G-worker called a communist by Sen. McCarthy

To be salient factor during probe of senator's methods in committee investigations

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WASHINGTON

The case of Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, accused by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (Rep., Wis.) of being a Red, will be one of the main factors in an investigation of the junior senator from Wisconsin by a special Senate committee named on Tuesday.

The Moss case was injected into the Senate debate on Majority Leader William F. Knowland's motion to appoint a bipartisan committee to investigate the actions of the Wisconsin senator by Sen. Herman Welker (Rep., Idaho).

Senator Welker brought up the Moss case in defending Senator McCarthy during Senate debate on the Republican leadership proposal, to refer a McCarthy censure resolution offered by Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R., Vt.)

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THE MOTION offered by Senator Knowland, with strong bipartisan backing, was adopted by a vote of 25-to-17.

A committee of three Republicans and three Democrats, chosen by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, was instructed to report back to the Senate before adjournment of the present session of congress.

Members of the committee are Senators Arthur V. Watkins, Utah; Frank Carlson, Kansas, and Francis Case, South Dakota, all Republicans; Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado; John C. Stennis, Mississippi, and Samuel J. Ervin Jr., North Carolina, Democrats. Vice President Nixon will serve as the seventh member.

Under the Knowland motion, the committee will consider not only the resolution of Senator Flanders, calling for censure of Senator McCarthy, but also specific charges introduced as amendments by Sens. J. William Fulbright (Dem., Ark.) and Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.)

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THE SPECIFICATION concerning Mrs. Moss, a Department of the Army employee, is contained in the Fulbright specifications, which, along with Senator Morse's specifications, were introduced to support Senator Flanders' contention that Senator McCarthy's conduct has been "unbecoming" to the Senate and tends to bring it into "disrepute."

Since the committee is authorized to hold hearings, the whole Moss case may be publicly aired again.

THE FULBRIGHT specifications concerning Mrs. Moss charges that Senator McCarthy, chairman of the Senate Permanent Investigations subcommittee, "strongly implied" before hearings been held by Mrs. Moss "was known to be a member of the Communist Party and that refused if she testified she would perjure herself, before he (McCarthy) had given her an opportunity to testify in her own behalf."

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DEFENDING McCARTHY against this charge, Senator Welker said he did not see how the Wisconsin senator could be censured for his questioning of Mrs. Moss since she had been positively identified by Mrs. Mary S. Markward, who joined the Communist Party of the District of Columbia as an undercover informant for the FBI, and named another Annie Lee Moss had never lived in the northeast section and was not similar in physical makeup or height.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (Dem., Mass.), whose brother, Robert F. Kennedy, is chief counsel for the Democratic members of the McCarthy committee, s h a r e d Senator Welker's opinion on the censuring of Senator McCarthy on the Moss specification.

Senator Kennedy, however, corrected Senator Welker's statement that Mrs. Markward had personally identified Mrs. Moss.

Senator Welker said Mrs. Moss was the subject of a full field investigation by the FBI in 1948 under the federal employees loyalty program.

Mrs. Moss began work with the Army Signal Corps at the Pentagon Dec. 18, 1950. She worked in the communications agency. She was a teletype operator and her job was to receive and transmit messages in code or clear text.

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SHE WAS SUSPENDED from her job last Feb. 25, after Senator McCarthy had begun his investigation of subversion and espionage in the Army Signal Corps. After she appeared before the McCarthy Committee she denied that she had ever been a Communist, she was restored to her job but given a less sensitive assignment.

Senator Welker said in the debate that Mrs. Moss was suspended because of information the Army received that she was an active member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia from 1943 to 1948; and had been assigned at different times to the northeast branch, and the Frederick Douglass branch of that party and had subscribed to the Daily Worker in 1945.

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THE ARMY also had information, Senator Welker said, that she was a member of the Communist Political Association here in 1944 and 1945.

