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MORGAN SUMMER SCHOOL GRADUATES— These 52 graduates received degrees during commencement exercises on the college campus, Sunday.—Henderson photo.

New court house, a dream come true

Elevators, public address system among highlights

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Moving men began early this morning (Friday) transporting files, records and other materials to the new $2,000,000 People's Court building at Fayette and Gay sts.

Only a skeleton crew has been left behind at the old location at Market place and Water st., to handle the cases.

Starting Monday, all trials will be held in the modern, three-story, air-conditioned building.

Dream Come True

As Chief Judge Allan W. Rhynhart puts it, the new court house with its marble floors, wood-paneled walls, self-operating elevators, public address system and other modern conveniences is a "15-year dream came true."

"It's the latest-style court house in the country," he beamed as he stood before a Judge's bench in one of the seven court rooms.

The outstanding feature of this modern bench is the built-in rostrums on either side where lawyers and landlords can put their papers while arguing a case.

Also, special outlets are located in each bench for electronic recording systems which will be used to transcribe testimony upon request.

The judge explained that this measure may soon be incorporated in all courts throughout the country, thus replacing the court reporter.

Adjoining each courtroom is the judges' chamber and a conciliation room designed for the convenience of lawyers who wish to consult with their clients before their case is heard.

Rent Court, Largest Room

The largest courtroom in the building, is the rent court, located on first floor, which has a seating capacity for 350 persons. In the old building, only 200 could be seated.

Cases will be heard at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m. Magistrate Helen Brown will conduct the Housing Court.

Also located on first floor is the chief constable's office. The outstanding feature here is the modern switchboard and public address system.

Both were as new to the operators, that each girl had to take refresher courses at the telephone company, Judge Rhynhart said.

He explained that the public address system which has outlets throughout the entire building, will be used to announce court trials.

It is believed that this is the first time the system has been incorporated in a court house.

Library, 'Most Beautiful'

On the second floor are four smaller court rooms, a large staff office and the library which has already been classed by visitors and officials as "the most beautiful room in the place."

Decorated in varied shades of brown, this dining room has wall-to-wall carpeting in mixed tones of beige and white which are highlighted by the hand-sewn brown print drapes at the large windows.

"Everyone gasps when they see this room," the judge commented.

The Legal Aid Bureau, which provides attorneys for persons in the low-income group, will be situated on the third floor with each lawyer having his own private office.

In the basement is the voter's registration bureau and ample storage space for each division of the courthouse has been provided in the sub-basement.

Inflation Cuts Two Floors

Had the building been a five-story structure, as was first designed, eight years ago, juvenile court also would have been included in the new setup, the judge said.

"Inflation came and we had to chop off two floors," he explained. "There isn't enough space for Juvenile Court now," Judge Joseph Sherbow, former chief judge of People's Court, will visit the new building for the first time next week.

3 sustain injuries in auto accidents

A five-year-old South Baltimore youth was injured Wednesday when struck by an automobile at Lexington and Carroll sts. One hour later, three persons were injured in a collision at Ostend and Carroll sts.

The youth, Howard Coleman of the 800 block Lexington st., was taken to University Hospital with a broken leg and head injuries after running in front of an automobile driven by Job Waldo Watson, 27, of the 1700 block W. Lexington st. Howard, the driver stated, was trying to reach an ice cream delivery truck.

An hour later, a car driven by William L. Johnson, 36, of the 100 block West Cross st., collided at Ostend and Carroll with Marine Sgt. John W. Sponheimer, 19.

After being hit, the serviceman's car careened into the curb and struck a pedestrian, Miss Jeanette Koenig, 15, of the 100 block Ward st. Miss Koeing sustained bruises Mrs. Alice Johnson, wife of the driver of the car, suffered leg and side injuries.

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Lexington-Poe centers hold festival program

On Wednesday the Lexington street recreation center and the Edgar Allen center held a neighborhood "Pan American Festival." The program was presented under the supervision of Mrs. Hazel F. Duvall, Mrs. Zelma Thompson and Miss Josephine Johnson.

