AFRO EMPLOYEES who journeyed to Atlantic City to see AFRO President Carl Murphy receive 40th Spingarn Medal are shown here with the honoree and members of the Baltimore NAACP. Front, John J. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Frances Wood, Mrs. Anne Beadenkopf; second row, William Kirkwood, James Hicks, Arthur M. Carter, C. W. MacKay, Miss Shirley Kyle, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Vashti Matthews, John Murphy III, and Mrs. Juanita Mitchell. In rear, Thurgood Marshall, Mrs. Virginia Kiah, Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Lillie Jackson, Mrs. Florence Snowden.

MARYLANDERS VISIT Shore Mayor Joseph B. Altman and observe as he presents key to Atlantic City to Carl Murphy on Friday which was declared his day in the Jersey City. That's Mrs. Murphy on Mayor's left. In rear, left to right, Mrs. Virginia Kiah, Mrs. Susie Murphy, Mrs. Florence Snowden, Mrs. J. W. Morris of Des Moines; Mrs. Frederick Dedmond, Clarence Mitchell Jr., Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, Bowen Jackson, Commissioner Parsons and Mrs. Cordelia Johnson of Newark.

Midnight deadline for 'Bright Sayings'

A last - minute rush of entries ing the past week. Deadline for have been received in Pet Milk's entering the contest is midnight big "Bright Saying" contest during tonight (Friday).

After the contest closes, judges will have 10 days to select the 10 entries which they believe are the funniest and most original.

These 10 best "Bright Sayings" will be announced in the AFRO AMERICAN on July 12 and 16; then readers will have an opportunity to vote for their favorites.

THE "BRIGHT SAYING" that gets the most popular votes will win first prize of $300. Cash prizes also will be awarded to the other 9 best sayings accordingto the number of votes each receives.

Second prize is $100; third prize — $50; fourth prize — $25; and fifth to tenth prize — $10.

A label from a Pet Milk product will count as one vote in this contest. Therefore, local residents who will wish to vote for a favorite "Bright Saying" are urged to start saving the labels from Pet Evaporated Milk (large or small size) and Instant Pet Nonfat Dry Milk.

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The makers of these two famous products are sponsoring the "Bright Saying" contest especially for readers of the AFRO AMERICAN. Therefore, all prizes will be awarded to residents of this city and the surrounding area.

The three judges who will select the 10 best sayings for readers to vote on also are local residents. They are Mrs. Louise Robinson, school teacher; Dr. Bernard Harris, physician and Robert Norris, teacher.

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Army Reserve unit leaves for summer training Sun.

The 353rd Ordnance Ammunition Company, a Baltimore Army Reserve unit of the Maryland Military District, will entrain Sunday, July 3, for Fort Knox, Ky., where the unit will train for 15 days while on active duty during summer field training exercises.

Commanding officer of the 352rd is Capt. Earl L. Bundara, of 6108 Rich St. Other commissioned officers are First Lieutenants Cleoth S. Grant, 3210 Brighton St.; Arthur G. Scribner, 2566 Arunah Ave., and Edward P. Jackson, 115 Hayes St., Bel Air, Md.

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NON-COMMISSIONED officers of the unit are M/Sgts. Ernest A. Cunion, 621 N. Fulton Ave., and Alphonsus S. Johnson, 1730 N. Fulton Ave.; Sgts. 1st Class John M. Allen Jr., 2145 Homewood Ave.; Earl W. Jones, 529 Hoggman St.; William F. Smith, 2735 Mosher St., and Archie St., 1508 John St.;

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SERGEANTS Earnest Beathea Jr., 415 E. 22nd St.; Hugh E. Coleman, 419 Oxford Ct.; Jay B. Grant, 1205 N. Bond St., Joseph A. Taylor, 8 W. Lee St., and Manzella V. Williams, 310 N. Fulton Ave.;

Corporals Fillmore W. Hart, 2202 Ashburton St.; Garnett H. Parsons Jr., 113 Oak St., and Leonard V. Smackum, 1609 E. Preston St.