He added that she was restored to her job after a loyalty hearing in which "no witnesses were called to corroborate or substantiate the derogatory information against her."

Senator Welker apparently obtained his information second-handed. He said he was informed it came from the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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"I HAVE ALL the sympathy in the world for any person who gets sucked into the Communist conspiracy," he said. "I hope and pray that whatever the end result is, Annie Lee Moss will be repentant, and that she will be a loyal and good American citizen from this time forward."

Senator Welker praised Mrs. Markward highly. He said the ex-FBI informant had testified that she had received dues from "one Annie Lee Moss" and that he did not believe Mrs. Markward "would lie for any person or persons."

The Idaho senator pointed out that in the telephone book—again he was informed—there are two persons by the same name—one Annie and the other Anna Lee Moss.

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HE SAID AN investigation of "Anna Lee Moss" had shown that she had never had a job such as the one described by the Civil Service Commission as having been held by Mrs. Moss. "Anna Lee Moss," he continued, had never been investigated by the FBI or had a loyalty hearing.

Senator Welker said he was informed that Mrs. Moss was born in Chester, S.C., Aug. 9, 1905, that she lived at 525½ Second St., NE, in 1943, and that for a short time she lived in the 600 block of Second St., NE, at the home of Hattie Griffin, who had been identified as a Communist Party member by Mrs. Markward.

Mrs. Moss testified, he said, that she was employed as a cafeteria worker in the Pentagon from 1942 to 1944.

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WHEN MRS. Moss appeared before the McCarthy committee last March 11, Senator McCarthy told her at the outset that she was not there because she was considered important in the Communist apparatus, that the committee had information she had been a Communist and was "rather curious, though, to know from someone like yourself, who is known to your superiors to have a Communist record, how you were suddenly shifted from a worker in a cafeteria to the code room."

Mrs. Moss testified that before she was employed by the Army she had been out of work for a long time and had even worked for the Elite Laundry for a short period of time. She began work at the General Accounting Office in 1945. Prior to that, she said, she had been a cafeteria worker.

She denied that she had ever handled coded messages other than to transmit or receive them. She also denied that she had ever been in the code room in her life.

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QUESTIONED BY Roy Cohn, who recently resigned as chief counsel of the McCarthy committee while under fire for attempting to use undue influence with the Army in behalf of David Schine, a committee employee drafted into the Army, Mrs. Moss denied that she had ever been a member of the Northeast Club of the Communist Party, or had ever seen a Communist card.

She also denied that she had ever attended any Communist meeting or had subscribed to the Daily Worker.

In examining her about Bob Hall, who was a correspondent here for the Daily Worker, both she and Mr. Cohn became thoroughly confused. Mr. Hall, the Daily Worker correspondent, is white. Mrs. Moss was talking about a Robert Hall, a cafeteria workers' union official, who is colored.

"Did you know that Mr. Hall was a Communist?" Sen. Karl Mundt (Rep., S.D.), who presided over the Army-McCarthy-Stevens hearings, asked.

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"NO, SIR," replied Mrs. Moss. "I never had heard of communism until 1948."

BORN IN CHESTER, S.C., Mrs. Moss moved to Salisbury, N.C., where she lived until she was "a good-sized girl." She attended school in Southern Pines but never finished high school.

Mrs. Moss said the only organization she had been in while living in northeast was the union after she started working in government cafeterias. Dues to the Union dues were deducted from her pay check, she testified.

Sen. John L. McClellan (Dem., Ark.), had Mrs. Moss describe her duties with the Army Signal Corps.

"WHILE I AM opposed to any Communist being in government, it has not been established to my satisfaction that this woman is a Communist," declared Senator McClellan.

The Arkansas senator commented that he noted that Mrs. Moss' salary was only $2,300 a year, "which is a very low salary, I think, for any responsible position."

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SHE TESTIFIED that there was no way in the world for her to know the contents of the messages she handled and that her job was merely a mechanical one and she sent them according to their proper destination.