A parade was held with children in costumes representing the following:

United States, Joseph Jennings as Uncle Sam; Mexico, George Wilson as president; Haiti, George Waters; Brazil, Samson Lang; Cuba, Lewis Pennington; Panama, David Foster; Argentina, Charles Nelson; Chile Lawrence Bushrod; and Colombia, Norman Frank.

Flag Bearers

Flag bearers were Milton Pennington, Stanley Pennington, Sylvester Gwyn, Clyde Brown, Frizzell Bailey, Rondald Dire, Robert Dire, Franklin Foster, Cleveland Bushrod, James Farrable, Benny Jhnson, James Wheeler, Daniel Foster, Elmer Smith, Neil Beavans, A. Womack, Herbert Henderson, and Ulysess Wilson.

The parade featured the Little Panchos, the Little Senoritas, Lexington center folk dance group, Po center Folk Dance group, and a group representing American Indians.

For Brazil, a "Dance of Brazil" was presented by a group of girls. "The Carioco" was done to represent Panama. Cuba was pictured in the dance.

Drums were used to accompany the Haitian dance group.

More than 100 children participated in the program, Costume: the following parents — Mrs. Beulah Wheeler, Mrs. C. Bennett, and Ms. Francis Water

$2,500 bail set in Northeast numbers case

Charged with maintaining and operating a gambling device in the 1300 block E. Biddle st., on Tuesday at Northeastern police station, Stanley "Carter, 41, of the 1000 block Cold Spring Lane was ordered held in bail of $2,500 Wednesday.

When arrested at the Biddle st., address police said they found in Carter's possession numbers slips and tape.

Bail set $1,000

Hugh Mason Rice Jr., of the 1700 block Latrobe st., a 29-year-old man charged with breaking into a T and R Seafood store at 1911 Greenmount ave., was ordered held in bail of $1,000 at Northeastern Thursday. Police said that Rice used a crowbar to force his way into the business establishment.

COMMENCEMENT PRINCIPALS — Shown at Morgan College commencement exercises Sunday are left to right, William Proctor; Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, college president; Dr. Thomas G. Pullen Jr., State superintendent, of schools, commencement speaker; and Major John T. Martin who awarded the army commissions. —Henderson photo.

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3rd robbery suspect held for grand jury

(Special To The AFRO)

FREDERICK, Md. — The remaining member of an interracial trio, nabbed by police 13 minutes after allegedly staging a $15,000 bank robbery, was arraigned here, Thursday.

Gilbert Littles, 33, of Harrisburg, Pa., was held for grand jury action on charges of armed robbery and assault with intent to commit murder. Littles pleaded not guilty at the arraignment before Judge Patrick M.Schnauffler.

He is charged with being one of three men who held up the People's Savings bank, Libertytown, Md., of $14,929.50 after herding the cashier and bookkeeper in a safety vault.

The other suspects, Lossie Archer, 34, Steelton, Pa., and Frank Allen, alias Richard Walters, white, pleaded guilty at a preliminary hearing, and each received a 20-year prison term.

Was Hospital Patient

Littles did not stand trial with the others, but was confined to the University Hospital suffering from a partial paralysis believed caused by an old bullet wound.

On Tuesday he was discharged from the hospital and escorted back to Frederick by Sheriff R. Paul Burhman.

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Robert A. Taft and minorities

A little over a year ago the Republican Party had one of its bitterest primary campaigns. Robert Taft was one candidate and Dwight Eisenhower was the other.

They say Eisenhower won because of his tremendous popularity as a military leader, but that is not altogether true.

There were two reasons. One of them was labor and the other was the colored voter.

Colored people with long memories recall that Taft's father, when president, told colored people to their face he wasn't going to appoint them to office. His opposition to full citizenship for colored people was one reason for the split in the Republican Party so that Woodrow Wilson was elected president in 1916.

President Truman strove earnestly to get through Congress bills outlawing discrimination in jobs and abolishing the poll tax.