Enlisted personnel include PFC's William L. North, Morgan State College; Walter W. Wilwy, 571 Oxford St., and Carl A. Young, Glenelg, Md.;

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Find drowning victim's body

The body of William E. Wright, 24, who plunged 90 feet while painting the Potomac River Bridge last week, was recovered Monday.

The body was claimed by the Higginbotham Funeral Home in Ellicott City and funeral arrangements were handled by his foster mother, Mrs. Carrie Ryan, of W. Main St., Ellicott City. Graveside services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at National Cemetery.

Maryland State Police at the Pikesville barracks said Mr. Wright had no survivors known to them, except his foster mother who was notified by the State Police of the recovery of the body.

PATIENT LEAPS TO —No. 5

An elderly man who became despondent over his ill health jumped from the fourth-story window of Ward-A at City Hospitals Tuesday.

The body of Charles Ellis, 74, of the 400 block N. Regester St., was found by an attendant outside the window. Rushed into the hospital's emergency room, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Relatives said Mr. Ellis had been going to hospitals off and on for years and twice entered City Hospitals two weeks ago. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. The body was taken to the Edroy Wilson Funeral home.

AFRO Features, Political Columns, Coming Events

Driver's licenses need photographs

Traffic judge makes suggestion to commissioner

Chief Traffic Court Magistrate Stanley Scherr recommended this week that photographs accompany all applications for drivers' licenses.

The suggestion was contained in a letter written Thursday, to Motor Vehicles' Commissioner Frank Small.

The action followed the increasing number of cases in Traffic Court which involve persons who have obtained licenses illegally.

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THE SERIOUSNESS of the situation was spotlighted this week in Traffic Court when a motorist who admitted that he used a faked license for four years, even after it was revoked, was sentenced to eight months in jail.

year-old defendant of the 400 block N. Fulton Ave., received six months for the license violation and 30 days each on charges of drunken driving and driving on a revoked permit.

Police testified that after they arrested Smith last Saturday at 28th and Barclay Sts., for traffic violations, an investigation revealed that the man had obtained the license four years ago from a man he said he knew as "Mr. Harry."

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MAGISTRATE SCHERR, who heard the case, said that the ruse was discovered when police compared Smith's actual signature with the one on the license.

Smith told the jurist that he could read and write, "a little."

The magistrate then asked Smith to read the sign on the courtroom wall: "Life is worth living." Smith was unable to do this. In addition to the jail term, the man received total fines of $55 and costs.

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"UNFORTUNATELY, the wrong people are being brought to court." Magistrate Scherr told the AFRO, this week. "When a person is unable to read or write he is considered illiterate and may not know right from wrong.

"On the other hand, the person who obtains a driver's license for an illiterate knows that he is doing wrong."

The chief magistrate said that of the 291,000 Traffic Court cases in 1954, a "substantial number" of them involved persons who were using fake licenses.

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THE JURIST pointed out that persons qualified to obtain licenses are brought to court regularly for traffic violations

"It stands to reason then," the magistrate said, "that those unqualified to drive are a danger to society."

Magistrate Scherr called on all persons who have obtained licenses illegally to admit their wrong doing and return the faked permits.

"Any person who is not alleged charged with this violation who comes to me and admits his mistake will receive my full support," he said.

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MAGISTRATE SCHERR said that he would advise all who came to him, to obtain a pamphlet from the Department of Motor Vehicles and have someone instruct them on the meaning of the questions on the proper answers.

The court head issued a stern warning to any persons brought before him on a charge of obtaining a license for another person.

"It's good guilty," he said. "They will received the maximum fine and sentence." That would be $500 and six months.

"I urge the police to make a diligent search for these persons," he added.

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THE MAGISTRATE said that he had chosen to recommend the use of photographs rather than fingerprints in the obtaining of licenses, because it would eliminate the need of experts.

He stated that his suggestion to Commissioner Small was not made with the intent of "telling him what to do, but in the spirit of cooperation."

