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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If education is good for anything, it is that we learn to choose the good.

EDWARD MARTIN

# For the young and old

With so much talk racing around the country on juvenile delinquency we think the advice given 2,000 young people at the annual National Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., bears repeating.

The advice was given by Mrs. Violet H. Whyte, Baltimore policewoman, an official who has first-hand knowledge of the cause and effect of both juvenile and adult delinquency.

Teen-agers "can't sip cocktails, smoke incessantly, dance all night and indulge in promiscuous sex relations and still make it in the world of today," Mrs. Whyte warned.

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HER REMARKS were addressed to a predominantly feminine audience, but they hold true for both male and female teen-agers.

Mrs. Whyte's admonition does not mean that our youngsters cannot have fun. Just the opposite, she holds that they can have fun and remain out of trouble if they plan their good times.

In planning the good times for the young, however, the parent has as much a responsibility as our youth, a responsibility too many of us shirk today.

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Too often, as Mrs. Whyte can attest to, the downfall of a youngster is directly connected to the fact that the parent has failed to help plan the free hours of their children.

"Dance discreetly, drink all you want to—but make sure you drink soft drinks," Mrs. Whyte warned her audience.

Good advice. Such advice, in fact, that many a parent could also heed.

## Housing problem in Annapolis

Down in Annapolis a problem is facing a large number of colored residents to which no solution seems readily available.

Some 133 families are forced to move from their homes to make way for a new state office building and an access road to the new Annapolis-Washington Expressway.

At least 3 families have moved away from the area, but 30 families still remain in their homes.

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THEIR PROBLEM? They have no place to move.

Annapolis has a limited number of homes available for colored residents. Those residents who owned their homes can move and build again since the state paid them for their property.

But the hapless renter finds himself in a predicament.

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ALREADY SOME families have been forced to move to Baltimore. But others who desire to remain in the State Capital are hanging on hoping against hope that some solution will present itself.

Already the State has extended the time for residents to move at least three times. Now they have been told they may remain rent free until they can locate new homes but not until next spring.

But, as Shakespeare would say "There's the rub."

Where are they to go?

## English joins Catholic rites

Except for the Mass ("Communion Service") Catholic Priests may now read other ceremonies in English instead of Latin.

Requests for the use of English came from the Bishops in North America and was recently approved by the Vatican.

The ancient custom of using the Latin language only in Catholic services made it possible for a priest from any part of the world to conduct the services in a Catholic Church without knowing the language of the worshippers.

Many Catholic worshippers have learned to understand the Latin service as though it were in English.

But there were many who did not, and it is for these persons that the use of the English language in Catholic services will be beneficial.

## Brief sojourn

In the short space of a week Joe Durham, the speedy outfielder the Orioles brought up from Texas, has shown he is of major league stature.

Unfortunately Mr. Durham will not be with us next year when the Orioles open shop under their new manager. Mr. Durham enters the Army next month and will be in the service of his country for the next three years.

We can only hope that when his service period ends he will return to the Baltimore club to join what we hope by then will be other colored stars on the team.

In the meantime, we cheer his brief but auspicious debut in an Oriole uniform.

# Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

Now that Uncle Sam has conjured up a curtailment of Oriole Joe Durham's baseball career, shouldn't we in Baltimore carol him off with a "Goodbye Joe, it's been good to know you?"

Mr. Walker

From what he's been doing to date, the Birds Coned have used Mr. Durham in the lineup long before now. With the season at an end and nobody hardly interested in what remaining games are left to be played, Durham won't be around long enough to become a local hero.

But from what he's shown in the brief time he's been an Oriole, he would have been. Here's hoping his three-year army career is over in a hurry.

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IN THE meantime, as baseball enters its dying days, local fans can pull out all their sleeping hurrahs for the football season. And Messrs. Young, Taliaferro et company look like they'll give us plenty to cheer about this year.

A hero worshipper from way back, I'll be happy as all get out to be able to cheer for the local team, especially when we're represented in it.

And not to get too far away from the sports scene, might we inquire, where is Ray Felix? Is he is or is he ain't going to be a Bullet this year? Rumors are flying.

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INTEGRATION — CIO Political Action Committee's weekly sheet reports the following on blamed the state policy for the overcrowded conditions in City Hospitals' tubercular section.

