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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have more than thou showest,
Speak less than thou knowest.
—SHAKESPEARE

Dr. Byrd's acceptance speech omissions

Dr. H. C. (Curly) Byrd's speech of acceptance to the State Democratic Convention at the Emerson Hotel Monday contains little that colored voters can cheer about.

Praise for former Governors Ritchie, O'Conor and Lane was expected and deserved.

But the mention of the Republican administration of Governor McKeldin was also expected.

If voters are expected to remove the party that is "in" and transfer power to the party that is "out," the "outs" must promise to do more and do it better than the "ins."

Dr. Byrd did that; and that too, was expected.

ALL OF us want a balanced budget, a more prosperous port in Baltimore, more jobs, and a $5.00 saving on auto licenses, lower taxes, more farm research and programs that will make the Chesapeake yield more fish, oysters and crabs.

Dr. Byrd makes the promise that he will give women more political equality and more jobs.

Colored people make up one fifth of the state's population. Both Democrats and Republicans have discriminated against us in this backward state in political and in state employment.

We are interested in the same treatment of colored citizens as for white.

We are interested in employment as well as political equality for everybody.

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WHEN Dr. Byrd says "The deepest concern that in the people of this state have is to improve the conditions under which they live and under which their children are growing up";

"This concern and interest is basically involved in good jobs yielding sufficient pay to keep families in comfort . . ." we ask:

What conditions are to be improved — what jobs are to be gotten?

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THE AVERAGE politician includes generalities in an acceptance speech.

If Dr. Byrd seeks the support of the colored voters he will be specific in the coming weeks of the campaign.

If he has any more promises or pledges up his sleeve that mean something for us, now is the time to let us get a look at them.

Why not school on Saturdays?

In the West Indies, children are in school during the summer period.

In England and on the continent, children are in school at this moment.

There might have been a reason for this in the old days when children were required to help in planting, or harvesting of crops.

In th United States, our public schools take a 77-day vacation in the summer months.

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THERE MIGHT have been a reason, too, in these crowded schoolrooms of our cities, where we have 90-degree temperatures in July and August.

But the mechanical ventilating and cooling systems make it possible for our school system to operate throughout the year.

That has been our view ever since we noticed how other countries are far ahead of us in educating the young.

A West German high school girl enrolled recently in one of our colleges and completed a four-year term in one year.

This would seem to indicate that our elementary and secondary school systems are at least three years behind European schools.

The biggest contributing factor is the excess vacation period in the United States.

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ALL OVER the nation, the average worker has only two weeks vacation after five years of service. Public schools are closed 2½ months in the summer plus 26 other days for holidays.

How can we educate our children sending them to school only 180 days in the year and closing three billions of dollars worth of school buildings 185 days in the year?

Some sections of the West have already started on a voluntary summer term in the public schools.

Education - wise, if we are to keep up with the rest of the world, we must add at least two more months to our school term every year.

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ONE WAY to do it is to cut the summer vacation to two weeks.

Or, we could go to school on Saturdays as the colleges already do, and trim our 26 holidays to 13.

Not only would we get more use out of our school and college students would finish their subjects two years earlier.

Children would then complete the high school course at 16 instead of 17 and college at 19 instead of 21.

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THIS SIMPLE lengthening of our school year would make it possible for our young people to finish college before becoming eligible for military service which would begin at the age of 20.

With a school week of six days, we would have to employ more teachers, but the children would learn faster and longer school terms mean they would retain more of what they have learned.

Are you?

Are you a heel at the wheel? Are you a ME-FIRSTER? A SOREHEAD? A SHOVOFF?

Of course not.

But there will be plenty of them, on the highways over the Labor Day weekend.

They get by because the good drivers give them the margin of safety they fail to give themselves.

But the heavy Labor Day traffic will reduce that margin. So watch your driving and look out for the "heel at the wheel."

First voter honored in Ill.

EL PASO, Ill. — The first person of his race to vote in the United States after the 15th Amendment to the Constitution was declared in effect was honored at a graveside ceremony here last week.

David A. Strother of this town cast his historic ballot in a city election here on April 4, 1870. Article 15 of the Constitution was declared in effect on March 30 of that year.