He let it be known that the man who manipulated the Republican vote that held up these measures in Congress was Bob Taft.

Hardly a newspaper in the country, failed, therefore, to tell its readers that Bob Taft was responsible for the failure of Congress to pass the Truman civil rights bills.

Taft did the job by employing Republican congressmen to vote with Southern Democrats at critical times.

Just before the Republican presidential primary last year, colored leaders had a frank talk with state leaders. They said "we are for Taft, but if you support Taft we will be against you."

Robert Taft's most cherished ideal was the Republican nomination for the presidency and he did not get it because he did not deserve it.

The power of minority groups is not always apparent, but it is there.

Wanna bet?

"Five heads in a row; the next one has to be tails," says the coin flipper, forgetting he is reasoning according to the law of averages.

But that is the way another sucker's bet is made.

The chances are still 50-50 on the sixth toss as on the other five.

Most people go wrong because they fail to differentiate between the individual toss and all the tosses.

Smart money should be bet this way; after eight heads in 10 tosses, it is probable that more tails would come up in the next 10.

According to the law of averages, heads and tails tend only to even off over a long run.

Percentages must be equal

The Recreation Department is the only city department we know of which arbitrarily spends a certain amount of its money on colored work and the rest on white work.

No proportion of the city's money is set aside to collect colored garbage or to build colored schools or to pave colored streets.

No certain percentage of the city's money ought to be set aside for colored playgrounds, or centers, or swimming pools.

They will stay

All during the Korean war, correspondents have boasted of the fact that hundreds of Communist refugees have made every effort to desert to our side.

Newspapers headlined incidents when Russian flyers brought us the latest Soviet planes.

United Nations' efforts to work out an armistice were stalled because we reserved the right to set free many prisoners who said they did not want to go back to Red China.

But we have been amazed, embarrassed, crestfallen, shocked, mortified, and humiliated to learn that some of our own American soldiers are not going to be set free by the Chinese Reds.

They have said they want to remain with the Chinese and that they have been persuaded that the Communist way of life is better than ours.

Our own propaganda machine has not prepared us for this. We of the AFRO still think that any American must be 60 per cent cracked and 90 per cent diamfoxed to prefer communism to Democracy.

But there is nothing we can do about it except to admit, (1) that the Reds must have some pretty good salesmen and, (2) that some of our boys are a little weak in the wrong places.

Big league baseball

Baltimore is building a covered stadium and trying its best to induce the St. Louis Browns to transfer their American League baseball franchise to Baltimore.

Bill Veeck, owner of the St. Louis Browns, was willing at one time.

Now he is in favor of transferring his club to California instead.

Veeck, accustomed to the democracy of Chicago, would not be happy in Baltimore.

He has said repeatedly that he wants to go to a town where his colored players can eat in a restaurant outside the ball park or get a room in a downtown hotel just like the white members of his ball club.

That is the way it was when he managed the Cleveland baseball team.

When he moved to St. Louis and found things were different, he talked about it until the Chamber of Commerce and the hotel men's association changed it. You can get a room downtown in St. Louis hotels now.

Quiet as it is kept, Baltimore should not have just any major league team and it should not have an American League team.

If anybody wants to see the Chicago White Sox or the Cleveland Indians he can run over to Washington, but if he wants to see Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Bill Burton, or Joe Black, he has to go all the way to Philadelphia.

What Baltimore needs is a National League baseball team. It is too bad we let Milwaukee beat us to the Boston Braves.

Pedestrian responsibility

We have developed many ways to die, but none is as commonplace as the traffic accident.

The annual death and injury toll on U. S. streets and highways of nearly every state is greater than the war toll in Korea.

During the month of August the AFRO is staging a Safety Campaign to make this community safety conscious.

Speeders, reckless drivers, operators of cars with faulty brakes, drunken drivers and drivers incompetent and without licenses take their toll.

1952 safety records show that 609,410 traffic casualties resulted from speeding. Some 274,000 pedestrians suffered casualties.

Jay-walking is still a quick way to die. In this city, where it is not punishable by fines, pedestrians blithely and blindly walk across the streets whenever and wherever the notion strikes them.