WORRIES FORGOTTEN—Under the watchful eyes of counselors, these boys are swimming in the Little Gunpowder River near Camp Francis M. Wood in Parkton, Md. In foreground is Bill Taylor, camp director. The youngsters were sponsored by the Eastside Community Committee.

Civil Service has eight openings at Coast Guard Yard

A Civil Service examination for the positions of anglesmith, brakeman, carter and packer, operator, high lift truck and refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic in the Federal government is now open at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis, Bay, Md.

The starting salaries range from $12.80 to $17.20 per diem and the examination is being held by the Civil Service Board at the Yard for career-conditional appointment to these positions at the Yard.

Complete information and application blanks may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, or at Room 331, Post Office Building, Calvert and Fayette Sts.

Eastside group sponsors 11th annual camping trip

The Eastside Community Committee sponsored their 11th annual trip to Camp Francis M. Wood in Hereford, Md., recently, William S. Taylor, ECC director, was also director of the camp.

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DURING the outing, Mrs. Cora White acted as chief cook, Mrs. Ethel Clark, second cook; and Mrs. Edythe Jones, pastry cook. James Jacobs was kitchen helper; Edgar Stanley was in charge of music; and "Letty" Mathews conducted the intramural sports program.

Honors for the best behavior went to Squad No. 1 with Robert Butts as counselor; and the best basketball team award went to Squad No. 9 under the direction of Counselor James Burris.

Volley ball team honors were taken by Squad No. 3 under Counselor Bernard Jones; best or 'Alvin Harris; best hiking squad, Squad No. 4 under Counselor Willie Mitchell.

The best horseshoe honors went to Afred Gordon of Squad No. 10; best swimming team honors to Squad No. 7; best boxer honors to Robert E. Wilson of Squad No. 9, best made beds honors to Squad no. 7 under Counselor Lawson Johnson; and the most popular boy in Camp honors went to Robert E. Wilson of Squad No. 9.

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Coming Events

JULY 4

The colorful fireworks display held each year will take place at Municipal Stadium.

JULY 10

The Maryland Conference of Parents and Teachers will open sessions at the University of Maryland. The sessions will be concluded on July 14.

JULY 23

Merit System examinations for State Civil Service employees will be held on this date in the morning instead of a previously announce day.

JULY 30

Patterson Park will be the scene of the Junior Olympic swimming meet.

AUG. 4

The Junior Olympic track and field competitive events will be held at Clifton Park.

AUG. 27

The state trucking rodeo, for which two local drivers qualified, will be held at Memorial Stadium.

Job openings announced in city and U.S. agencies

Looking for a Job? Listed below are positions available in city and federal agencies:

GUARD - GUARD SUPERVISOR — (WHERE) — Aberdeen Proving Ground, Army Chemical Center, Bainbridge Naval Base, Veterans Hospital, Perry Pt. APPLY — Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office. REQUIREMENTS—Written test. DEADLINE — July 25.

POLICE OFFICE— (WHERE) Baltimore City. REQUIREMENTS — Written examination. Age limit 21 to 35. APPLY — City Service Dept. — City Hall.

ENGINEMAN - FIREMAN — (WHERE) — U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Md. REQUIREMENTS — No written test. Applicant will be rated on basis of training and experience. APPLY — Civil Service Board, Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, or Room 331, Post Office Bldg.

SAVINGS and LOAN EXAMINER — (WHERE) — Home Loan Bank Board located throughout country. SALARY — $4,205 and $5,060.

REQUIREMENTS — Experience or education. No written test required. APPLY — Civil Service Board, Post Office. DEADLINE — Oct. 31, 1955.

TRANSPORTATION SPECIALIST—(WHERE) — Washington and vicinity. SALARY—$3,410 to $10,800. REQUIREMENTS—Written test. APPLY—Civil Service Board, Post Office. DEADLINE — July 26, 1955.