At the memorial service for Mr. Strother, conducted during the El Paso centennial celebration, a Freedom Caravan of 20 automobiles, led by the Rev. B. N. Moore, came from nearby Peoria to participate in the ceremonies.

Little Things

By JESSE H. WALKER

While the Byrd-Mahoney contest was dragging through the courts—making the lawyers rich, the Democrats unhappy, the Republicans gleeful and ordinary voters more and more confused over just what was going on—there was a joke passed around by both sides. It was controversy which bears repeating.

It seems that after the Court of Appeals ruled in one of the cases up before it re: Byrd vs. Mahoney, the lawyer for one of the gubernatorial candidates telephoned his client here in Baltimore.

"Right and justice triumphed here today," the lawyer screamed over the Don Ameche.

"File an appeal immediately," the hopeful aspirant screamed right back.

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THIEF OF THE WEEK—The six children of Mrs. Ruth Patterson, 307 N. Exeter St. don't get too much joy out of life. Mrs. Patterson's husband disappeared some years ago and today she's on the welfare and just barely getting the necessary things out of life.

One source of enjoyment to her and the kids was a radio which belonged to Mrs. Patterson's late mother.

Wednesday afternoon, while Mrs. Patterson was at the grocery store, and five of her children were playing outside the house, a thief entered the house and stole the radio.

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CHANGING SCENE—The old Lafayette Ave. Theatre, "closed for vacation" for the past two years is showing signs of awakening once more.

But it's not coming back as a theatre. Its new tenant will be the Church of The Lord Jesus Christ of the Apolostic Faith.

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STORY OF THE WEEK—Tuesday night a young colored boy was doing a favor for a white friend. The white boy was going to the movies, the Mayfair Theatre, with two other white friends.

The three white boys had only one bike between them for transportation so the young colored boy volunteered to chauffeur his white friend to the movie—a theatre he could not enter himself.

When the two bikes arrived at Druid Hill Ave. and North Eutaw St., the bike on which the young colored boy and his friend were riding was struck by an auto.

The youth who was trying to do his friend a favor received a broken shoulder in the collision. His white friend suffered a few bruises, also; the other two boys were uninjured.

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ABOUT OUR CITY—When the National Urban League convenes in Atlantic City next week, Dr. Furman L. Templeton of the Baltimore unit will be one of the League directors making a report.

He's going to talk to the delegates on "The Baltimore Story." a report on the progress made in race relations in the Monumental City during the past year.

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SWIMMING NEWS—Miss Mamie Livingston, the young East Baltimore teen-ager whose letter to the AFRO last summer started the campaign on the city's outdoor pools leading to the NAACP's eventual Federal Court suit, says now she has little hope the City Fathers are going to do anything voluntarily about a pool in East Baltimore.

"There was plenty of room to build a pool on the site of the new Elmer Henderson Elementary School," Miss Livingston says.

The eventual winning of the NAACP's suit in the court is the only way the kids in her area will gain an opportunity to swim in this section of the city, believes Miss Livingston.

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PROGRESS NOTE—Two campaigns quietly working toward integration are in process in Baltimore right now.

One is to get the department stores downtown to hire colored sales people.

The other is to get the local breweries to hire salesmen and promotion man for their products. Only one local brewery now hires a colored promotion man.

The campaign is to get colored help hired both inside and outside the industry.

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FIREFIGHTERS — Firemen's union meets this month. It's supposed to consider the subject of colored members.

Sob Sister

By RUTH JENKINS

News Item: Police in Brighton, England are investigating the death of an eccentric woman who, neighbors said, lived on cucumber sandwiches, champagne and wore furs and rags.

With that combination, she probably was frightened to death by crazy, mixed up pink elephants.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Have you registered? September 15 is the last day to register in Baltimore City. September 18 is Baltimore County deadline. You can't vote if you're not registered.

Speak Your Piece

Swimming pools . . .

Dear AFRO:

Well another summer has gone by with Baltimore having only one outdoor pool open for colored and six for whites.

Only the AFRO has pointed up this flagrantly unequal situation. It is amazing how the daily newspapers have ignored it altogether, except when the NAACP suits were argued in court.

As I see it, no matter when NAACP can't lose. And I think the cases are finally tried, the city officials know this, too.