The pedestrian must think safety as well as the driver. He has the same responsibility while walking as the operator of an automobile.

Safety lanes are painted in our streets.

Traffic lights are at intersections as guides and protection. Their usefulness is impaired by the willfulness of non-thinking pedestrians.

Accidents happen at safety isles. A safety isle does not mean that one should assume he is completely safe and need not watch out for cars.

Pedestrians are injured getting on or off other vehicles.

Children all too often meet death or serious injury from playing in the street.

Playing in highways and streets are not play areas unless marked specifically.

The toll of last year's 284,000 pedestrian casualties were largely due to the fault of the pedestrian.

Webster's New International dictionary defines a pedestrian (noun) as "a walker; one who journeys on foot."

The same source defines pedestrian (adjective) as "slow-footed, commonplace, unimaginative."

We think too many people are pedestrian pedestrians.

Too often they are casualties.

Average and median

There is a difference between median and average. Everybody should know how to get the average of a group of figures.

All you have to do it to add them up and divide the total sum by the number of figures and you have the average.

Statisticians, however, are using a new word that is an improvement on "average."

It is the word median — the mid-point of the items ranked in order of size.

This gives you a more typical picture.

If you don't know the definition of median, you will be at a loss to understand what the professors are talking about when they mention U.S. census figures.

For example, the average of the figures 2, 4, 6, 8, and 50 is 14 (the total of the five figures divided by five.) But the median is six, the middle number.

SOB SISTER

By RUTH JENKINS

News item: Visitors to the Buffalo, N.Y. zoo this week were surprised to see a group of monkeys that looked so much like little boys.

As a matter of fact, the small subdued creatures in the monkey cage really were little boys.

Zoo officials explained that they had put the two youngsters into the cage as punishment for throwing stones at the kangaroos.

Well now, that's a pretty good explanation, but everybody makes an honest mistake now and then.

Why don't they just admit it?

Poet's Nook

Are There Heroes At Home?

Are there heroes at home
The guys that make the tanks,
Will they receive a medal
Or gain a word of thanks?
Are there heroes at home?
Would they hide behind the title,
The Red Cross and the cancer fund
Have done more than a trifle.
Are there heroes at Home
That gave a pint or so
Of precious blood, to save the life
Of a wounded GI Joe?
There are heroes at home,
That do not wield a gun,
For my kin folk, I pray at home
Would change places with their son.

PAUL McALLISTER

505th sends thanks

Dear AFRO:

The commanding officer of the second battalion of the 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, desires that I commend you on the excellent presentation in your newspaper concerning this battalion.

Your paper presented a more realistic picture and devoted more space to this presentation than any of the other newspaper agencies represented. It is very deeply appreciated and you are welcome to visit us at Fort Bragg at any time.

CAPT. LEE A. THIGPEN

Likes Dilly Dollars

Dear AFRO:

I want to congratulate your paper on the "Dilly Dollars." It has brought happiness to many people.

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Legal Aid Bureau provides attorney for persons in low income bracket

Do you have a legal problem? Do you feel that you cannot afford a private attorney?

Well, there's a community law office that will give you help without charge if you're unable to pay.

It's called the "Poor Man's Lawyer!" but its official name is the Legal Aid Bureau, a community chest red feather agency. Its mouth is to help all ages, all races and all creeds under the direction of its head, Gerald Mossman.

Last year more than 8,376 cases, many of these residents living in Baltimore county, were serviced by this local agency.

Problems included domestic difficulties, unpleasant relationships between landlords and tenants; real estate complications, adoption procedure and custody of minors, wage claims, relief eligibility, installment contracts, insurance, breach of contracts, as well as many other types of problems.

A Typical Case

One of the typical cases involved a service man who after his induction waited several weeks for his allotment check for the support of his dependents. His wife, pending the arrival of the allotment check, had an extremely difficult time keeping the family fed, not to mention the rent bill which was overdue.