She said she got her job with the Army Signal Corps through a Civil Service examination and got the job on the basis of her qualifications and Civil Service status.

"Did you ever hear of Karl Marx?" Sen. Stuart Symington (Dem., Mo.) asked.

"WHO IS THAT?" Mrs. Moss asked.

"I will pass the question," remarked Senator Symington.

Senator Symington later told Mrs. Moss that he had been listening to her testify and he believed she was telling the truth.

"If Mrs. Annie Lee Moss is called to testify before the special Senate Committee, we will be prepared," Greggs E. C. Hayes, attorney representing the Pentaton worker, stated.

BARBARA ANN REID SENATOR THOMAS A. BURKE

Mrs. Moss suspended, charges given

WASHINGTON

Here are the charges filed by the Army against Mrs. Annie Lee Moss as detailed by John G. Connell, Jr., chairman of the Security Screening Board, Department of the Army:

"After detailed review of all information available in your case, it has been determined that your retention in employment may not be clearly consisted with the interest of the national security.

"THIS DETERMINATION is based on the following information which has been received by the Department of the Army:

"(1) Reportedly, prior to November, 1942, you joined the Communist Party District of Columbia and were assigned to the North East Club.

"(2) You were reported to have been given Communist Party membership book No 2720 for 1943; also, reportedly, you were assigned to the Frederick Douglass Branch and on December 1943 your membership was transferred to the Communist Party District of Columbia.

"(3) **ALLEGEDLY,** you reported to the Communist Party District of Columbia on 28 March 1944 and were entered on the membership rolls of the Communist Political Association in the summer of 1944.

"(4) Reportedly, consistent with Communist Party policy, your name was dropped from the membership roll of the Communist Political Association in 1945 when you became a federal employee.

"(5) During the period from 1942 to 1945 you are alleged to have attended meetings of the Communist Party and the Communist Political Association, to have subscribed to the Communist publication, 'The Daily Worker' and to have been in contact with Communist Party leaders and members.

"(6) **IT IS RELIABLY** reported that in the period from approximately 1942 to 1949 you were not expelled by the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association and did not break with the party.

"(7) The official record of the Department of the Army reflects that you have stated that you have never been a member of the Communist Party or any of the Communist organizations, that you did not subscribe to the Daily Worker, and that you had never been discharged from any employment.

"Your statements are in conflict with information received by this department as outlined above and as reflected by a reliable report disclosing that you were discharged from employment with the Government Service, Inc. Washington, D.C. on 13 November 1944.

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"YOUR RIGHTS and privileges are stated in full in Department of the Army Special Regulation No. 620-220, a copy of which is enclosed.

Mr. Connell informed Mrs. Moss that she had 30 days to answer the charges in writing under oath and by addressing such to the Executive Secretary, Security Hearing Board, Military District of Washington.

Gov. Barbara, 16, meets her Senator!

WASHINGTON

Bright-eyed Barbara Ann Reid, 16, of Cincinnati, O., met her favorite Senator at the Capitol Building, Monday morning.

One of 96 high school seniors attending Girls Nation here this week, Miss Reid was introduced to Sen. Thomas A. Burke (D.O.) appointed last October upon the death of Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Elected "governor" of Ohio, Miss Reid was accompanied at the meetings by another teenager Elizabeth Ann Dawson, chosen adjutant general from Alliance, O.

GIRLS NATION, sponsored for the eighth year by the American Legion Auxiliary, picks two teenagers from each state in the Union to come to American University from July 31 to Aug. 6 to study government operations.

They have their own elections for president, but instead of Republicans and Democrats, they are Nationalists and Federalists.

Trim in a two-piece pink suit, Miss Reid, a member of the Nationalist party, toured the Capitol building with fellow political aspirants.

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HOWEVER, the young Ohio "Governor" confines her political ambitions to Girls Nation only. She hopes to become a nurse and will "probably" attend Ohio State University.

