OUR CREED

We believe that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man, regardless of race, color or creed, his human and equal rights. Nothing no man, fearing no man, but God, can long withstand the help every man in the firm belief that all are hurt so long as anyone is held back.

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"We are Americans and, as Americans, we would speak to America." — Frederick Douglass

"The causes of events are even more interesting than the events themselves."—CICERO.

Chance for Congressmen

In this week's AFRO-AMERICAN is a half page advertisement, paid for by the National NAACP in New York, on the question of Federal aid to the states for the building of public schools.

AFRO readers should scan it carefully, then sit down and write their congressmen.

Maryland congressmen are:

Sen. John Marshall Butler, Baltimore
Senator J. Glenn Beall, Frostburg
Rep. Edward T. Miller, Easton
Rep. James P. S. Devereux, Stevenson
Rep. Edward A. Garmatz, Baltimore
Rep. George H. Fallon, Baltimore
Rep. Richard K. Lankford, Annapolis
Rep. DeWitt S. Hyde, Bethesda
Rep. Samuel N. Friedel, Baltimore

Here's what is at stake:

Congress is debating a bill to appropriate the taxpayers' money to help states build public schools. The school population has increased so rapidly that Federal aid is necessary.

We believe that an integral part of this bill is a provision as follows:

(1) In order to qualify for Federal grants the state must conform to the Constitution of the United States, the 14th Amendment of which forbids state discrimination on account of race, creed, or color.

(2) Only those states which have integrated schools or who are proceeding with all deliberate speed in conformity with the Supreme Court's opinion of last May 31st shall be deemed as qualifying for Federal funds.

Now why must this qualification be placed in the Federal bill?

The reason is simple.

Some states in defiance of the Supreme Court and the Constitution, have announced that they will not integrate their public schools for 50 years, if ever.

If Congress appropriates money for public schools in those states it will enable them longer to defy the Supreme Court.

If a state is prohibited under the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court from having separate schools, Congress has a responsibility not to appropriate the taxpayers' money to support those public schools.

The prohibition of the Constitution should be felt by the Congress as well as the states.

Our congressmen have an obligation to support the rulings of the Supreme Court with their full strength.

If law and order are to prevail in our country, our congressmen cannot afford to do otherwise.

We know that the majority of congressmen, if not restricted by crippling filibusters, would enact proper civil rights laws for the whole United States.

Today they have the opportunity in these school cases to support the Supreme Court's ruling by saying that no appropriations of the taxpayers' money will be made to any school which does not conform to the law.

Our National Guard

Two weeks ago Governor McKeldin received an NAACP delegation representing 14 National Guard officers.

Having served in mixed army units in Korea, they asked that the National Guard be integrated so that all citizens would have equal opportunity to join any branch of the state militia.

They wanted all of the state armories made available to them so they could better prepare themselves for the defense of their country in time of need.

Theirs was a simple and unanswerable argument.

The state and the National Guard belong to all the taxpayers.

Every citizen worth his salt has a right to demand an opportunity to be prepared when his country calls him.

Our courts have held that no state can discriminate against a citizen on the ground of his race or color.

Sympathetic Governor McKeldin received the delegates graciously and promised them prompt consideration and reply.

We have confidence in the Governor, and we hope his action will come soon and be favorable.

McAbee Playground

The name of William H. McAbee, first colored member of the Recreation Board, was given to the city playground at Laurens and Gilmor Sts.

In another column in this issue, is an account of a reporter's visit to that playground.

It is one of the busiest in town because it has a wading pool and children from miles around come regularly to this spot for relief from the heat.

Unfortunately, its maintenance is poor.

Due to the absence of proper tools provided the caretaker or the lack of supervision, McAbee playground is anything but a thing of beauty, nor of safety.

The grass and weeds are uncut. The play surface is not regularly raked.

Hundreds of glass fragments cover the play area so that the director was there just a day that a child's foot is not cut.

The drinking fountain is out of order and the wading pool improperly drained.

Mr. McAbee is not as active as he used to be when this playground was inaugurated five years ago.

If he by chance were to pass Gilmor and Laurens today, very likely he would ask his old colleagues on the board to have his name erased from this playground.

Marie Bauernschmidt

Experts are saying that there is more nationwide interest in public schools today than ever before.

And they believe the court order requiring integration is one cause of it.

If that be true elsewhere, it does not apply to this city.

Baltimore's interest in education has been at top peak for more than 30 years.

Responsible for its growth were Marie Bauernschmidt and the Public School Association she headed.