The landlord, being an impatient man, instituted eviction proceedings for the non-payment of rent. The Legal Aid attorney appeared with the wife and interposed the defense that under the Soldier's and Sailors' Civil Relief Act the wife was entitled to a stay of proceedings as the dependent of a service man.

The magistrate agreed with the Bureau, and postponed decision in the case long enough to permit the arrival of the allotment check and settlement with the landlord. The result was that the eviction of a service man's family was avoided.

Another case history relates the story of a widow, the mother of two children, who re-married after the death of her husband. Her oldest child, then ready for school, had not yet been adopted by her second husband. The birth certificate was in the name of the first husband.

In order to be able to present the child's birth certificate to the school authorities, have the child use the mother's name in the second marriage, and have the new husband occupy the position of father of the children in every respect, the Bureau initiated proceedings by which the husband adopted the children as his own.

By these proceedings the children became the legally adopted children of the husband so that the whole family passed under one name as a single unit.

A Referral Service

Legal Aid also has a referral service which aids where an individual has never used the services of an attorney and wishes to consult a lawyer. The attorneys whose names are listed on the referral list have agreed to charge according to the ability of the client to pay.

Approximately such a fee runs about $3 for a half-hour initial interview or $5 for one hour's time.

Support for this agency comes from citizens of the city and county who contributed to the Community Chest during campaign time.

Besides Mr. Mossman, members of the legal staff include: D. J. Musacchio, J. Deems Bernard, Donald H. Frye, William K. Connor and Gail J. Clement.

The board of directors are: Eli Frank Jr., president; Judge William J. Coleman, vice-president; Miss H. LaRue Park, secretary and Judge Allen W. Rhynhart.

By Sept. 1 the bureau expects to be located in its new headquarters in the People's Court building, Fayette and Gay, on the third floor.

POLITICS

Democratic Viewpoint

By JOHN SPEAKS

Since I was a child from 1918 on, I have been disturbed by our lack of a voice in our civic life.

Returning from the wars of the forties, I began an independent study of the Baltimore situation. It's rough. Any analysis without taking in previous history is futile. Also, any study of any minority group without similar study of the majority groups in the same environment is equally a loss. This was done. The results are startling.

Participation in the Democratic Party, National, State, and City is the answer and salvation to Baltimore's colored citizens.

The situation in Baltimore is indeed unique — we have been pushed around by private and civic "interests." Suddenly (with the help of a favorable decision by the Supreme Court on real estate covenants during Democratic regimes) we have a majority of residents in the fourth legislative district.

Changed District Lines

Remember how the state legislation closed the door for us to have city councilmen by changing district lines. Don't ever forget it.

A complete legislative district can be under our control, yes—but for how long? Nationally the colored voter has shown his wisdom by voting for the "right" man, regardless of party affiliation.

This is a good American trait. And by the same token we Baltimoreans must apply that same sound sense to our local problems, after we strengthen our own position.

The party history of Maryland and Baltimore has been tremendously one sided, mostly Democratic. Originally neither Democratic nor Republican parties had little for us to do.

Crabs And Beer

Colored voters were cultivated to be used and rewarded. Crabs and beer were passed out free on election days.

Maryland blazed no trails in civil rights, she only followed trends long established elsewhere. Token appointments were given "bigs" by Maryland Republicans, mainly to keep us weak, under their program of divide and conquer.

There has never been a strong representative group of our voters united in purpose and objective.

Now an opportunity has arisen and it is every voter's responsibility in the state of Maryland to make sure we don't fail.

Fourth Congressional District Of Benefits

This can be the key to raising our pay checks, to better schools; to cleaner streets; to jobs for our children, and a thousand other benefits.

That opportunity exists in the 4th District. Those holding the key live roughly between Fremont, Mulberry, Lafayette, Eutaw Place, urbanitically Terrace to the Western Maryland Railroad. (Consult the Voters Non Partisan League for boundaries.)

It is up to all the people—of all ages to make sure everyone first understands, then does his duty.

Register Democratic, prepare to participate in all the Democratic activities. Vote and be respected.