The solution is simple and readily seen. There are state hospitals with empty beds for tubercular patients. But these hospital beds are for white patients only.

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THE ONLY beds available for colored tubercular patients are at City Hospitals and Henryton State Hospital. And there are long waiting lists for both these institutions.

The simple and humane thing for the State Department of Health to do would be to open up the new Annapolis-Washington Expressway.

At least 3 families have moved away from the area, but 30 families still remain in their homes.

## Autumn arrives

Thursday, September 23 marks the beginning of autumn.

This is the time of the year when some poets tell us "the world puts on its robes of glory" and the "morn are meeker than they were."

Many people prefer this season of the year. Days are not unbearably hot and the humidity is lower.

Early morning dew is on the grass and the skies are clear, the air fresh. It feels good going to work.

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MID-DAYS are hot and when the sun goes down the evening winds freshen and it is perfect for sleeping.

But to some, September is the gateway to a season other poets call "man with wrath of wind and rain."

Don't look now but summer is fast coming to an end.

The last day of summer is September 22 and autumn or fall begins at 8:36 a.m. on Sept. 23.

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ALREADY THE days are becoming shorter and this past week has found a coolness in the air that is in sharp contrast to the 90-degree temperatures of last week.

Summer weather brings time for vacations away from school and work and weekends for rest and play.

With fall we're all back to work.

It was a nice hot summer, but we're glad to welcome Miss Autumn.

## Dr. Carson

The death of Dr. Simeon L. Carson last week closed the career of a distinguished surgeon who had devoted half a century to the practice of medicine.

Doctor Carson received his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1903, at the early age of 21. After a brief period of practice in Ann Arbor he served for several years as physician on an Indian reservation in South Dakota.

A resident of Washington from 1908 until he died, Doctor Carson was assistant surgeon-in-chief at Freedmen's Hospital for ten years and later maintained a private hospital at 1822 Fourth St., NW for nearly 20 years. He maintained a large practice and served as clinical professor of surgery at Howard University.

As a surgeon, Doctor Carson had "magic hands," his colleagues report. His speed and dexterity with the scalpel became legendary, and his ability in other fields of medicine was of the same superior quality as his operative skills.

Hundreds of patients in Washington and other cities also knew Doctor Carson as a practitioner of high standards and a kind and sympathetic medical counsellor. He served his science and his community faithfully and will long be remembered.

# Speak Your Piece

**Voting machine**

Dear AFRO:

Eight weeks after the Democratic primary for governor election, we learned that Byrd defeated Mahoney.

The public is inconvenienced because election results should be announced promptly.

The candidates are at greater disadvantage because they can not begin their campaigns, and some voters are pretty well provoked with both of them for prolonging the primary contest with such proceedings.

I find it hard to sympathize with the candidates.

Only Baltimore City installed voting machines years ago. The County bosses kept the system of voting by paper ballots because it served the cause of the politicians.

As long as there are paper ballots, certain county districts can be manipulated in close elections.

Everybody knew this and nobody did anything about it.

Queen Anne County has now purchased voting machines for the November election. Other counties would do well to follow suit.

Voting machines at $1,500 each do away with paper ballots the bosses can miscount, misplace or render invalid by illegal markings.

JOSEPH LAWSON

**On Lane Bryant**

Dear AFRO:

I have read the statement that Mrs. Thomas gave the AFRO about the Lane Bryant store.

I investigated the matter concerning that, and I found out that they have a very good reason for it.

As for myself and the rest of my club members, we go to there and we are treated fine. I buy most of my clothes in there and I can't complain for the way they treat me.

I'm writing this for the interest of the stout ladies of Baltimore, so they won't have any fear of going in there instead of using the order book.

I believe in giving fairness to everybody.

(Mrs.) NANNIE GIBBS
President, Original Democrat Club of Women

**To catch snake**

Dear AFRO:

I have a suggestion for finding the snake which disappeared in that Charles St. apartment house 10 days ago.

It may be possible to lure him out of his hiding place with a violinist, properly protected of course. It's quite true that music hath charms for snakes, as well as for men.

MRS. NOVELLA TOWNSEND

**Nurses' complaint**

Dear AFRO:

We are appealing to you in behalf of the colored nurses of the Baltimore City Hospitals in regards to the Nurses Home.

