colored the other, even though they are all elementary school children.

And, poor parents, they're inconvenienced too. If Baltimore had any sense and allowed a little, regardless of color, to attend schools nearest their homes, they wouldn't have to get out and walk to school with their offspring.

But Baltimore is behind the times and it maintains separate schools so the children and parents suffer. But brother, just note until that cold weather hits this winter. There'll be many a white parent who'll join with colored parents in saying, 'let's cut out this foolishness'

NOTES ON MY CUFFS: Within the past few days I was told by a man who has been Leroy Crayton, head of the Democratic Club of Ward one. Headquarters are Cleveland. I asked him who was the key man in his organization in our town and he said 'I am right now.' Seems as though some of his former key men have ideas of their own about forming a business similar to his so he means just that. He's quartered at the YMCA.

POLITICS

From the DEMOCRATIC Viewpoint

By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

The question that our people will soon have to decide is, "Are you better off today?"

Are we better off under President Truman's administration?

This question was proposed by the President in a speech recently in San Francisco.

The answer was America's productivity has greatly increased, our national income has also increased, so have our economic and military strength and our living standard is better than any other nation.

But are we as colored people better off today?

The answer to this question is, No.

When Truman went into office he outlined his civil rights program, and at every opportunity has tried to put some phase of it into effect on a national scale.

We have seen the southern states by one reverse their poll tax restrictions on voting. We have seen many states enact their own Fair Practice Employment laws.

Restrictive Covenants

You and I know that not so long ago you could not buy your home where you desired. But when the restrictive covenants cases were argued in the Supreme Court of the United States, President Truman came out against this form of discrimination.

He ordered his Solicitor General to file briefs in support of the half of the government. The case was won. Now we can buy our home any place we want to live.

President Truman again directed his Solicitor General to go into the District Courts of Washington and prove that an old civil rights law in the District permitting colored people to eat in the restaurants of Washington was still in effect.

So one can see that we have benefited greatly under the administration of President Truman.

The President has appointed more colored people to key positions in the government than any other. We have had more judges in Federal Courts; namely, Judge William Hastie, Third United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia; Judge Irvin C. Mollison, United States Customs Court; Judge Armond Scott and Andrew J. Howell to the District of Columbia Municipal Court.

Since these few facts indicate that we are making greater progress than at any other time, our candidate for President in 1952