They combed the politicians out of the school system, gave the board independence, and a separate budget, had the schools surveyed by Dr. George D. Strayer and his experts from Columbia University, and educated the tax-payers to the point of voting appropriations for teachers' salaries and school construction. Washington did not have Dr. Strayer survey the District of Columbia schools until 25 years afterwards.

With the taxpayers' interest aroused the late Dr. William H. Lemmel, and his successor, Dr. John Fischer and well chosen boards of education gave the city superior administrations.

It will be some time before some areas of the country catch up with Baltimore in this respect.

Which reminds us that Mrs. Bauernschmidt's illness and removal from the active scene does not mean that her pioneer work is forgotten now or soon will be.

This is the 35th year since Marie's Strayer survey opened our eyes to city's educational needs.

If they could get through to Mrs. B this week, many Baltimoreans would delight to wish her well.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

What's the hurry?

Is somebody giving away prizes to those motorists who can turn a corner on the fewest wheels and make the tinniest sounds?

The way some drivers are cannon-balling around corners, their tires screeching like a drunken prima donna, you'd think they were being offered bonuses for such carrying-on.

Mr. Walker

I simply can't understand, anyway, why everybody seems to be in such a hurry nowadays. Everybody's going s-w-o-o-s-h! Here's a typical scene:

ABOUT 10 CARS were held up the other day on McCulloh St. at the corner of Dolphin St. They were stopped, yes, but-each was an impatient driver. Nashua or a Swaps straining at a starting gate at Churchill Downs.

I even started to shout "They're off!" when the light changed to green.

And off they fled, up McCulloh St. like the devil was chasing each driver. If he was, poor fellow, it's a cinch he never caught a single one unless he had a jet-propelled steed.

About the only slow moving vehicles around this town these days are the trolleys operated by the Baltimore Transit Company. They're not only slow but far between each other.

QUESTION — Why is it that churches will raise money for heating plants, organs, steeples and parsonages but never bother about any air conditioning?

Some of our churches are more like ovens in the summer months and all those hand fans are instruments of torture which only serve to let you know how really hot it once you stop fanning.

Some folks don't attend church during the hot summer months simply because they realize they'll be intensely uncomfortable during the services.

It would seem, what with everything else air conditioned nowadays, that the churches would follow suit.

Please, Brothers and Sisters, a little more comfort in the church. Okay?

ABSENTEEISM — About 42 persons appeared at the Board of Estimates hearing on Wednesday. The majority of them were there to protest the proposed 30 per cent cut in funds to those unfortunate people who are on the welfare. They were successful since the proposed cuts were postponed until the City Council meets in October.

But what bothers me is the fact that only one colored person, Dr. Furman L. Templeton of the Urban League, was present at this hearing which affects so many colored people.

Didn't anyone else know about it, or didn't they care?

And you can't plead ignorance. The AFRO carried a notice in its Coming Events column and a complete story on the board meeting.

Who's looking out for the "little people?" They vote, too, you know.

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NOTICED IN PASSING — Dickman's Pharmacy, at Bentalou St. and Edmondson Ave., has a neighborhood bulletin board on which residents of community pin notes on just what's happening in the surrounding area. Nice idea.

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FASHION PARADE — The Davy Crockett hysteria seems to be on the wane. The intellectuals have been blasting Davy as a despicable drunken sot who deserted his wife and children and chased other women.

Now the small fry are losing interest. They've found there's nothing heroic about wearing a steaming coonskin cap when the temperatures in the 90's.

INFLATION—Things like this make me feel I'm in the wrong business. Sammy Davis Jr., it's reported, turned down a bid from Washington's Casino Royal for $1,000 for ONE week.

Not enough loot for Sammy Boy.

But it was enough for Miss Eartha Kitt. And she's been drawing them in over there all week.

The next time, if the bosses of the Casino Royal can't get Mr. Davis and Miss Kitt is also preoccupied, they can just remember poor little old me.

I'd be happy to double up on jobs for that 15 grand a week.

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NEWSREEL — "Byline," a newsreel sponsored by the Gunther Brewing Co., was unveiled to the public at a sneak preview Wednesday night at the Regent Theatre.