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

Politics can prove to be a confusing game. Often because of its ramifications, it causes people to interpret basic and fundamental issues as political issues. When this happens, progress is stymied and aims remain unrealized.

Each one of us belongs to a political party because, in his own mind that party offers some particular advantage.

Sometimes the advantage is personal; sometimes the program of the party is most appealing; sometimes the leaders of the party offer more to help thwart the plight which at the moment seems destined.

Each Seeks Power

However, whatever the reason or advantage which attracts him to the fold each of us tries to do his part to keep that party in power.

This is as it should be; for honest differences of opinion between groups with the aim of benefiting—the whole, creates and is the very essence of a democracy.

However, the individual effort to realize a certain advantage should not blind us to the fact that there are problems that must be solved and goals which must be reached which transcend party lines and differences.

Must Work In Harmony

When these problems present themselves, the members of each political faction should be expected to work in harmony for the common good.

Of course, it goes without saying that each of the parties should be a stumbling block in the road to basic and fundamental progress.

The idea of recognizing issues which rise above party politics is nothing new. We have seen it operate successfully in the local Congress. There both parties joined together in their effort to present to the world a united front on the question of foreign policy.

Unity Works

We have seen it work here in Baltimore when the leaders of both parties joined together to protest the plan of the legislature to gerrymander the city of Baltimore.

There is no reason to believe that the same sense of public duty and civic responsibility can not permeate the atmosphere of all registration drives.

Certainly there is no more fundamental issue to our group than registering our people to vote. Each party would like to register the majority in its own ward first. The point is first to qualify the citizen.

After all, it's the qualified man who can meet and take advantage of the opportunity.

Reporters' Report To The People

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Earlier this week I had intentions of mentioning in this column the discriminatory practices of a so-called business establishment down in Bradshaw, Md. The wrath of more than one Baltimore mechanic has fallen upon me, however, and I am forced to drop the topic for awhile. The mechanics want a reply.

Elsewhere on this page there appears a letter from one gargrageous who is under the impression that I insulted his profession last week when I criticized the local mechanics. I was not the case, I only intended to discuss the five specific cases that I know about.

The gentleman believes, and maybe he is so, that I insulted him personally because his garage was located on McCulloh st. Fact of the matter is in my quest for a reputable repairman I never ventured as far as the 2200 block.

Apology Extended

On that point I apologize for I declined to mention names and did not confine my criticism to a specific area. As for the statement that mechanics are becoming more independent, that I can't change for I know of at least four that have reached that stage.

Before Sunday I had no idea that there were so many inaccessable roadways in and around Baltimore. Made that discovery while trying to get to the homes of a number of POWs.

I may hate myself in the morning for saying this, but while some of those fellows just released are returning to homes they can be proud of, a few I know would be better off if they took up residences elsewhere.

Despite their differences in home life I found that the majority of them returning POW had one thing in common—from the smallest member to the oldest they were happy for their loved one's safe return.

Just can't get that Bradshaw deal out of my mind. Can't imagine so many people giving their business to an establishment where they must take their eats and drinks on the outside. Oh, I know, it's done here in town too, but in Bradshaw there were too many people.

Fancy Free

By LOUIE ROBINSON

After hearing Jazzbo Collins' rendition of "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Three Little Pigs" in the land of Oth-pla-de, I shudder to think what might happen if the bopsters were reporters instead of musicians.

Consider for a moment how a goateed, plaid-capped newsman might write a simple account of the affairs of municipal government:

The cats down at City Hall held a real gone session yesterday, welcoming home the head hep cat, the Mayor.

"Fall in, dad," they chorused when the Mayor lept upon the scene.

"Cool," cried the Mayor.

Wild Beat Ride

"How was the beat ride, pops?" the city solicitor asked.

"Wild," said the Mayor, "But wha' happened while I was gone?"

"Somebody goofed," cut in the Mayor pro-tem.

"I'm hipped," said the Mayor. "And what's new with the new traffic manager?"

"Man," commented a councilman, "that cat is the most, to say the least."