CLERK — Male applicants only (WHERE) — Fort Holabird. Salary — $2,750. REQUIREMENTS — Written examination. APPLY — Civil Service Board, Fort Holabird or Post Office.

CARTOGRAPHIC SURVEY AID — (WHERE)— With U. S. Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey groups in mobile field units throughout the United States. SALARY — $2,500 to $3,205. REQUIREMENTS — No written test required. Applicants may qualify on the basis of experience. APPLY — Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post Office.

At Curtis Bay the following federal jobs are available:

RAILROAD TRACKMAN — $1.50 to $1.74 per hour.

RAILROAD TRACKMAN LEADER — $1.62 to $1.87 per hour.

SURVEILLANCE INSPECTOR —$1.54 to $1.78 per hour.

OILER AND GREASER — $1.62 to $1.87 per hour.

TRACTOR OPERATOR —$1.65 to $1.91 per hour.

GRADING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR — $1.73 to $2.00 per hour.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER — $1.88 to $2.18 per hour.

LOCOMOTIVE MECHANIC — $1.88 to $2.18 per hour.

GENERAL SUPPLY INSPECTOR — $1.96 to $2.27 per hour.

WAREHOUSEMAN, FOREMEN — $2.00 to $2.31 per hour.

STATISTICAL DRAFTSMAN—$3,410 per annum.

Application forms for the above jobs may be obtained at the main Post Office or at the Curtis Bay storage activity headquarters.

CHARGE NURSE, CUSTODIAL OFFICER, REGISTERED NURSE, SENIOR STENOGRAPHER — (APPLY) Eastern High School on July 23, Room 111 at 8:30 a.m. Examinations will be given at that time.

ASSISTANT LABOR MARKET ANALYST, CASE SUPERVISOR, CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGIST, JUNIOR DRAFTSMAN—(APPLY)—Office of Commissioner of Personnel, 31 Light St., by July 23. Test date to be announced later.

Daniels new head of New Area Assn.

Samuel T. Daniels, of 1516 N. Payson St., was elected president of the New Area Neighborhood Association at its meeting held Monday at Easterwood Park. He replaces Leroy A. Cooper who served three terms.

Also elected on Monday was Dr. Donald Brandon, of 2118 Presbury St. who succeeded Mrs. Lillyen Drumwright as corresponding secretary.

Re-elected as officers were James Carroll, 2138 Frestman St., vice-president; William W. Proctor, 1621 N. Pulaski St., recording secretary; James W. Murray, 1605 Moreland Ave., financial secretary; David Grooms, 1562 Moreland Ave., treasurer, and Mrs. Trella Jefferson, chaplain.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

The board of directors of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, at its regular meeting on Monday approved expenditures of $8,200,000 for expanding and improving telephone service in Maryland.

Girl, 14, bested polio to become valedictorian

A young Cherry Hill girl who had polio when she was 10 and was out of school for two years proved her mettle this June.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Freida Greer of 1010 Cherry Hill Rd. was the valedictorian of the Cherry Hill Jr. High School No. 180 and won the faculty award for the top ranking pupil.

Freida, the daughter of Mrs. Louise Greer, plans to enter Southern High School this fall where she will take an academic course. Her twin brother, Frederick, also graduated with Freida. He plans to attend Carver in September.

In spite of her polio attack, Freida never got behind in her class.

She's a member of the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Junior Westminister Fellowship Club. A native of Daytona Beach, Fla., Freida has been in Baltimore 11 years.

She's a good typist, likes mathematics and likes to swim.

New withholding tax plan to lighten your paycheck

Your paycheck is going to be short next week.

The state's new income tax withholding system went into operation Friday, July 1 and then now on your employer is responsible for seeing that the state comptroller's office gets your income tax.

Money you once paid annually will be taken from your check each week in installments.

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IN ADDITION to catching up with persons who may not have been sending in their tax, the state expects to realize approximately 3 million dollars a year extra by having the tax collected by your employer.

For single persons, and married couples with less than two children, the pinch will be light.