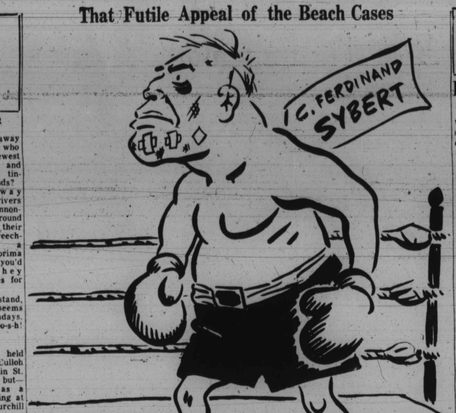
First reel runs about eight minutes and shows Vice-President Nixon addressing the Capital Press Club dinner, Howard University and Morgan State graduation exercises, Baltimore Police Boys' Club dinner (also sponsored by Gunther), ground-breaking for Gunther's new plant and Governor McKeldin's remarks at opening ceremonies for AFRO's Clean Block campaign.

From looks of first showing, "Byline" will be entertaining fare for moviegoers in the Washington-Baltimore vicinity. It's a first-class job with only a few kinks to be eliminated. Bill Alexander, Bishop Wood and others behind it are to be saluted for the idea.

Kelly Miller, author, teacher, mathmetician, and former dean of Howard University, was born on July 23, 1863 in South Carolina.

"A Race without knowledge of its history is like a tree without roots." . . . C. SEIFERT.

That Futile Appeal of the Beach Cases



"There he goes leading with his chin again"

Speak Your Piece

Contributors to this department must sign their names and addresses to their letters if they wish them published. The AFRO will withhold publication of names if requested to do so by the writer.

Seeks college help

Dear AFRO:

There is a girl in our community who is trying very hard to go to college this fall. Her mother passed last year and her father is not able to help her.

Her greatest hope was to find a job this summer but she hasn't been able to get one that means much help. Her desire is to be a medical technician and we are very much interested in her but not able to do anything to help.

She won a small scholarship but not near enough to carry her through, so I am writing and asking if there is anyone or a club of any kind that would try and help this girl. Her need is $22 for school besides clothes and other things.

(Mrs.) MABLE P. SHORT
Route 3
Berlin, Md.

Bowles quits

Dear AFRO:

The fact that Bryant Bowles has left his National Association for the Advancement of White People because of "lack of interest" proves that the majority of people still have a sense of decency and are law abiding.

That organization was organized from the first to seek ways to circumvent the laws of the land as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

To the contrary, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been leading the fight to see that the laws are obeyed and carried out on an equal basis for all citizens.

JOSEPH GREEN

Party for Macks

Dear AFRO:

The Community Protective Association, Inc., is putting forth this effort to help in the welfare of the Mack family and the Mack triplets . . . born to George and Alice Mack last June 13, which brings the young couple's family to six small children; this family being in need of a home and everything that goes to make it such.

A garden party is being sponsored by the association for their benefit, at the playlot, corner of Payson and Lafayette Ave., Sunday, July 24 from 4 to 7 p.m.

This affair has the indorsement of the Park Board and Governor McKeldin.

ROBERT O. MATTHEWS,
Chairman

Says sit tight

Dear AFRO:

I am writing in regards to one of your readers, Mrs. Ollie Lowery.

Her letter published in "Speak Your Piece," was an example of one of our narrow-minded people because of "lack of interest" proves that the majority of people still have a sense of decency and are law abiding.

Our organization was organized from the first to seek ways to circumvent the laws of the land as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

To the contrary, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been leading the fight to see that the laws are obeyed and carried out on an equal basis for all citizens.

JOSEPH GREEN

Editor's Note: Mrs. Lowery's letter appeared in the July 16 issue of the AFRO. In it she was critical of Baltimore's segregated parks and pools, "white and colored liquor licenses and restaurants in colored neighborhoods which serve whites only

D.C. shooting

Dear AFRO:

Whatever happened to that Washington policeman who shot down that truck driver in cold blood? You carried a story about it in your July 9 issue. The man who was killed was from Chapel Oaks, Md.

ROY MILLER

Editor's Note: The policeman was indicted by a grand jury last Monday and is now free in $7,500 bail pending trial. He is to be arraigned today (Friday) in U.S. Court in Washington.

Deserted baby

Dear AFRO:

At least that mother who left that new born baby on the steps of Provident Hospital deserted him at the right place.

But still I can't see how a mother can desert her child, no matter the circumstances under which he was born. People like that are heartless.

I also wonder who is taking care of the mother now. Surely she needed some medical attention after the baby was born.

(Mrs.) GLADYS RICH

Goody, hip-hip, hooray

Dear AFRO:

Good for Paul Robeson. Though it took five years, he would not give up his fight for the passport to which he is entitled. If more of us had Paul's courage and conviction, the race would not be in the situation it still occupies in this country.