RUFUS BOOKER

Booker Johnson

Dear AFRO:

Your publication of James Booker Johnson's police record in Washington, Ohio and Aberdeen, Md., last week was far from complete.

His record in Baltimore alone shows the following: Dec. 28, 1934: Sentenced to six years for larceny, sentence later reduced to two years.

Oct. 20, 1932: Three months in the House of Correction for burglary.

Jan. 22, 1934: Five years for robbery.

Also, four times found not guilty of robbery; seven picked up by police for investigation.

This plus the record published last week makes a long police record. Is this why he had one of the biggest funerals we have seen in Baltimore for sometime?

F. K. G.

Thanks for article . . .

Dear AFRO:

I wish to thank you for the very excellent article about the Marco Polo Shop which appeared in your issue of Aug. 24.

EMMET WHITE

Would like comics

Dear AFRO:

Working in one of the drug stores on Fulton Ave. which sells your AFRO - AMERICAN, the idea occurred to me of the possibility of introducing a comic section.

I feel quite certain that this would definitely increase your present circulation.

SAMUEL E. WARSHAW

Seeking a job

Dear AFRO:

This is to ask your help in finding a job. Although I am handicapped by being partially blind, I could well handle a job as assistant store clerk, dishwasher or even a little janitorial work.

Formerly connected with the Maryland Workshop for the Blind, I used to operate a vending stand, but because I was in Sparrows Point, my orders were too small to keep the business going.

My sight is getting better all the time and I am anxious to get a job to be self supporting again.

EDWARD P. SATCHELL,
1003 N. Stricker St.

Son robbed . . .

Dear AFRO:

I received a check from you for my newstip concerning my being held up by two men. Thank you very much.

He was held up by two men as he came out of a bank on Saratoga St. and since he is handicapped he could not do anything. It was his pay money he had just received after cashing the check. too.

(Mrs.) ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

Congress' record

Dear AFRO:

The President's somewhat incoherent salute to the Red Congress is timely in that it helps focus public attention on the record of that body.

One aspect of that record deserves a closer look and public discussion. I refer to the last-minute panic which resulted in the rail-roading of omnibus anti-Communist, anti - union legislation which the President has now signed.

The heat and haste with which this bill was passed brought new disbonor to what was once the "greatest deliberative body in the world."

But this is not the greatest damage. Dishonor in Congress has become commonplace in recent years. The real damage is to the Bill of Rights and the American tradition of competition of ideas. The real victims are the American people whom Congress is supposed to represent.

MILTON BATES

Words To Live By

By Rev. Robert T. Newbold
Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Baltimore

As a result we place more emphasis upon dollars than decency and duty, upon possessions than upon principles.

To come upon this idea from another way, we can simply say that an adult, a mature person, is one with the ability to distinguish between what is good and what is harmful, and having recognized the difference proceeds to adopt that which is good.

ANOTHER SIGN of maturity is self - appraisal. The child does not pause to take stock of himself. He merely takes things for granted.

What does he care about the assets and liabilities of personality? He knows it is not capable of taking a healthy look at himself.

But with the adult it should be different. He should strive frequently to take a healthy look at himself.

He should seek to see himself as he really is. He who does this has really grown toward maturity.

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A THIRD SIGN of maturity is the ability to recognize the need of, as well as the ability to find available resources. Persons deal effectively with the worse that life has to offer.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam relates that in making a trip to the West Coast, he enjoyed a porter in conversation concerning the plight of modern man.

The porter was saying, he said: "The trouble with us is not the outside things we want and cannot get, but the inside something we need and haven't got."

Certainly this porter sounded a challenging note which no mature person can ignore. We need to be able to deal with the worse that life has to offer. We are not as "grown" as we think we are if we cannot do this.

THE FOURTH sign of maturity is the willingness to come to grips with the concept of God.

The adult is the individual who has the ability and the courage to wrestle with this concept in order that he may formulate his beliefs.

He should wrestle with it in order that he may honestly find hinges upon which his religion can securely hang.

You see the greatest concept in the world is the concept of God, and the individual who has not come face to face with it, fails to take advantage of the opportunity for mental and spiritual growth.

Now ask yourself the question: Have I reached the stage of maturity?