For families with two children the rate will remain the same as it is now.

Those with more than two children will get a slight reduction.

For example, a married man with no children making $80 a week will get a dependence allowance of $34, leaving $46 in taxable income. His state tax deduction from his pay at 1.8 percent will be roughly 83 cents a week.

The following table shows the weekly tax deductions for persons claiming one exemption who are earning from $20 to $110 a week.

Salary	Tax
$20	.08
$22	.14
$26	.21
$30	.29
$34	.35
$38	.42
$42	.48
$46	.56
$50	.64
$54	.69
$58	.77
$62	.83
$66	.90
$70	.98
$74	1.04
$78	1.12
$82	1.17
$86	1.25
$90	1.33
$94	1.39
$98	1.46
$102	1.61
$106	1.64

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Feet, shuffling in the corridors of county court houses and out of the way polling places, are walking ever closer to our rendezvous with freedom.

These are voters who are steadily improving the type of public official who is able to win office in the South. At the national conference of the NAACP, held here, there was evidence that we are moving around the corner from a new era of office-holding by colored people.

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SITTING ON the platform during the political action section of the conference, it was beside Alexander Looby, member of the city council of Nashville, Tenn.

In front of me was Harry Groves, a member of the city council in Fayetteville, N.C.

Kel'y M. Alexander, who presided at the meeting, is desined to be a member of Congress from the state of North Carolina one of these days.

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EARLIER, Oliver Hill, former member of the city council in Richmond, had presided at another meeting. Friends say he is headed for the Virginia legislature.

Judge Theodore Spaulding of Philadelphia and Judge Carl R. Johnson of Kansas City, Mo., also officiated at conference sessions. They, too, are evidence of what intelligent use of the ballot will accomplish.

These able men will undoubtedly sit on the Federal bench in the future, if they decide to continue their judicial careers.

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JUDGE WILLIAM HASTIE, a brilliant addition to the Federal courts, while not an elected official, is also an illustration of how the new political climate created by the voters makes it possible for men of merit to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

At the closing conference session chairman Theodore Berry, member of the city council in Cincinnati, degonstrated the qualities of patience and skill that make him a leading vote getter in his home city.

The first national conference of the NAACP that I attended, almost twenty years ago, was devoid of elected officials from southern cities. The idea of a colored man on the federal bench was a remote possibility.

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LESS IMPRESSIVE, but in the long run more important, is the change that is taking place among those who control the election machinery. This too, could be seen among the persons attending the conference.

Election judges, vote registrars and precinct captains were on hand—even in the section devoted to political action in the South.

In past conventions I have heard delegate after delegate from Dixie get up to talk about how difficult it was to register in their home communities.

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THIS TIME, it was a pleasant surprise to have a man identify himself on the convention floor as the registrar of voting in his community in North Caroina.

Getting people to register and vote is a painful, expensive and frequently discouraging task. However, there is no doubt that this is the key to winning massive civil rights victories.

When we can elect the sheriffs, the councilmen, the congressmen and the senators, the day of emancipation will be at hand.

County Dems seek police promotions

DUNDALK, Md. — Seeking promotion of colored officers, better street lighting and improved pavements in the community, here, members of the 12th District Democratic organization met with the president of the Baltimore County Board of Commissioners, recently.

The president, Michael Birmingham, assured the group that immediate action would be taken on the requests.

Among those who met with Mr. Birmingham were:

Irvin Adams, David Riddick, C. Quinn Jackson, James Staffin, the Rev. David Banks, pastor, Greater St. John Baptist Church and the Rev. William Jeffries, member of the executive committee of the democratic organization.

WHAT FRANKLIN SAID

Benjamin Franklin said: "A penny saved is a penny gotten" though we usually misquote it' ... a penny earned.' Either way; the regular buyer of U.S. Savings Bonds is heeding the advice of that wise American.