MAMIE HAWKINS

Reporters' Report To The People

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

There are several neighborhood groups in the vicinity of Wilson Park which are becoming increasingly interested in the alleged antics of real estate speculators who are reportedly attempting to persuade white residents to sell their homes to colored buyers.

By frightening the owners with tales of an "invasion," the civic groups say the speculators instill so much fear into the hearts of the property owners that they are more willing to sell, even though they may be perfectly contented in their home.

The groups are hoping to persuade property owners not to sell in hysteria, but to continue to live in their homes, regardless of whom their neighbors happen to be — as long as they are good neighbors.

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WONDER IF you've ever noticed the large number of eating places in our neighborhoods that won't serve you or me. There's the hamburger shop at Monroe and Edmondson, the beanery at North and Pennsylvania, the place at Braddish and North, sandwich place at North near Druid Hill Ave.

I don't know how the rest of the population feels about it, but my money it will be a cold day in South Hades before they have me a paper bag and tell me that I've got to take it outside to eat.

THE ONION of the week for the dullest TV show should rightfully belong to the hour and a half commercial for "Disneyland," seen on Sunday evening. Summer television at best is only mediocre, but this hashed up show really sank the boat at the dock.

All this talk about narcotics in the nation's capital should come as no surprise to anyone who has ever spent any time in Washington, where "junkies" are to be found for a dime a dozen, or cheaper.

In fact, most of the narcotics used in Baltimore come from Washington, which is a sad commentary on the seat of our national government.

Pinchhitting

By BOB THOMAS

An educational official, whose name cannot be used, recently stated that the appointments of citizens' committees to study the "problems" of integration in the counties are nothing more than stalling tactics.

The official stated that the task of desegregating public schools in the counties should be assumed by the board of education in the various areas. It is within the province of these boards to desegregate their schools and they are bound by law to do it as soon as possible.

There were so many people in the police commissioner's office to witness the swearing in of James M. Hepburn to that post Wednesday that the air conditioning was completely ineffective. It was hotter inside than it was outside.

One spectator commented after the ceremonies that it was typical of the Police Department to "turn on the heat" whenever it is carrying out a task.

TWO CASES heard in Central Police Court this week lend credence to the fact that street brawls can only lead to tragedy. Two men are currently facing murder or manslaughter charges after their beating victims died from head injuries.

When Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr. left his home in Reidsville, N.C., at the age of 12, he had in his possession $5.02 which he had earned selling cantaloupes. He says, without boasting, that he has never been broke since then.

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IT WAS interesting to note that only one colored person, Furman Templeton of the Urban League, attended the hearing of the Board of Estimates on the proposed 30 per cent cut in welfare funds. This issue was vital to a great many Baltimore citizens, colored and white.

Fortunately, those 36 or more persons who did attend the hearing presented such a convincing argument that Mayor D'Alesandro suggested that the cut be postponed. Those needy families and foster children who are affected owe a great deal to this handful of sincere people.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

The heat and drought has hit Baltimore's water supply where it hurts most, in the reservior. Still there are some sneaks who even now are looking for ways to beat the sprinkling ban.

At Poplar Grove and Pressman Sts., Tuesday, one man was found washing his automobile at 2 a.m. Nothing wrong with that. After all, the ban is in effect from 4 p.m. to midnight. Violate it and you will be out of $20.

Remember a few weeks ago when that attractive ex-eastside waitress "Bea" Cook took her own life?

Some folks associated the name with that of "Bea" Lemmon, a waitress at Club Orleans. Rumors had the poor girl dead and buried. It's not so. Doubt my word? When next you stop at the club for a tall cool one, look good at the person who serves you.

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I KNOW practically nothing about tennis. Never said that I did. Fact is, I never found the game interesting. That's a personal viewpoint, however. I go for golf, boxing, and baseball. That's why it amused me no end Saturday when as one comedian of note would say some "apple knockers got their eyes joys" when I gave them my version of the championship match between Billie Davis and Buzzy Hetleman at Clifton Park.

Now that I think of it, one was the guy who muffed three catches while playing softball with the Sphinx club team recently. He wasn't able to get out of bed the following day.

The other, who says he is a golfer but is better known as an avid fan, publicity agent, and backer of the third place New York Giants, has yet to be seen on any one of the city's numerous golf courses

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"The better part of every man's education is that which he gives himself." . . . J. R. LOWELL

"Everything has two hands, by one of which it ought to be carried and by the other not." . . . EPICTETUS.

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. Phillips

But I am a reporter . . .