The nurses call, work, and train interracially, yet their living quarters in comparison to the white Nurses Home is a mere shack. The colored nurses have a one-story building which is in close proximity to the white orderlies' quarters which is very dangerous from a moral standpoint.

We are not requesting a modern building, just a little comfort, privacy and protection. We would appreciate an early investigation.

PARTIES INTERESTED IN WELFARE OF COLORED NURSES OF B.C.H.

# Hodge-Podge

By ROBERT MATTHEWS

High school students seem to have a penchant for fads in clothing.

Each generation of teen-agers seems to try to outdo its predecessors in seeing how outlandish a getup they can wear.

Remember my own high school days when the fad was wearing neckties for belts, and mismatched shoes and socks.

Today, however, the high schoolers seem to have settled down considerably. Their fads are tempered with a sense of practical worth.

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FOR EXAMPLE, the boys are wearing Chino pants. These are those khaki - colored things, similar to the suntans issued by the army.

They're practical in that they are less expensive than wool or gabardine, and can be thrown into the washing machine when dirty, saving on cleaning bills.

Was sitting on the porch the other day when Douglass High School dismissed its classes. The students streamed down Bentalou Street in never - ending succession.

They all seemed dressed normally enough, could detect nothing that could be classified as "foddish," unless possibly it could be one little item all the girls were wearing.

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AFTER ABOUT 50 teen-agers had passed, I began to notice that every single girl was wearing bobby - sox.

That may not seem too outstanding, but the most amazing of all — every pair of bobby - sox was white.

Started keeping count, and out of 172 girls passing by, only one girl was not wearing white bobby - sox.

Poor child — she had on long, nylon stockings.

## Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

A difference of opinion has developed in the ranks of the Local Frontiers Club over whether the organization should sponsor a money making affair to support its charitable program or whether the funds should come from a tax on the members. The matter should be settled at an early date.

Credit Harry Cole, GOP candidate for the State Senate from the Fourth Legislative District, with opposition to plans to fedistrict the city. Claims colored voters will suffer because their voting power will be split—but good.

Orchids to Dr. Louis E. Harmon who raised over $1,000 this year to help the youth program at the YMCA. The popular physician has been one of the leaders in Y youth work for several years and deserves the thanks of the community.

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BOWEN JACKSON, executive secretary of the NAACP, left Baltimore Sept. 5 and reached Los Angeles on Sept. 8. Quite good time for the 2,860 miles when you consider that he was driving an automobile.

Bowen drove his sister, Mrs. Marion J. Downes, to the California city and returned to Baltimore by plane on Monday. He also visited the C. B. Morrells, wealthy L.A. residents. He chalked up his best time on the trip when he took 80 minutes to go 119 miles.

Tommy Wilkerson, president of International Longshoremen's Association No. 858, is in New York negotiating a contract for longshoremen. Understand Mrs. Adele Brown of the 1700 block Appleton St., who died Saturday, was quite an attractive lady. Her husband is being held in her death.

Dr. Furman Templeton of the Urban League looking well after a vacation. Painter Frank A. Simmons of 1932 Druid Hill Ave., still going strong after many years at the trade.

# Work Bench

By Clarence Mitchell

It is possible that a more silly reason could have been advanced for asking A. Maceo Smith to resign his position with the Federal Housing Agency, but it does not fall upon my listening ear.

Maceo, who has long been active in all kinds of constructive causes, was summoned to Washington from his home in Texas recently.

When he arrived, he was given a chance to submit his resignation or be fired. The reason, His picture appeared in a magazine as a man of distinction. The picture was the ad of a liquor company.

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TOP HOUSING OFFICIALS are notably uninformed on what is happening among colored people in the United States, so it is unlikely that they saw this ad.

Even if they did, it is not likely that they made more than a mental note to sample the brand which displayed Maceo's smiling visage.

Apparently one of their advisers decided that this should be a cause for putting Maceo on the spot. Since the liquor industry is a legal business that buys advertising and is subject to federal regulations, it is hard to see what there was to talk about when the news was breathlessly carried to the housing chiefs.

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WHILE I PERSONALLY do not drink, I have not met many government officials who do not like to transact their business over cocktails or some other kind of alcoholic concoctions.

I presume that the people in the housing family are no exception to this rule.