-POLITICS-

Democratic Viewpoint

By LLOYAL RANDOLPH

I attended the meeting last Thursday at the Emerson Hotel where Paul M. Butler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, cautioned Maryland Democrats against a bitter Senate primary race next year.

Mr. Butler's trip to Maryland was an effort to get the various Democratic factions in the state working together in harmony so that we will not face defeat next November.

Others who were present were Truly Hatchett, Dr. Thomas Pitts, Charlie Law, and Ernest Freeman.

Since colored leaders and workers were not considered at all in conferences with Mr. Butler, I did manage to have a brief audience with him and told him how the colored vote in Baltimore City was bought by Stevenson in the last election.

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MR. BUTLER urged party unity to elect a Democratic Senator in 1956 to replace Senator John Butler and place the state solidly in the Democratic column.

"No Republican Senator has ever land," he said, "but a bitter primary fight between factions can a split in the Democratic Party organization might conceivably give the seat to a Republican."

After the meeting Mayor D'Alesandro invited all the bigwigs seated at the head table to meet on the 12th floor on an "important matter."

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IT WAS later learned that as a result of this meeting Jack Pollack will support George Mahoney for the Senate next year leaving the field clear for Mr. D'Alesandro to run two years later for governor.

Mr. Mahoney in the past has always been opposed by Mr. Pollack. They've both said all lot of things about each other and I'm wondering what kind of campaign they will conduct working together. I'm trust I'll be around to see it.

Out of that 12th-floor meeting also came the news that the Democrats are deeply in debt, owing money from the last two campaigns of Byrd and D'Alesandro. Nobody, it seems, wants to pay off these debts.

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IF YOU'RE wondering just who the party leaders were who were seated at the head table and who met upstairs, here's the list:

Former Senator Herbert O'Connor, Clarence Miles, Harry Jackson, Dr. R. Walter Graham, John Gallagher, State Senator Louis Goldstein, George Mahoney, George L. Rateliff, Congressmen Garmatz, Fallon and Friedel, Mayor D'Alesandro, Attorney General C. Ferdinand Sybert, Mrs. E. Brooke Lee, president fo the Federation of Democratic Women and Mrs. Alice Canoles, national committeewoman.

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IN HIS criticism of Senator Butler, Mr. Butler described the Republican's voting record in the Senate as "one of the worst of the Old Guard Republicans."

"Senator Butler voted against such humanitarian measures as an increase in school lunch funds, funds for school survey and construction grants, and against increased funds for maternal and child welfare, Public Health Service, the National Institutes of Health and the Children's Bureau.

"He voted to cut new public housing units from 135,000 to 5,000 in 1951, and earlier this month voted to limit public housing units to 35,000 a year," Mr. Butler pointed out.

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THE YOUNG Democrats of Maryland are meeting in convention in Ocean City this fall, which makes us wonder what action will be made for Fred Ecker, president of the AFRO at the 628 N. Eutaw St.

Another Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

As a delegate to the 46th Annual NAACP Convention in Atlantic City this past week I had a choice of participating in one of four workshops.

I selected the one on Political Action because I feel that in Baltimore we are on the way to achieving real political significance.

It is interesting to note that politics with respect to the election of one of us to office is the same all over the country.

It was interesting to note that men like Beverely Carter, who ran for Congress in Philadelphia; the Rev. Denzil Carty of St. Paul. Minn., who led a successful fight for an FEPC bill in Minnesota; A. P. Marshall, who led an unsuccessful fight for a FEP Bill in Missouri, and a lawyer from Charleston, West Va., whose name escapes me, but who was elected to the City Council in Charleston, were all faced in their respective fights with the same problems we have here.

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THE CITY Councilman from Charleston gave us a campaign similar to the one conducted by Senator Cole, Truly Hatchett, Emory Cole and Walter Dixon.

A. P. Marshall's program of trying to get an FEP bill passed by the Missouri Legislature reminded me of the fight we had in the last session of our legislature.

The primary problems are the same, that is lack of funds, lack of full registration, difficulty in securing volunteer workers, etc.