"Aren't you tired in this hot weather?" "How can you keep on working when your baby is due in 6 to 8 weeks?"

These are questions this reporter gets daily from feminists and elderly men who have no idea that in these modern times it is better for expectant mothers to keep busy and not hover and "wait" as Grandma used to do.

Always, I reply — "but I'm a reporter — I like people . . . I would die sitting at home, not knowing what was going on. . . ."

And, I am a reporter.

Mrs. Phillips

I wouldn't give anything for the experience of a busy week — for the chance to meet people — talk with them — have a hand in recording their story and telling it to 180,000 or more readers each week. It is a fascinating life.

And often it is a life which makes you cry with the heartaches which you must write. Like this week, for example:

There was a Monday morning visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henrry O. Pryor Sr., at 302 Sollers Point Rd.

A comfortable home—neat and well-appointed, it is situated in the heart of the colored street which is typical of Turner Station or Dundalk as some people call it.

There is an attractive lawn front and back, evidence that loving care and long hours have been spent on it, proof that the people who live there are good neighbors, take pride in their home.

I knew before I entered the Pryor home that I was about to interview a grief-stricken mother whose youngest son had just been killed by his bride of four months while they were still honeymooning in New York.

I knew that the slain youth's mother and father were respected members of the community where they had lived for over 40 years, and had reared a family of four children.

I learned later that the slain boy was their heart and that the mother and father had just come off for a holiday in Atlantic City when word of his death reached them.

I learned also that the mother of the accused wife and Mrs. Pryor were neighbors and good friends.

Armed with this information, I knew that mine would be a hard job. I wanted to talk to them to find out how they felt. You see, I'm a reporter.

As I started up the front steps of the Pryor home, the hot sun had shot the temperatures up around 94.

As I reached the front porch, I could see people seated in lawn chairs around the cool trees of the back yard.

. . . 'There is nothing for us to say . . .'

Soon, a pleasant but sad-eyed lady answered the door and admitted me to the attractive living room which was at least 20 degrees cooler than the outside.

She identified herself as the slain man's sister — Mrs. Alverta Knowles. Before I could make my business known, she said, "This is a shock to us all —we have nothing to say. . . ."

I knew how she felt and my heart went out to her, but I am a reporter and it was my job to find out more.

She was courteous as I started the conversation — asking about funeral services, the names of survivors and where her brother went to school.

But her voice broke in the middle of a sentence and she excused herself. Another lady who identified herself as the slain man's aunt, Mrs. Catherine Edwards, came in.

She explained, "There's absolutely nothing I can do or say . . . we'd prefer not to talk."

In the next room, I could hear the grief-stricken voice of the mother, "No, no, no" she kept saying. . .

But I'm a reporter and my job is to report the facts—what did the family think — what had they heard of the tragedy — how would they bury their beloved son . . . and so I stayed.

Before I left this saddened home the mother entered the living room. She was a grey-haired, pleasant matron with tears in her voice though there were none in her eyes.

. . . I knew just how they felt . . .

"We just don't want to talk—this is pretty hard on us," she began, and again my woman-to-woman sympathy came to the front. My voice cracked at her too as I said, "I know how you feel. . ." but then I remembered. . .

I'm a reporter, I must get the facts.

So I continued the questioning and learned that the slain youth's army service, where he was employed before his marriage. . . .

At the end of this visit, which lasted about 40 minutes, (you don't hurry when there is death involved) I asked about a photo of the son.

. . . 'She is a good . . . girl . . .'

Later, several blocks away, I entered the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Eolis H. Jones, at 205 Fleming Drive, parents of the bride.

It was comfortable and cool inside there, too. A grey-haired lady stood at the ironing board and said "un huh" when I identified myself as a reporter. She said she was Mrs. James Beard, Mrs. Jones' mother, of Washington.

The accused bride was oldest of her 24 grandchildren and said, she is "a good girl."

An exhausted man was asleep in a nearby chair — an electric fan turned full force on him.

When I began to ask questions, he awoke with a start. Before I asked him, I knew he was the accused girl's father.

You could tell from the harassed look in his face that he had "had it."

"She was my oldest child and my only daughter. . . I saw her in jail last night. I just got back from New York. . ." he started, and his words wandered off.

Then he shook his head as though trying to wake up from a bad dream.

He was tired — weary — but polite as he asked sharply — "What do you want?" I wanted to crawl in a hole and say, "I know how you feel, — sorry to have bothered you," but I'm a reporter — I had to get the facts and so I stayed.

. . . 'They seemed so . . . happy . . .'