The official dinners of the Department of State are always lubricated with wines, gin, whiskey and other forms of fire-water.

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IT MAY BE that we should re - study this approach to social relations in the international field, but until we do only a simpleton would try to oust a useful citizen like Maceo just because the distilleries thought he looked like a man of distinction.

The Smith case is serious because it shows that someone in the housing field is more interested in playing petty, chicken-feed politics than in getting a solution to the housing problems that face colored people in the United States.

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THERE IS some reason to believe that racial relations employees of the housing agency, who are under civil service, are the victims of even more underhanded actions.

For example, when these employees are subject to inquiries about security questions, they are suspended from duty which means that they must eat, pay rent and hire lawyers while they have no pay check.

In other agencies employees in similar instances are kept on the payroll until the charges are proven true. The charges against the housing people are trifling and easily disproved.

MACEO HAS NEVER been vulnerable even in the slightest way on the question of security. Those who want to get him fired had to hatch something else. They picked the phony issue of the liquor ad.

Let us hope that the housing chiefs will come to their senses and retract their action.

Perhaps if prohibition ever comes back they may have a case, but at this time their action looks like a desire to act attention of colored people on a side show when we are interested in the main tent.

# Social Security

By William H. Thomas

Beginning Jan. 1, 1955, several new groups will receive social security coverage for the first time. One of the largest of such groups is the household worker.

Under the old Social Security law, domestic workers were covered under social security if they worked 24 days in a quarter and earned $50 in the quarter while working for the same employer.

Under the new Social Security Amendments beginning Jan. 1, 1955, the regularity of employment test will not be applicable.

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HOWEVER, wages will be creditable only if the worker is paid fifty dollars or more in cash wages during a quarter by an employer.

This means that a domestic worker will receive social security credits if she earns $50 in wages and without regard to the length of time she works. This provision will undoubtedly provide insurance protection for most day workers in private homes.

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ANOTHER PROVISION of the new Social Security law extends coverage to ministers on an optional basis. The provision also includes Christian Science practitioners.

To obtain this coverage, the individual must file a certificate with the Bureau of Internal Revenue electing coverage of his services as a minister or Christian Science partitioner or member of a religious order.

To be effective, the certificate must be filed on or before the due date of his tax return for the second taxable year ending after 1954 in which he has at least $400 in net earnings from self-employment.

Earnings from other types of self-employment may be included in the total.

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THE DEADLINE for filing the certificate for coverage is April 15, 1957. When the certificate is filed it will be effective for the taxable year for which it is filed but cannot cover any taxable year ending before 1955.

Once a certificate electing coverage is filed it can never be revoked.

This new optional social security coverage for ministers, Christian Science practitioners, and members of religious orders is in line with the optional coverage of religious lay workers which was granted under the 1950 Social Security Amendments effective Jan. 1, 1951.



# Workshop open to interested citizens

## 15-week seminar begins Sept. 29 at Gompers for teachers, parents

Interested citizens as well as parents and teachers are invited to enroll in a 15-week workshop which begins Wednesday, September 29 at the Samuel Gompers Vocational School 298, North Ave. and Broadway.

The two - hour workshop which begins at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday is concerned with studying critical problems of young people. There will be group study, discussions, films and lectures.

Fifteen credit hours will be given to teachers who successfully complete the workshop. All other participants will receive a certificate.

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THE AREAS which the workshop will cover are as follows:

Relationships — parent-child, Parent-teacher, pupil-pupil and other relationships that grow out parents and children.

Health — the implications of sound physical and mental health on the adjustment of the family to present day living conditions.

Citizens' Responsibilities — based on the philosophy that "a democracy is only as strong as its individual citizens."

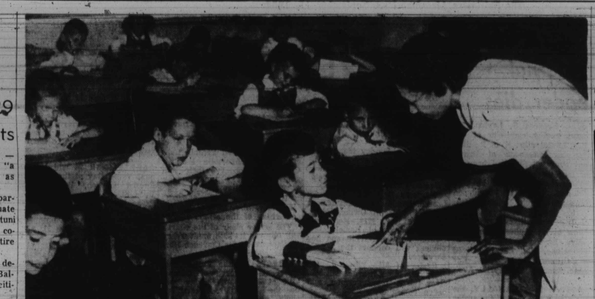
Economic Planning—with particular attention to adequate housing occupational opportunities and budget-making as a cooperative venture of the entire family unit.