A senior at Hughes High she is the daughter of Mrs. Walter Houston, funeral director. Her step-father, Mr. Houston, is an attorney. Barbara has one sister, Marjorie, 13.

Her school activities include membership in the girls' athletic association, student council and Spanish Club, Community activities are Fellowship house, NAACP, and YWCA.

ALSO a talented pianist, Miss Reid resides with her family at 208 Baxter St.

Among activities scheduled for the young politicians, in addition to their governmental elections, were a reception at the White House, by President Eisenhower; reception and address by the Honorable John Foster Dulles, secretary of state; and visits to historic Washington buildings, and Arlington Cemetery.

Store keeper seeks appeal

Says liquor board unfair

Sidney Stein, owner of a produce store in the 1600 block N. Bond St., has filed an appeal in City Courts against a recent ruling of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

Mr. Stein charges that the board's decision, on July 22, to deny his application for a Class "A" beer, wine and liquor license was "not fair" and was "against public interest."

The store owner now has a Class "B" license, but would like to make the transfer so that he could sell package liquor along with his groceries, meats and other provisions.

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IN HIS PLEA he pointed out that the beverage would not be consumed on the premises, and that he would not be open for business on Sundays. He closes on weekdays at 6 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9 p.m.

He further pointed out that a Mrs. Lucille Clarke, who formerly operated a seven-day tavern across the street from him was granted a renewal of her Class "B" license even though she was forced to vacate the premises.

Th renewal was granted provided she moved to another location approved by the board, the appeal said.

Mr. Stein said that Mrs. Clarke agreed to accept a certain sum of money from him and give up her license if the license transfer was approved.

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IN ITS DECISION, the board ruled that had Mrs. Clarke applied for the transfer from a Class "B" license to a Class "A" license, she would have granted the application.

However, the board said, the neighborhood surrounding Mr. Stein's store is "adequately served" and the new license is not necessary for the accommodation of the public."

Woman released in fatal knifing

WASHINGTON

A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned by a coroner's jury Monday in the fatal stabbing of Cl. ie Sellers, 24, of the 1800 block of 1st St., NW, by his wife, Mrs. Kate Sellers of the same address.

Sgt. Clarence Weinmiller of the homicide squad said the pair were involved in an argument Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Sellers reported her husband attacked her with a knife, the sergeant said.

The woman told police she gained possession of the weapon during a struggle and cut her husband in the chest, he testified.

Sellers was pronounced dead by Dr. P. DeFelice of the Casualty Hospital ambulance detachment.

'Samaritan' held in slaying

WASHINGTON

Playing the role of a good samaritan has its drawback, Robert Juhans, a 30-year-old widowed father of three small children, of the 900 block, 10th St., NW, found Friday.

Juhans, a Pentagon employee, was ordered held for the action of the grand jury following a coroner's inquest into the death of James Williams, 25, of the 600 block Morton Pl., NW.

According to the inquest testimony of Luther Dockery, 200 block, Second St., NW, and Al Williams, unit block, Rhode Island Ave., NW, Juhans went to the aid of Theodore Crutchfield, who been knocked down by Williams in the 700 block of Second St., NW.

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JUHANS CARRIED Crutchfield to his home and returned to the street where he became involved in an argument with Williams.

How Williams was stabbed and the weapon that was used is a mystery to police.

Sgt. Alfred Clarke of the homicide squad told the inquest that Williams told police that he was "too drunk" to know what happened.

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Taylors lose pants, shirt and money

WASHINGTON

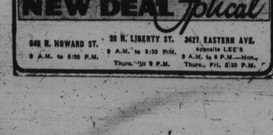
The Taylor family of the 1400 block of P St., NE, lost its pants and shirt—with a total of $62—Monday morning, according to police.

James W. Taylor of the P Street address reported the loss of a pair of light blue work pants with a wallet containing $50 between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Monday.