Hodge-Podge

BY ROBERT MATTHEWS

It always comes as a distinct shock to the average person to discover that policemen are, after all, human beings just like everyone else.

An act of kindness by an officer of the law is magnified and seemes much more noticeable. When people think of cops, they are prone to forget that there are good cops as well as bad ones.

Had a brush with the law myself recently. Seems there was a parking ticket placed on "Herzy" (short for Hesperus, wreck of; our so-called car).

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WELL, HEH, HEH, you know how those things are; you keep putting it off and putting it off until finally it's too late.

Had forgotten all about the ticket until a few days ago when the door bell rang imperiously. Answered it to find a six-foot minion of the law standing there with a warrant bearing my name.

Immediately began to conjure up visions of long nights in a dungeon with nothing to eat but bread and water, especially since conspicuously at the bottom of the warrant as a little item saying "Collateral required — $15."

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HAD JUST about decided that maybe I could buck the family silver when the policeman smiled broadly and said:

"Well, tell you what — you go down and pay the fine tomorrow and show me the receipt when I come by, that way it won't cost you nearly as much."

Complied with alacrity as soon as the place opened. Didn't want to take a chance on parking Hezzy down town, so rode the street car down.

Why didn't someone tell me the fare had gone up to 18 cents? Nearly got another ticket arguing with the conductor.

MORAL — Ride a bicycle, you don't have to worry about where to park it.

Work Bench

By Clarence Mitchell

So far as civil rights issues are concerned, there is not enough difference between the leadership of the major parties to make it matter much who wins the next national election.

This may seem somewhat cynical, but it is not meant to be that way. Actually, both parties have good and bad qualities in this field. However, each could stand a major amount of improvement.

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REPUBLICAN congressional leaders have decided that they will run on the records of the U.S. Supreme Court and the President. That is why Majority Leader William Knowland included items from these sources in his final report on what the 83rd Congress had done about civil rights.

He did not actually say that the Republican party was responsible for the favorable decision given by the Supreme Court in the school cases but his report was written to give that impression.

When GOP leaders give oral statements that will not be recorded, they frequently take full credit for the Court's decision.

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ACTUALLY, they are entitled to praise for the role played by the Justice Department when it argued against segregation. This was a substantial contribution and the GOP deserves much credit for this action.

On the positive side, the Republicans also have their active participation in the D.C. restaurant case and the prompt manner which the GOP controlled commissioners put the Court's ruling into effect.

All of this makes impressive reading when one is speaking about the President and the members of his executive family. It does not mean much when one looks at the records of individual congressmen.

WHEN THE Democrats were in power, many of them consciously avoided legislative action on civil rights because they thought it would be better for the party if they let northern candidates run on the excellent Truman record of progress in civil rights.

Individual southern office seekers could then talk about how they blocked action in Congress.

Even though it will serve no useful purpose for them, the Republicans are following the strategy of the Democrats. Because the GOP does not have a large southern following, it cannot gain strength by developing a deceptive two-headed policy on civil rights.

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THE DEMOCRATS have been delighted to see the Republican program in action. They point to the GOP failures in Congress when talking to northern audiences and play up the pro-civil rights action of the executive branch when talking to southern audiences.

In the 83rd Congress the Democrats must share some of the guilt of the Republicans. They made fierce fights against the so-called Tidelands oil grab and they carried the ball on many other vital issues. Most of them were silent on civil rights.

All of this means that on civil rights the senators and representatives who seek our vote have little to show that they deserve it. We must insist that each show what he will do personally to promote civil rights before we give him our votes.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

They can be proud of themselves . . .

Last June when Dr. John H. Fischer, superintendent of schools, met with all public school teachers outlined his program for integration to be carried out this fall, he said, among other things:

"Will it (integration) work? Review, if you please, every activity of our school system for the past 15 or more years in which colored and white children, adult students or staff members have been associated.

Mrs. Phillips

"You will discover that, without exception, every one has succeeded . . . many of us think that these experiences represent the general reaction of pupils, teachers and parents.

"There is abundant evidence that good will and good sense are widely distributed among our people and that these qualities are characteristic of both our races . . .

". . . I take pride in my 24 years of membership in this staff.

"The response which so many of you are making wholeheartedly and voluntarily to the enormous new responsibility now placed upon you has added to my sense of great privilege which I feel.