Community Services as designed to meet the needs of Baltimore's younger and adult citizens.

Mrs. Lillian Parrott is general chairman of the workshop planning committee and Mrs. Essie M. Hughes is chairman of publicity.

MISSIONARY MEETING

The quarterly conference of the Baltimore Conference of AME Church's Missionary Society will meet at Payne Memorial Church, Madison Ave. and Laurens St. Thursday Sept. 23. Mrs. W. P. Mitchell, wife of the Payne pastor, is president.



MAKING D.C. HISTORY—Mrs. Ella J. Rice, teacher, talks with one of her pupils—all of whom are white—in third grade classroom of Draper Elementary School in Southwest Washington. Mrs. Rice is only teacher of her race in the school.

# Record figure seen in evening classes

City wide registration will be held Wednesday, Sept. 29, and Thursday, Sept. 30, in more than 33 evening schools located in every part of the city.

Department of Education officials expect a record breaking evening school registration with enrollment possibly reaching 25,000.

A complete roster of courses in elementary, junior and senior high school subjects vocational, Americanization, and parent education areas will be offered. Special courses have also been organized in the field of apprenticeship training, arts and supervisory training.

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SOME CLASSES will operate 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. while others will operate from 8 to 10 p.m. There will also be many trade training courses offered on a full time and half time basis during the day. All classes are free to Baltimore City residents.

FOR FURTHER information on night schools call BE. 5-6300. Ext.—537, Division of Adult Education, at anytime during the day. For information during the evening call BE. 5-6322 between 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

School Directory Evenings

6 William Fell Elementary Sch., Ann St. near Flett (31) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

10A Edgar Allen Poe Evening Center, Fayette and Green St. (14 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday.

43 Patterson Park Evening Center, Pratt St. and Ellwood Ave. (24) M.T.W.T.F.

56A Robert Poole Evening Sch., 36th and Pool Sts. (11) M.W.

59 Louisa M. Alcott Sch., Keyworth Ave. and Reisterstown Rd. (15) M.W.T.

64 Liberty Evening Center, Garrison and Maine Aves. (7) M.W.T.

70 Southern Evening Center, Warren Ave. and William St. (30) M.T.W.

106 Harvey Johnson Even. Sch., Hill St. near Sharp (30) M.T.W

130 Booker T. Washington Even. Center, Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh St. M.T.W.

130A Evening Sch., Carrollton Ave. and Saratoga St. (23) M. T. W.

133 Paul Lawrence Dunbar Even. Sch., McElderry and Caroline Sts. (5) M.T.W.T.

154 Fairfield Evening Center, between Carbon and Ready Aves. (26) M.T.W.

156 Mt. Winans Evening Sch., Puget St. near Harmon Ave. (30) M.T.W.

159 Cherry Hill Evening Center, 801 Bridgeview Ave. (25) M. T.W.

181 Evening School, Calhoun and Baker Sts. (17) M.T.W.T.

239 Benajmin Franklin Sch., Cambria and 12th St. (25) M.W.

250 Veterans Trade Sch., Balto. and Aisquith Sts. (2) M.T.W. T.F.

253 Veterans Trade Sch., Lock Raven Rd. and Fillmore St. (18) M.T.W.T.F.

294 Woodrow Wilson Vocational Even. Center, Holins and Monroe Sts., (23) M.W.

297 Warren S. Seips Vocational Even. Sch., Broadway and Bank St. (31) M.W.T.

298 Samuel Gompers Vocational Even. Sch., Broadway and North Ave. (13) Tues. Thur.

Baltimore Polytechnic Even. High Sch. North Avenue and Calvert (2) M.T.W.T.