Somehow, as we continued to talk, the weariness seemed to leave him. He recalled how his "little girl" finished Sollers Point High, how she and her bridegroom had just been home on a short visit, and "stayed right here with us," and they "seemed so happy. . ."

He seemed to caress the photo of his "little girl" which he handed me as I started to the door, and I turned to ask, woman-like "do you have a lawyer?"

He shook his head in assent, and I went out. . . .

I had visited two grief-stricken families and I was sad too. I had had a chance to share with them their innermost feelings. . .

I wanted to go off to a shady spot and rest and forget all about it. It was 94 in the hot sun.

Tragedy involving young people like the Pryor couple hurts the parents most.

I could tell the shock had taken two years off their lives and my heart was with them. A reporter has a heart too. . .

But I am a reporter . . . I have to report the facts . . . and back to the typewriter I returned I am a reporter.

. . . I cried too . . . I've got feelings . . .

. . . So, it was only natural, I suppose, that I would be among the mourners at funeral services for young Pryor on Wednesday afternoon.

The thermometer outside of St. Matthew Methodist Church registered 95. It must have been 105 inside the tiny church building which is built to accommodate at best only 100 persons.

But extra chairs had been placed in the rear, and around the sides so that 187 persons squeezed in. Some 50 of them stood in the aisles and vestibule, about 100 others sat on the lawn or stood around outside during the entire 30-minute service.

After the ministers finished their eulogies, the choir sang "Abide With Me. . . ."

Undertaker Charles Law and an assistant moved some of the three dozen floral pieces around the metal casket and opened it for viewing.

Then it was, that the piercing screams of the slain youth's mother started the sudden [illegible]

Outer mourners, men as well as women, wiped their eyes as they passed in front of the casket. . . .

The choir sang "Come Ye Disconsolate. . ." and as doctor and nurses who had been comforting the mother and sisters. . .

Mr. Jones, father of the bride accused of the killing, was almost prostrate as he accused in front of the casket. . . A nurse assisted him down the aisle.

Then; it came. . .

The casket was rolled closer to the front row so the mother, father, sisters' and brother of the slain youth could take a final look.

The mother cried "Goodbye, Henry. . . . goodbye . . . goodbye. . ." and slumped in her seat.

The sisters leaned over the casket to touch their brother "for the last time."

There was hardly a dry eye in the church. . . if there was, I could not see through my own tears . . .

But I quickly dried them and made my way from the church. . .

I am a reporter . . . I'm not supposed to have feelings. . . I must report the facts.

I am a reporter.

Counties drag feet on integration plans

Only seven take definite steps to mix classrooms

While seven of Maryland's counties have made definite plans to integrate public schools beginning with the fall term, progress toward desegregation in most of the remaining 16 counties has not gone past the planning stage and the appointment of committees to "study" the problems of integration.

On June 20 Attorney General C. Ferdinand Sybert sent a letter to all county superintendents in which he stated that the decision of the Supreme Court is crystal clear and automatically binding upon the public school system in Maryland.

In most counties integrated committees have been appointed to study desegregation, but many of them have not made reports or recommendations to their school boards.

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THE COUNTIES which will start integration in the fall are Washington, Wicomico, Montgomery, Allegany, Prince Georges, Queen Annes and Baltimore counties, Carroll, has integrated certain school activities on a county-wide basis, but has no stated plans for desegregating classrooms.

Athletic, music activities and the spring folk dance festival in Carroll County will be integrated, according to an announcement made in July by Samuel M. Janness, county superintendent.

The result of the AFRO survey are as follows:

MONTGOMERY, Forbes H. Norris, superintendent:

Tentative plans call for about 300 colored elementary school pupils to go to suburban area schools which previously had only white pupils. Four substandard colored schools at Laytonsville, Takoma Park, River Road and Ken Gar, have been closed.

Pupils from these schools will be distributed among 12 other schools. In addition, eight teachers from the closed schools have received new assignments in integrated schools.

WASHINGTON, William M. Brish, superintendent:

Integration will begin this fall. First to be affected will be 46 pupils living outside of Hagerstown. They will have the choice of attending the school nearest their home and not be forced to go to a school in Hagerstown.

In a statement saying it intended to abide by the law, the school board has asked for full cooperation of county residents. The board said a complete integration program will be delayed about one year.

ALLEGANY, Ralph R. Webster, superintendent:

The school board plans to proceed with desegregation in September. It said no pupil will be denied admission to any school because of race, but reserved the right to limit or delay admission to certain schools during a transition period.