"I know that in many faculties plans are being made to receive graciously new pupils and staff members of the race not now represented in your school."

And if Dr. Fischer had been able to visit schools throughout the city on Tuesday and Wednesday when registration was going on, he would have found that he made a true prediction back there in June.

Teachers and principals at all schools were gracious and cordial to their new students. Others soon caught their spirit. Many parents, both white and colored, seemed ill at ease at first, but they quickly forgot they were in a new situation.

The teachers helped them to forget!!

They made no great-to-do that the next child in line happened to be colored. There were no raised eyebrows or gaping stares. They just acted like people!

As you stood and watched, you had a feeling of pride . . . real pride . . . here was democracy in action.

Some teachers who stood out . . .

Teachers who impressed us included:

Mrs. Marie Schmuck, vice principal of Brent School No. 33 at 26th and St. Paul.

Her ready smile of welcome put both youngsters and parents at ease. She had time to inquire about each youngster, what he like most in school, and she did not seem burdened with her task. She acted as thought she was enjoying every minute of it.

Jolliest person we met, Dr. Mary S. Braun, principal of Columbus School No. 99, North Ave. and Washington St.

Although she had been registering new students from 9:30 to 1:30 p.m., she maintained her composure and appeared fresh upon her return from a "five-minute break." She was grand!

Mrs. A. Marguerite Zeck, principal Eastern High, 33rd St. and Loch Raven, is another—she has a knack for remembering names and was already on the first-name calling basis with many of her new students.

Know how good you feel when a teacher remembers your name? You think, "Gee, she took time to think of little old me."

And lets not forget, Milton Dickman, principal of Junior High School No. 72, Hanover and Ostend. He was himself at his best in the line standing there with a smile and calling each youngster by name.

Lillie Person Dallas, Texas

"I suffered with itchy, stinging disfigurement when I had tetter. I tried Black and White Ointment. It was helped relieve the itching, stinging, scaling. Can't praise it enough for handy, helpful relief." (Name withheld. Proof available.)

So good-over 51 Million packages have been sold

To Clear the Skin Use Black and White Soap

A special message to God

If the activities we have observed during the past week at many of our city schools is a criterion, Mr. Carroll and Superintendent Fischer can rest assured their fellow teachers and principals will come through with flying colors.

Goodness knows, there are too many areas where Democracy does not shine through the clouds of bigotry. It is good to report that the Baltimore schools are setting the pace for other institutions and groups to follow.

Take the case of the Westminster Pastors' School, sponsored by the Methodist church. A month or so ago, the Rev. James E. Adams, 2109 E. Preston St., pastor of Bowen Mission, applied to enter the school which was held from Aug. 30-Sept. 3.

Here is what W. Arnem Roberts, dean of the school, wrote in reply: (Note date of AFRO)

"I have your request of July 22 regarding attendance at the Westminster Pastors' School. We have personally worked on this at some length and have been unable to clear it, beyond the point of possible embarrassment to you because of accommodations.

"Because of the lateness of your inquiry, I found it impossible to get the Board of Directors of the school together. A minute was given on vacation.

"I shall bring the matter to the Board of Directors in planning for next year. I am personally in favor of an inclusive school and trust that something can be worked out for 1955."

Question: Why should there embarrassment at a fellow Methodist minister at a school designed to teach ministers how to do their jobs better?

Why should so-called Christian men max a Federal case out of a simple thing like including their colored brethren in their school?

Why churches can't lead . . .

Since churches preach Christianity and since Christianity means practicing the Golden Rule every day, it is hard to understand how some of our churches' reconcile their beliefs with their practices.

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Remember Norman Edwards, the government painter, who was set upon by thugs on Pentalow St. a couple of months ago?

He's out of the hospital and on the mend.

Still confined to Provident Hospital is Dr. James Pair.

Members of the Falcon Rod and Gun Club are in Cincinnati this weekend for the National Trap Shoot Meet: John J. DeCecilio, Walter Eaton, James T. Dorsey, Paul Edwards, Dr. Frank Saunders, Dr. Frank Sykes, John H. Murphy Jr., J. W. Saunders.