"You're looking sharp," the city solicitor told the Mayor.

"Yeah," said the Mayor, looking at the stack of problems accumulated on his desk with a tear in his eye, "but I'm feeling the least, to say—the most."

Meeting Adjourned

Then he snapped:

"Let's play it cool for a couple of days, huh?"

"Solid," said the Mayor pro-tem.

And with that the cats cut out to pick up on 40 winks and a little golf.

The next chop session of the city dads is scheduled for Wednesday in the p.m.

Oh, brother.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY M. KYLE

It looks like Webster will have to add some new words to his dictionary if what European press says about American women is true.

The male species abroad claim that the U.S. is quickly becoming a women's world all its own, unlike that of any other country in the universe.

In their eyes, the American woman is losing her distinctive feminine nature through her active participation in fields which at one time were solely cherished by men.

They say she not only excells the male in his career and profession, but, according to medical statistics, she outlives him by many years. And, at this rate, 'tis feared she will soon inherit all the nation's wealth.

Women's Society

It all boils down to one thing, they say. The U. S. is slowly changing from a patriarchy (a society run by men) to a matriarchy (a society run by women.)

If that be the case, then Webster may as well toss out such words as patriot, patriotic and patriotism, all of which define a man's love for his country.

In their place he should substitute such terms as matriot, matriotic and matriotism, which will define the woman's love for her country.

BABY TALK

A cute dimple-faced 9-month-old baby discovered a quiet way to end a Sunday School session at Holmes church last Sunday.

Remaining quiet during the lesson period, little Douglas Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lewis Sr., 231 Pearl st., could not understand the sudden silence that befell the group when the pastor, the Rev. Mrs. Ella Williams repeatedly asked, "Are there any questions?"

After waiting three or four minutes for someone to answer, Douglas could take it no longer. Suddenly he began babbling in his own language which only the pastor seemed to understand.

"The baby's right, I guess," she smiled. "There are no questions. Class dismissed."

Lonesomania

By BUDDY LONESOME

Glancing through some old newspapers the other day I ran across a bunch which covered the hectic period during the "crime wave," that swept the city last winter.

At that time there was quite a hullabaloo because of the brutal murder of Miss Lenore Taylor.

In an effort to combat the rising hysteria many reforms, for the good, others nonsensical, were offered.

In one of the old newspapers, a local daily, there was a front-page box reading: "Mayor Assails Coddling of Criminals." Any statement by our Lord Mayor is news and faithfully turned to the story located on the back page.

Subject of Tommy D'Alesandro's fire was a statement released by the FBI that there was a 43 per cent increase in crime in Baltimore. Righteously indignant Mayor D'Alesandro is quoted:

"If these figures tell the whole story, then it certainly is time that all of us prepare for a tremendous struggle to bring crime under control in our city.

"Namely pamby treatment of criminals found guilty of vicious crimes," he said, "will not deter other criminals from committing the same kind of crimes.

"The sooner we recognize this the better off we all will be."

The Mayor was asked to elaborate on this last statement, but would only add: "They'll know what I mean in Annapolis."

He further charged there is "too much" crime in Baltimore, particularly brutal, senseless crimes of violence . . . .

Mayor Thomas D'Alexandro's statement, offered last May, still makes good reading.

Speak Your Piece

TVs at Crownsville

Dear AFRO:

I have been a reader of the AFRO for years and never miss a copy. I think the AFRO does a wonderful job of bringing the facts to the public.

It did a commendable job with the "Crownsville Benefit" and I know the readers are happy to learn that the TVs have been installed and that the patients are enjoying them.

We sincerely hope that some civic minded group, be it clubs, churches, or fraternal organizations, or you and I, will help to purchase television sets for the cottages at the Barrett-School for Girls.

These sets would help in the rehabilitation program set up there. We must not forget that these girls need this help. Please bear this in mind and lend a helping hand.

I visited there recently with a church group. Despite unfavorable publicity, the staff is doing a good job there.

If you wish to help these girls to prepare themselves for their return to society, why not contact the supervisor of recreation at Barrett School?