PRINCE GEORGES, William S. Schmidt, superintendent:

The appointment of teachers and principals on a non-segregated basis was one of four administrative steps approved by the board of education in anticipation of the end of pupil segregation. The board also voted to:

Remove racial reference in the listing of schools, school directories and similar publications;

WICOMICO, James M. Bennett, superintendent:

The board of education has not appointed a committee, but will deal with the desegregation of schools itself. Any requests for transfers of pupils from one school to another will be considered and, where possible, granted for September.

Some requests may be turned down, because of building facilities. The bus drivers of the county are integrated, as are the textbook committee, the credit union and teachers' meetings.

Create a staff committee to advise the board on such problems arising when racial integration starts, and reassign of school principals and administrative and supervisory employees on a non-racial basis.

QUEEN ANNES, Harry C Rhodes, superintendent:

The Board of Education, Thursday announced a plan, whereby desegregation, in public education will begin this fall. No child will be denied admission to any school, unless overcrowding or any conditions prevent a transfer immediately.

On Sept. 1, parents may contact school principals and register their children in different schools. Before Sept. 1, the registration may be done at the Board of Education.

Transportation will be continued with the same organization as it is now being operated.

CARROLL, Samuel M. Jenness, superintendent:

Music and athletic activities have been integrated and the annual spring folk dance festival will be for all pupils of the county.

The superintendent is in the process of appointing an integrated committee to study integration problems and report to the board of education, with recommendations.

CARDINE, W. Stewart Fitzgerald, superintendent:

The board of education has been "discussing" the matter of desegregation, but no "concrete steps" have been taken. No committee has been appointed. No one is expected within two weeks.

CALVERT, Maurice A. Dunkle, superintendent:

A committee of 19, including eight colored members, has been named to study the whole problem of desegregation and to make recommendations to the board of education.

CECIL, Morris W. Rannees, superintendent:

No announcement ready on integration progress. Board of education to meet next Tuesday to consider county problems. Indications are that members will comply with the law.

DORCHESTER, James G. Busick, superintendent:

A 12-member advisory committee has been appointed to study the county problem. Four of the members are colored citizens. Group to report back to board of education upon completion of study.

KENT, Reade W. Corr, superintendent:

A 19-member lay committee, including five colored citizens, was organized last week to study integration. It is felt that the study will take a considerable time and it is not possible to give even a tentative date when integration may be effected.

TALBOT, J. Willard Davis, superintendent:

No official report on situation given by superintendent. In process of appointing committee which will meet this week.

somerset, C. Allen Carlson, superintendent:

Two committees, four in colored group and eight in white group, named to study discrimination in education and areas where it exists. Both committees will meet before Aug. 10.

CHARLES, T. Carlyle Martin, superintendent:

In the process of selecting a 15-member committee to study matters of integration.

ST. MARYS, Lettie M. Dent, superintendent:

Planning to do everything on a gradual basis. A committee has been named to work with board of education, but it is doubtful that any "marked progress will be made by September."

Have been holding integrated teachers' meetings and pupil conferences. Hopeful that progress will be made gradually and in a manner which is satisfactory to all citizens. There are 18-20 members on citizens' committee.

BALTIMORE, Edward G. Stapleton, superintendent:

Segregation in all of the county public schools was abandoned Thursday by the board of education. Unanimously adopted the program will go into effect this fall.

All pupils will be permitted to attend any school within their respective areas, where space will permit. The plan affects pupils in the first through the 12th grades.

ANNE ARUNDEL, David S. Jenkins, superintendent:

Appointed commission to study problems of desegregation, headed by Lt. Col. Dwight C. Brewer of Fort Meade. Reaffirmed intention of complying with law of the land.

Commission has had two meetings and has formed committees to study various areas of the county. Next meeting scheduled this month. Waiting for certain materials from board of education. Five colored members on 20-member commission.

GARRETT, Willard Hawkins, superintendent:

County has no desegregation problem because there are no colored pupils in the area.

HOWARD, John E. Yngling, superintendent:

A 16-member committee, appointed by the board of education, will meet for the first time Monday night to begin studying the problem of integration.

Several meetings have been held with colored and white citizens' groups. Teachers in the county will meet on an integrated basis for the first time in September.

FREDERICK, Eugene W. Pruitt, superintendent:

Lack of building facilities in several areas of the county does not make it feasible to begin desegregation in the county schools until the fall of 1956.

The board has three buildings in the planning stage which are expected to be completed by September, 1956. Their completion will make it feasible, to begin desegregation on the junior and senior high school level.