406 Forest Park Evening Center, Cratham Rd. and Eldorado (7) M.W.

408 City College Even. High Sch., 33rd and The Alameda (18) M.T.W.T.

410 Mergenthaler Vocational - Tech. Even. Sch., Hillen Rd. and 25th (18) M.T.W.T.

450 Douglass Evening High Sch., Gwynns Falls Park and Pulaski St. (19) M.T.W.T.

432 General Vocational Even. Sch., Biddle and McCulloh Sts. (17) M.T.W.T.

434 Carver Voc. Even. Sch., Carrollton and Lafayette Aves. (17) M.T.W.T.

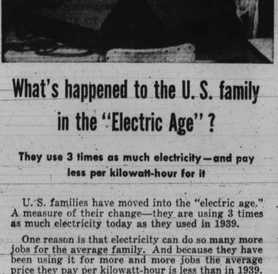
434A Carver Voc. Even. Sch. Annex, Carey near Cumberland St. (17) M.T.W.T.

434B Carver Voc. Even. Sch. Annex, 2614 Pennsylvania Ave. (17) M.T.W.T.F.

434C Carver Vocational Even. Sch. Annex, 585 W. Preston St. (17) M.T.W.T.F.

520 Dept. of Education Administration Bldg., 3 E. 25th St. (18) M.T.W.T.

522 Dept. of Education Administration Bldg., Annex, 2418 St. Paul St. M.T.W.T.



## What's happened to the U. S. family in the "Electric Age"?

They use 3 times as much electricity—and pay less per kilowatt-hour for it

# Survey shows most parents favor keeping School 200

U.S. families have moved into the "electric age." A measure of their change—they are using 3 times as much electricity today as they used in 1939.

One reason is that electricity can do so many more jobs for the average family. And because they have been using it for more and more jobs the average price they pay per kilowatt-hour is less than in 1939.

Another reason—there's more of it. The electric light and power companies provide *3 times as much* electricity as they did in 1939. They are building new power plants and dams and lines all over the country ($10 billion worth) to keep well ahead of growing needs.

What's coming? Still more electricity-at-work for everybody. Electric companies will add half again as much by 1960!

In spite of this abundance, some people still propose that the federal government build electric projects even if it means waste, a bigger national debt and the threat of socialism.

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Initial reports of a survey have revealed that the majority of the parents of pupils enrolled in Elementary School No. 200, desire to have their children remain at the school.

At present the school has 168 white and 107 colored pupils.

The school, which has been the center of a controversy since opening last week on an integrated basis, is located at Broening Highway and Holabird Ave.

Last week a group of white parents asked that the school be abandoned because of what they termed "unsanitary condition and poor construction."

They also asked that their children be transferred back to the O'Donnell Heights School No. 240 at O'Donnell and Gusryan Sts., or to the John Ericsson School, No. 228, Rappolla St. and Foster Ave.

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BEFORE INTEGRATION the school was used by over 200 colored pupils. It was the first portable unit to be constructed and is located in a condemned area near the Holabird Industrial District.

After the complaint of the parents, the Department of Education sent questionnaires to parents in the area asking them if they wanted their children moved from School No. 200.

Of the 349 answers received, 178 asked to remain at the school, 113 wanted to transfer to No. 240, and 24 asked for moves to School No. 228. Thirty-four answers listed no clear preference.

On Thursday, Miss Ida Gerber, teacher in charge of School No. 200, said the school was operating at full capacity and all the conditions criticized by the parents had been corrected.

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THE CORRECTIVE measures included:

Abandonment of the annex building, painting of the school, covering of a cesspool, cutting of the grass, removal of dead trees and filling in of all ruts and gulleys.

In a letter to parents in the area which announced the corrections, Dr. John H. Fischer said:

"The classroom conditions in School No. 200, because of the large size of the rooms, the excellent lighting and the refinished floors, provide an educational environment for children superior to that which now exists in many Baltimore schools."

## Seven undergraduates enroll at U. of Md. as registration opens

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—The University of Maryland will open its fall semester on Monday with at least seven colored students as undergraduates.

A final count on the number of colored students enrolled in the school is expected to be released at the close of the three-day registration which began on Wednesday.

The first day of registration saw seven colored pupils enrolled in the university where segregation ended this summer when the board of regents voted to admit all qualified students. Figures are not yet available on the number of students who received dormitory accommodations on the campus.

## Homeowner forgets key, firemen help

Joseph Little of the 100 block Orleans St. will think twice from now on whenever he locks up his apartment for fear he might forget his key.

He did just that Wednesday afternoon and caused the city fire department a little trouble.

Firemen from Engine Co. No. 6, at Eutaw and Gay Sts., had to climb a ladder three flights to let him in.