William M. Taylor of the same address reported the loss of a brown sport shirt and wallet containing $30 during the same hours. Both men said they were asleep police reported.

HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY on charges of homicide in separate stabbing following a coroner's inquests, Monday, are Robert Juhans, 30, of the 900 block of 10th St., NE, and Nelson Morgan, 43, of the 800 block of K St., SE.

all dark and handsome . . .



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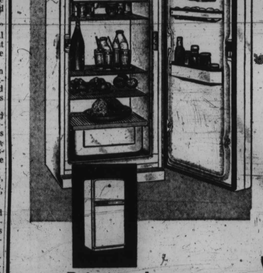

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Winner has well preserved 1893 AFRO

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Mrs. Florence Jennings, 78, 318 Zeppelin Ave., Patapsco Park, has been a regular reader of the AFRO-AMERICAN for 61 of its 62 years.

The first copy of this newspaper she purchased was dated August 12, 1893 and is one of her most prized possessions. Because she held on to it she is a winner of a $25 prize in the AFRO's contest to find who has been reading this newspaper longest.

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THE ISSUE holds particular importance for Mrs. Jennings because it carries a story about the death of her uncle, D. D. Kenne, who died Aug. 6, 1893 in Chester, Pa. He was a brother of John R. Keene who for many years kept a grocery store at the corner of Saratoga and Courtland Sts.

Mrs. Jennings paid three cents for her first AFRO and has kept it pressed in the pages of her Bible. It is well preserved.

The daughter of the late Mary and Edward Brown, Mrs. Jennings was born July 22, 1877 in a house on S Howard St. She grew up in South Baltimore and attended an elementary school on Hill St.

Mrs. Jennings left school in the third grade to help her mother sister, now Mrs. Rosetta Asbyr of 752 Waesche St., while their parents worked.

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IT WAS NOT long after this that Mrs. Jennings went to work and found employment as an oyster shucker and with private families. After a courtship she married James Jennings of Anne Arundel County, a poultry worker, in 1903.

The marriage ended 13 months later with the death of Mr. Jennings.

Mrs. Jennings never married again but she found that her life was full. Her mother became ill shortly after her marriage and Mrs. Jennings took care of her until her death in 1920.

She also found time to help her sister rear three daughters who are now Mesdames Martha Foster, Mary F. Townes and Loretta Fitzhugh.

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IT WAS A HARD task, working at a job in the day and taking care of the children in the evening, but Mrs. Jennings was happy and satisfied.

Through the years she has been a constant reader of the AFRO and the issues she has missed can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

She enjoys everything in the AFRO and reads the paper from the front to the back cover, though she has to do it in stages because her eyes are got as strong as they once were.

Reading stands at the top of the list of things she likes to do, with the radio listening coming in second. She also likes television and when she visits her sister she enjoys watching variety shows.

Mrs. Jennings lives alone in the Patapsco Park home but she has frequent visits from her nieces which help to brighten her days.

MRS. FLORENCE JENNINGS MR. JESSE L. BEVANS

They have been regular AFRO readers for 61 years and win $25 cash prizes.

The AFRO 61 years ago said . . .

The August 12, 1893 issue of the AFRO, submitted by the two Baltimoreans who won $25 cash prizes in the contest to find the oldest reader, was a four-page sheet 13 by 18 inches.

It sold for three cents a copy, and one month's subscription was only ten cents.

On the front page of this edition was a story headed, "Hon. Fred Douglass."

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THE STORY recounted how Mr. Douglass replied to Stephen B. Weeks, professor at Trinity College in North Carolina.

Professor Weeks had spoken before a suffrage convention in Chicago and stated that suffrage for colored is a failure and must remain a failure so long as it is not an ally of the white vote. A large percentage of the Southern people are of English descent.

"They will submit to no domination. The white man must rule and he will rule. He seeks to secure those results by fair means.