I did find that we are approaching the problem in the right way and the tactics we have employed have worked in other communities.

Actually it was difficult to obtain any new techniques from these people and others from all parts of the country.

It appeared that we were all from the same community. Since we seem to be up on our toes in techniques, our real job then is to get the ball rolling.

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THE CONVENTION also stressed the idea that along with our great victory before the Supreme Court, we must implement our victory not only by demanding that schools be integrated, but also by increasing our strength politically.

One of the hottest issues of the day is the Powell Amendment to the bill to increase the size of the National Guard.

It is an explosive issue with the Eisenhower Administration but significantly it has become a political issue. Many are afraid to vote for or against the Amendment, because of the possibility of voter retaliation.

This issue should remind us of how important politics is in our respective communities.

Whether the National Guard is integrated might very well rest, not on congressmen of what is right or wrong, but on the fear of the colored vote in this country.

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IN THOSE communities where the school officials are elected, weather integration will be immediate or is held up will depend to a large measure on the strength of the colored vote in those communities.

Whether we get Fair Employment bills, Civil Rights bills, integrated housing, Federal Aid to States for school construction will depend on how we agree to abide by the Supreme Court Decision, integration of office personnel in City and State government agencies, top political appointments, etc., all depend on our strength at the polls.

It can truly be said that in all our deliberations with respect to advancing the cause of the American colored man, one can find political overtones. Each of us should begin now to strengthen our group politically.

Governor opens new picnic area and fishing pond

The State's newest picnic area and fishing pond was formally dedicated today (Friday) on Route 5 south of Waldorf, in Charles County.

Governor McKeldin was present to officiate at brief ceremonies and assist in stocking the pond with fish.

The new picnic area brings to 94 the number of rest recreation spots in general use throughout the State.

Loss of life in abandoned refrigerators on increase

One of the most depressing of news items is one recording the death of a child found trapped in a discarded ice box or refrigerator. Yet one of the tragedies of modern-day living is a growing death toll from this cause.

During the six-year period 1948-1953, according to the National Safety Council, there have been nearly 50 cases in which one to 5 children have crawled into a discarded ice box or refrigerator, closed the door and been unable to get out.

Seventy - nine children have died in this manner. Fifty-nine boys and 20 girls, ranging in age from 2 to 12 years, the average age being 5 years.

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ALTHOUGH THIS toll is not statistically high, its potential seems to be increasing percentage-wise annually.

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FOR EXAMPLE, there were twice as many reported deaths from suffocation in discarded refrigerators during 1953 as there were during 1952. Moreover, the number of deaths per incident is increasing.

In 1953 just four cases involved 12 children. In one of these cases five children from a single family were the victims.

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THERE ARE more than 50,000,000 ice boxes, refrigerators, freezers and other such airtight cabinets in use today that are being discarded at the rate of approximately two to three million a year.

Once discarded, these refrigerators and other airtight containers make inviting places for games for small children.

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MAY through September are the critical months because during this period children have vacation time for outdoor play and discarded boxes provide enticing hiding places.

To avoid the possibility of this type of accident in our community, the Maryland State Department of Health urges people who have unused or discarded refrigerators or ice boxes on their premises to take the following steps to render them harmless:

1. Remove the door. A chest which opens from the top or a large refrigerator lying on its back often has a lid or door so heavy that a child trapped inside would not be able to push it open.

2. Remove the latch stop so that the door can not lock. This is particularly effective for making harmless these boxes with a door which opens on the front side.

3. Drill holes in the cabinet and remove the gasket. This will allow air into the box.

If the cabinet is only temporarily out of use it can still be rendered harmless for the period in which it must stand idle by taking the following steps:

1. Remove the latch stop. Put the stop and the screws into a bag which can be attached to the refrigerator for safe-keeping until needed.

2. Place the refrigerator so that the door is against the wall. Most boxes are too heavy for small children to push around.

3. Tie a wire or short rope around the box. If handles are so constructed, padlock the cabinet or refrigerator.