Mr. Murphy is exhibiting at the convention a certificate of achievement for catching the largest white marlin at Brielle, N.J. It was 57 pounds, seven feet, one inch long.

Here's a worthy cause and you can lend a hand. Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston St., must make $1,100 worth of improvements to its building to conform with fire department and city building regulations.

It has received some contributions from business people and groups in the community but it needs more money to continue the work which must be finished by Sept. 15.

This is one community organization which is doing an excellent job of proving people of all races can live, work, study, play together.

Fellowship House needs help to continue its work—it needs your dollars now.

This and that of many things . . .

Mrs. Annie Ross, who marked her 116th birthday last week was showered with cards and gifts from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York. She's proudest of greetings she received from Mrs. Eisenhower.

Burglars who claimed they were NAACP workers to gain admission to a Northwest Baltimore home this week must have caused suspicion almost immediately.

The NAACP has no workers out soliciting for memberships. Its annual month-long campaign opens Oct. 1.

Visitor in our gates this week: Miss Maurene Perkinson, supervisor of social case work in Los Angeles. She visited here with Mrs. Ethel Rich. Both went on for a visit to Cheyney State Teachers' College where both were graduated in 1927.

Miss Perkinson was in the East for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority convention in New York.

Miss Nellie Clark walked off with first place honors in Master Beauticians' Beauty Contest held during their moonlight boat ride Monday evening.

She won the Guether trophy. Second place honors, a trophy from National Brewing Co., went to Miss Sarah Thompson. The association's trophy went to the third place winner, Miss Leona Jackson. Other contestants were Audrey Christian and Lucinda Laws.

Some thoughts for the week . . .

Here are some gems we like:

Forgive and forget. The first helps your soul. The second, your liver.

Do unto others as though you were the others.

Don't worry because the tide is going out—it always comes back.

The tattler who tattles to you will tattle about you. Don't listen in.

He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much.—St. Luke 16:10.

It takes 34 muscles to frown, and only 13 to smile. Why make the extra effort?

Some of the "room at the top" is created by the men who go to sleep there and fall off.

If you must carry a chip on your shoulder, get a job in a lumber yard where it won't be noticed.

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How Don Newcombe kept cool in first start for Dodgers

Cincinnati, Ohio—In his five relief jobs, rookie Don Newcombe was shelled after ½ of an inning. Today Newcombe must make good—or go back to the minors.

RALEIGH POLICE SEEK HIT-RUN DEATH DRIVER

RALEIGH, N.C. — Police are still seeking James McLeod, who is wanted in connection with the Aug. 7 hit-and-run death of Gomiak Baker, Jr., victim of a traffic accident at Blount and Lenoir Sts.

The Court's decision and the South

Racial segregation in public schools is now unconstitutional —but can *legal* action prevail if the people are not in sympathy?

In September Reader's Digest, a noted Southern editor tells the obstacles the South now faces . . . and shows why the rest of the nation must understand her special problems if trouble is to be avoided in the difficult period ahead. Get your September Reader's Digest today: 39 articles of lasting interest, condensed from leading magazines and current books.

Got Relief from ITCHING, STINGING, BURNING OF TETTER

Fire Dept. integration starts in D.C.

10 men being transferred into 'white' companies

WASHINGTON

For the first time since 1919, the District Fire Department will be integrated by 6 p.m. Saturday.

Fire Chief Millard H. Sutton today (Friday) will assign 10 colored firemen to heretofore "white" companies in pursuance of the District Commissioners' order of Monday telling him to integrate his department immediately.

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THE ORDER, released by Commissioner Renah Camalier, acting as chairman, through the Fire Department into compliance with the D.C. government's integration order issued on Nov. 25, 1953.

Deputy Fire Chief J. W. Conroy, speaking for Chief Sutton, told the AFRO Tuesday: "We anticipate no trouble over this."

It was reported that the Firemen's Union, headed by Capt. George Tracy, had called a meeting for Wednesday and that a protest was expected to come out of this meeting.

Deputy Chief Conroy indicated, however, that any such protest will bear no fruit. He said the department had received no orders and would follow them out.

He also said he did not expect any quitting of jobs in protest by white firemen. The integration was that the top brass in the Fire Department actually welcomed the new integration order.