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Autumn Watch Check-up

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## Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

A football team in action, whether it be high school, college or professional always brings out something in a man.

This idea came to mind Tuesday when Coach William Payne of the Douglass High boys through the wringer at Druid Hill Park.

A group of has beens, myself included, were standing along the sidelines talking about what we sometimes did in the sports field. I must confess I was ashamed of myself.

Not because of what I did not do on the gridiron, but about being fool enough to try and outtell a bigger story than the fellow next to me.

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DON'T THINK it's true? Stop and listen sometimes. Football season makes the biggest liars out of the most pleasant fellows.

All the coaches are singing the blues this month. Nothing unusual about that, though, they'll do it every time.

Just ask any coach how his team is shaping up and you'll hear a groan low enough to be heard at the other end of the Grand Canyon.

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COACH CAIN AT Dunbar has a new wrinkle however, he's spending "sleepless nights" over the condition of his team.

While on the surface agenda might as well mention that the Druid Hill YMCA took part in a couple of swimming meets a few days ago.

At the Philadelphia Open Age Group Swimming and Diving Meet, three of their boys reached the finals. The team was outclassed by Chick Webb five days later at Coltons Point, though. (How about those Dodgers?)

## Help for a distraught mother

Mrs. Sarah Diggs, 1909 Druid Hill Ave., writes: "I am quite touched by the letter from a distraught mother which appeared in your column and I would like to help lift some of her burdens by collecting shoes and clothing so that her children might attend school regularly.

"I would like to visit the home and try and help the girls have a recreation through the YWCA and the Junior Civic League so that this breadwinning mother will know that her girls are in good hands while she is at work. Maybe we could find part - time after - school work for the 16-year-old.

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"I will be willing to accept shoes and clothes for these children at my home on Wednesday and Thursday or at any hour.

"I am sure there are many people who will respond to help me prove that Baltimoreans have a generous heart and that we admire a mother who works hard to keep her family of six children together without help from the father and little help from the Probation Department.

"I hope this letter might be the basis for a Trust Fund which would enable Baltimoreans will set up to help emergency cases like that of the Distraught Mother.

"I would like to suggest through the AFRO that such a payroll unit the charge could be called Volunteer Mite Fund. It would be for deserving and needy families who are helping hand to carry them through an emergency.

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"If everybody who has a roof over his head, ample food and clothing gave just $5 a year to this fund, it could be a godsend to many of our unfortunate neighbors.

"I am sure readers reading this will see the wisdom of such a fund and will volunteer to get it started under the guidance of reputable citizens. Baltimore needs a Mite Fund.

"Meantime, please, Mr. and Mrs. Baltimore, help me help this distraught mother and her family. Send clothes, food and shoes for these children to me, the help from the Wednesday or Thursday at 1909 Druid Hill Ave. — Sarah F. Diggs."

## This and that about people...

John Ford, manager of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Georgetown, British Guiana, is in Baltimore studying the firm's operations. Tommy Hawkins of Baltimore, salesman for the firm, is among those showing him the ropes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Guyton of Ithaca, N.Y., who were buried here this week were killed when their car and a truck crashed on the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Lewisburg. She was killed instantly. He did some after they reached a hospital.

She is the former Hallie Naomi Johnson of Baltimore. Her brother, Samuel Johnson is the well-known W. Lanvale St. tailor and fraternal worker. They leave four children.

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William Hall, the 88 - year-old retired lumber yard worker who was hit by that auto on Pennsylvania Ave. on Sunday is doing nicely at Provident Hospital.

He was en route to his Druid Hill Ave. home when the accident occurred, having just left the home of his cousin, Mrs. Sarah Gaines, 602 Pitcher St. where he had his usual Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Gaines, by the way, observed her 82nd birthday last Friday with a family gathering at her home.

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## A thought for the week...

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"The moment people stop criticizing you, brother, you're dead.

"So long as you do things in this world, so long as you are striving to express yourself and to be better than you are, you will stir up jealousies, envy and the brickbats of those who resent what you are doing because they do not agree with you, or because your success stimulates their own feeling of inferiority.

"The dears in this world are the ones who must learn to let criticism run off their backs.

"Have faith in yourself and remember that the only ones who are not talked about are those who either do nothing, or occupy a little plot of ground in the cemetery. . ."