MARY THOMAS REID

A community loss

DEAR AFRO:

When I learned that Mrs. Maida S. Brannon had resigned as director of nurses at Provident Hospital I felt that this was a distinct loss to our city and especially to colored citizens.

The capping services which she has conducted have brought the hospital closer to the community and the community closer to the hospital. She took first place in the last financial campaign which netted Provident Hospital close to $100,000.

A steward in Bethel AME church, we find her to be loyal, cooperative, congenial and faithful. We wish we could have kept her longer.

The Rev. H. J. BRYANT
Pastor, Bethel, church

Insulted mechanic

Dear AFRO:

Recently when I purchase one of your papers I read what interests me, discuss some of the news with others and forget about it.

This time however I'm forced to take a more personal interest in your paper because of an article written by Herbert Mangrum concerning auto repair shops and mechanics on McCulloh st.

Since I own and operate a repair business on McCulloh st., and Mr. Mangrum failed to designate any particular shop, I feel obligated to answer what I consider to be an unjust statement made by him unless he can prove he received the type of treatment he mentioned in my shop.

In that case I will personally apologize to Mr. Mangrum for the treatment he received. Otherwise I feel that he should be man enough to refute what I consider to be an unjust statement to colored auto repair men.

DALLAS COLEMAN

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. Phillips

Phillips who is on vacation.

Not Multipliers

The Ark pulled into Mt. Ararat right on schedule. Just before Noah let down the gangplank to release the animals two by two, he called them together to issue his last minute instructions.

"Go forth and multiply," said Noah. "If any of you can't do that, raise your hand."

From the back of the room the hands of two small snakes went up.

"Well, what is your problem?" bellowed Noah.

"We are adders," was the reply.

Satchel Paige

Look at Satch Paige's feet, said a television commentator as the great St. Louis pitcher walked toward the mound.

Everybody who looked at Old Satch and saw him win the game for St. Louis over Washington gasped about his feet.

They are no bigger than the average fellow who is 6 feet tall and walks a lot.

Paige, who is over fifty years old, doesn't pitch with his feet anyway.

What Would You Do?

What would you do if you found the AFRO's new super $200 Dilly Dollar?

Peanut man—I'd buy me a new push cart.

Newsboy — I'm aching for a new bicycle.

Teenager—I could still go to camp.

Clerk—About what I need to go to Mordecai's.

Street Vendor—About what I need to back that $100 I lost last Saturday in the crap game. Seems like I can't stop gambling on Sunday.

Lewis Toomey

Lewis Toomey died last week. Too bad that one were too few of the older generation, his friends, to pay him the tribute he deserved.

His pupils in music and dancing are numbered in the hundreds who survive him, however.

The annual recital of his graduating class was an event.

Forty years ago cotillions, assemblies, and grand balls were held regularly at the Lyric and most often the dancing master and mentor was elegant, formal, and gallant Lewis Toomey.

Separate Days

Barber shops are closed Mondays.

Hairdressers take Tuesdays off.

That is, the majority of them.

Wonder why they don't take the same day? Sometime they want to go fishing or a picnic or a joint meeting.

Dilly Church

If trustees examine their collections Sunday they might find a dilly in the church.

The Dust

In East Baltimore where the ground for the new Federal Housing units is being cleared.

In South Baltimore where the new Russell st. boulevard comes through.

In West Baltimore where they are bringing water pipes.

All over town, in fact, isn't it funny? Be glad when they get through.

Jehovah's Witnesses

AFRO man—do you know what a dilly is?

Penna. and Dolphin fruit vendors, I'm talking about, Jehovah's witnesses do not like it.

New Beach

Work is proceeding rapidly on a new cloverleaf connecting Baltimore, Annapolis road and the Bay Bridge.

15 Cents A Week

Three cheers for that person in the Maryland Pen who saves his allowance of 15 cents a week for 7 weeks in order to send a dollar to the NAACP to End Segregated Schools. What a sacrifice.

New Car

His insurance