Deputy Chief Conroy pointed out that under the old set-up when colored firemen were appointed they were automatically assigned to colored companies, and this—in turn—caused an unbalanced staffing in white companies when no white firemen were appointed.

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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT has a total of 1075 men in 49 companies. Of these, 108 are colored.

There is one colored company, Engine No. 6, in the First Battalion; one, Engine 27, in the Third Battalion; one, Engine 3, in the Sixth Battalion, and two, Engine 4 and Engine No. 10, in the Seventh Battalion.

Deputy Chief Conroy said that colored firemen would be assigned first transferred this week. They will be dispersed, one man to a platoon, in white companies. Only surplus personnel—of which there are 18 colored firemen — are involved.

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THERE ARE no surplus officers on the roster, and Deputy Chief Conroy said an article appearing in a local daily early in this week saying that colored officers would not be put in charge of white firemen was misleading.

He said that two colored lieutenants are now eligible to take the competitive examination for promotion to captain.

"If they pass and place at the head of the list, they will be appointed and promoted in that order wherever a vacancy exists, regardless of whether it is a colored company or a white one," Deputy Chief Conroy said.

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IMMEDIATELY UPON receipt of the Commissioners' orders, Chief Sutton prepared his own department order "putting the move into effect. It was effective Sept. 1. His orders to his men read:

"1. All assignments and reassignments to all units will henceforth be made in accordance with the needs of the service.

"2. Personnel of firefighting units in excess of unit quotas will be reassigned.

"3' All members of the Department are free to make application for transfer in accordance with Article III, Section 17, of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Fire Department, and all applications will be acted upon in the best interests of the service."

Deputy Chief Conroy revealed that Chief Sutton planned to hold a meeting with his chiefs and top officers and other men in the methods of affecting the transition with a minimum of difficulty.

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BEING TIED UP with American Legion affairs, Chief Sutton was unable to take care of the situation before Thursday of this week. For that reason, the names of the men to be transferred will not be known until today.

They will be given a thorough screening, Deputy Chief Conroy said, because each individual transferred will be in a similar position to that of Jackie Robinson when he was made a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team.

"He can hardly expect the men in the new companies to throw their arms around him and kiss him," said the deputy chief. "He will be facing a test, and we want to send only the best available men in the transfer."

Deputy Chief Conroy promised to inform the AFRO Friday afternoon who has been chosen for the first transfers.

The District Fire Department was integrated until 1919 when Engine Company was created. It was followed by two other all-colored companies as colored eligibles passed the fire examinations.

Army dice game ends in midnight chase

WASHINGTON

A pay-day barracks dice game at Fort Meade, Md., wound up Tuesday night with D.C. police staging a midnight "all cars" pursuit along Northeast Washington highways.

The initial radio call to District police warned them to be on the lookout for a black 1950 Buick occupied by four men wanted for "armed robbery" at the sprawling army base.

Minutes later, a call said that the car had been spotted headed east on Benning Rd. Added details placed the proceeds of the "robbery" at between $450 and $500.

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ALL WASHINGTON police cars were ordered to "keep clear" for pursuit of the wanted vehicle. Cruisers and scout cars were given orders to converge on the area where the vehicle was reported.

A third report placed the car as "headed south on Kenilworth Ave." A fourth broadcast described the situation as "under control," and instructed cars not involved to return to their patrols.

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THE FINAL broadcast instructed the arresting officers to take their prisoners to the 14th Precinct, where they would be picked up by the wagon and taken to headquarters.

A Wednesday morning check at Robbery Squad Headquarters brought expressions of disgust from the detectives present. The four men had been apprehended. There were no Washington charges against them, and it was learned that they had not been a robbery.

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"SINCE IT was a pay-day," said a sergeant, "we turned them over to the Fugitive Squad."

A Fugitive Squad sergeant said that they were being held for questioning by the FBI.

A spokesman for the FBI said that his office had made a routine check, but there had been no reason for FBI intervention and that the case seemed one for army administrative army handling.

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"THERE WAS apparently no hold up," he said, "the indications are that there was a pay-day crap game and the losers got mad with the winners."

A later call to the Robbery Squad brought out the information that the men had been sent back to Fort Meade in the custody of Military Police.

The Fort Meade Public Information Office stated that its investigation had not been completed.