The board has decided to appoint a lay advisory committee composed of representative citizens from all areas of the county who will be asked to assist the board in a county-wide study.

WORCESTER—Paul D. Cooper, superintendent:

A month-old countywide citizens' committee, appointed by the Board of Education, met for the first time Wednesday. The group was formed to study the problems presented by impending integration and to report back to the board.

The first meeting was principally organizational and nothing concrete was accomplished. Officials doubt the feasibility of integrating the September.

HARFORD, Charles W. Willis, superintendent:

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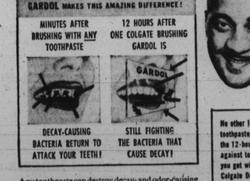

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Group protest liquor change

30 citizens object to bar near school

Objections to a request for the transfer of a liquor permit from 807-09 Ridgley St. to 665 W. Barre St. were filed with the Liquor Board Thursday by 30 South Baltimore residents.

Four persons spoke for the group at the hearing. All based their objections on the fact that the new location would be too close to the Josiah Diggs Elementary School.

The speakers were George W. E. Hill, Mrs. Clara Lively, Mrs. Lillian Moore and Mrs. Anna Dixon.

The application was filed by Oscar Holzman, owner of "Oscar's Baby Grand." The board agreed to take the application under consideration.

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FOURTEEN CASES in all were heard Thursday. In three, the board suspended the owners' licenses for a total period of 35 days.

Charged with permitting the premises of the "Clifton Bar" at 2705 Pennsylvania Ave., to be used for the purpose of bookmaking and gambling, Melvin R. Hayward had his permit revoked for 30 days.

The Class "B" permit of the Homestead Distributing Co., owned by M. Kathleen McGarvey at 3001 Greenmount Ave., was suspended for two days.

The licensee was charged last May 21, with selling alcohol to a minor.

Also charged with selling alcoholic beverages to a minor, the "Franklintown Inn," at 5200 Franklintown Rd., lost its license for a period of three days.

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No statement on progress made toward desegregation received. County superintendent was out of town attending summer school.

Crownsville improvement request to be reviewed

Plans for a new treatment building for continued care patients at Crownsville State Hospital are scheduled this week for a review, because of the high costs of beds.

The review was ordered by the State Planning Commission, when officials of the Department of Mental Hygiene revealed that the $2,385,704 structure would cost about $12,000 per bed.

Planning Commission members told Dr. Clifton T. Perkins, mental hygiene commissioner, that hospital space has been built for long-term patients for as low as $4,000 per bed.

THE AFRO was told Thursday by Dr. Arnold C. Eichert, superintendent at the state hospital, that beds needed at the hospital are long-term beds, which cost considerably more than the ordinary type.

L. Alvin Pasarew, planning commission director, asked Dr. Perkins to consider the possibility of constructing more economical cottage-type buildings, instead of the large hospital structure and thereby cut the cost of the beds.

Crownsville authorities have asked for $5,800,951 in capital improvements. The state has requests totaling $20,000,000 for capital improvements from various agencies. Only $10,000,000 will be spent in the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1956.

Auto salesman divorces wife of 'a few hours'

William Mumby, auto salesman, who told the court that his marriage to Virginia Mumby of Neptune, N.J., lasted only a few hours, won a divorce in Circuit Court, here, Tuesday.

He testified that he and Mrs. Mumby were married on Jan. 20, 1950, in Neptune, and that she simply refused to live with him after the ceremony.

The court charged him with support for a 5½-year-old son born to the couple.

Mr. Mumby, who lives at 1529 N. Appleton St., filed petition for divorce on August 22, 1952, but no further action was taken in the case until this month.

TESTIFYING in the husband's behalf was the Rev. Arthur Hardge of Great Neck, N.J., who said that Mr. Mumby had talked to him on the evening of the wedding.

He said that he had seemed greatly upset and had told him that his bride had refused to live with him.

The Rev. Mr. Hardge said that during the wedding ceremony he had talked to Mrs. Mumby, who told him that she had not lived with Mr. Mumby since the marriage and that she never would live with him.

Mr. Mumby is a salesman with the D. S. and D. Motor Co.

Two health clinics set for children

Two Child Health Clinics have been set for July 26. They are:

Cockeysville Health Center, Firemen's Hall, Cockeysville, Md., 1 p.m.; Catonsville Health Center, Egges Lane and Frederick Ave., Catonsville, 1 p.m., phone Ridgeway 7-4999.

Attendance at these clinics is by appointment only and on the recommendation of private physicians. Parents should telephone the app