Driver gets 2½-year term in fatality

Testimony that he smelled of alcohol when his car plunged into a group of children playing on the street, brought a 30-month prison term Tuesday to William S. Stevens, 24, of the 1200 block N. Gilmor St.

Stevens was charged with manslaughter in the May 27 death of four-year-old Sharon Conway of 1841 Lormont St. Injured at the same time was her five-year-old brother, George Jr., and another playmate, Teresa Allen, 7.

No witnesses testified at the Criminal Court hearing this week because Stevens pleaded guilty. The prosecuting attorney, M. Peter Moser, reviewed the accident as reported to police by neighborhood witnesses.

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THEY SAID THAT the three youngsters were playing in front of 1845 Lorman St. when Steven's car, traveling at a high rate of speed made a U-turn, just missed another car, jumped the curb and after striking the children, hit a wall.

Getting out of the car, Stevens walked off, but he was apprehended less than a block away. Witnesses said he was smelled of alcohol and his speech was incoherent at the time.

Stevens did not take the witness stand. He was sentenced by Judge John T. Tucker to a term in the House of Correction.

Robert Campbell named city counsel

WASHINGTON

Robert Campbell, 32, attorney, was sworn in as an assistant corporation Counsel, during ceremonies held in the offices of Vernon West, Corporation Counsel, at 9 a.m., Monday morning.

A graduate of the Howard University Law School in 1949, Mr. Campbell holds a master's of law degree from Howard University, and an A.B. in English from Knoxville College.

Originally from Roanoke, Va., Mr. Campbell and his wife, Hazel, have three children—Robert, 8; Eric, 6; and Gregory, 2. They reside at 2002 Maryland Ave., NE.

MR. CAMPBELL has been a practicing attorney in the District since 1950. As assistant corporation counsel, he is presently assigned to the Civil Division of the Office of the Corporation Counsel, located in the old District Building.

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Baby's death unexplained

Mother complains about hospitals

The cause of death on Aug. 30 is still undetermined for ospreared Dennis Baker to whose mother reports that the child was not given satisfactory medical attention at two local hospitals.

Dennis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Baker of 1607 Warwick Ave., who also have a two-year-old daughter, Belinda. The father does landscape work.

Dennis died in his mother's arms early Monday morning while they were rushing him to University Hospital for the second time within eight hours.

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MRS. BAKER SAID that when the baby became ill about 1 a.m. Monday, she and her mother, Mrs. Novella Conley took him to University.

The staff was apparently too busy to wait on them, she said, and fearing that the baby was dying, they left and went to Franklin Square Hospital.

At Franklin Square, she said, they were told to wait their turn because the attendants were working on another patient. They insisted on some attention, she said, so one physician took the baby's temperature and they were advised to wait longer.

Mrs. Baker said that they got tired of waiting about 4 a.m., and since it appeared that they were going to get no further attention, she took the baby home.

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HE SLEPT UNTIL 6:30 a.m., she said, but when he awakened he cried so continuously that she decided to return to the hospital, being unable to locate her family physician. The child was pronounced dead on arrival at University at 7:15 a.m.

The medical examiner's office said that the autopsy report on cause of death will probably not be completed for another week. Funeral services were held Thursday with the Kelson Funeral Home in charge.

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THE HOSPITAL reports to police indicate that the baby's mother was too impatient to wait for proper medical attention.

At University Hospital, attaches told officers that when Mrs. Baker brought the baby there at 1 a.m., complaining of an upset stomach and pains in the abdomen, she left a half hour later against their advice. She had been instructed, they said, to wait until a doctor could see the baby.

Franklin Square Hospital reported that when Mrs. Baker came to the accident room there at 1:30 a.m., she behaved arrogantly and insisted on immediate treatment.

Told that she would have to wait, they said, Mrs. Baker walked out without their having made a written record of the case, but a doctor who looked at the child diagnosed his ailment as malnutrition and diarrhea.

Convention Calendar

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2-4—National Technical Association (26th), Detroit.

SEPTEMBER 2-4—National Urban League, Pittsburgh.

SEPTEMBR 7-15—National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo.

SEPTEMBER 7-14—National Baptist Laymen's Convention of National Baptist Convention