"He has respect for law and for the person seeks to rule under the law. When he cannot do that, he bulldozes and counts out."

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WHEN Professor Weeks had finished, Mr. Douglass, who was on the platform, arose and made the impassioned reply.

"You are not afraid of colored domination," he said, shaking his cane at the professor. "The colored man can never rule this country. He would be outvoted by the 60,000,000 whites and overwhelmed by your superior intelligence.

"There is no opposition to the colored man in the South until he aspires to rise. So long as he is ignorant and lazy, no one disturbs him. If he aspires to become a lawyer or a doctor, he has become an upstart."

The speaker in conclusion told the professor to go back to his home and tell the people that they are wrong. Tell them, he said, "that honesty is the best policy."

Professor Weeks made no reply and the congress adjourned.

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THIS ISSUE also told of the wedding of Dr. C. H. Fowler and Miss Addie Conner, at residence of her cousin, the Rev. John C. Collett, 1341 N. Calhoun St.

The couple went to Spouting Rock at Newport for their honeymoon.

Wedding guests included the George Lanes, William H. Carroll, Warner McGuinn, Harry Cummings, the Trusys, Jessie Nicholas, Charles F. Harmon, and the Harry Johnsons.

An AFRO editorial in the same issue urged President Cleveland to speak out against mob law. It suggested also that local offices and installment companies would find it to their advantage to employ colored people as porters, salesmen and street agents.

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IN THE same issue, Dr. John M. Johnson, dentist, advertised that he was still setting those beautiful sets of teeth at reasonable rates and guaranteed a good fit.

Y. F. Tony, G. W. Reid, Wm. I. Daly, Geo. M. Dowtin, D. H. Allen, advertised the AFRO as holders of stalls in Lafayette Market, per in this area.

The Rev. J. W. E. Bowen (father of Bishop Bowen) advertised a lecture at Ames' Church on August 14, 1893, with N. M. Carroll, pastor.

The Amphion Singing Association scheduled an excursion around the bay.

Health districts change boundaries

New boundaries go into effect on Sept. 1 for the Eastern and Northwestern Health Districts, the Baltimore Health Department has announced.

The changes are due chiefly to the enlargement of the Eastern Health District and the completion of the newly constructed building for that district of 600 N. Caroline St.

Part of the Northern (north central) Health District has been disestablished with the new boundaries, half of it going to the Northwestern Health and half to the Eastern Health District.

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WHEN A NEW Western Health District building becomes available, it is planned to make the Northwestern Health District a part of the Western Health District.

An ordinance to provide a $1,000,000 bond issue for the erection of a new Western Health District building was approved on May 28 and will be submitted to the voters of Baltimore City on Nov. 2.

The Druid Health District is not affected by the new changes. Baltimore's Health Districts are now the Northwestern, Eastern, Western, Druid, Southeastern and Southern.

Pipe smoking

Dear AFRO:

Despite all the promotion work the newspapers are doing for the pipe manufacturing companies concerning the ill effects cigarettes have on us, I do not see any of my friends cutting down on their cigarette smoking.

And I think I'd rather suffer a lot of ills than have to see women walking up the street smoking pipes. Ugh.

RALPH PARSONS

City replacing old fireboxes with new ones easier to use

There are 13389 fire alarms boxes of two varieties in our city. Of the two, the most common type is giving way to modernism.

The changeover became necessary when firemen discovered that too many people do not know how to operate an alarm box properly.

Many forget that in order to sound an alarm, a lever inside the old type red box must be tripped.

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ON THE new red and white alarm the procedure has been simplified. All one has to do is pull an outside lever and the alarm sounds.

One such new box is located at Druid Hill Ave. and Eutaw St. Its number is 6322 and was purchased at the cost of $146.

To set No. 6322 in operation, all that is necessary is to pull the lever marked down inside four cogs mounted on a wheel take over the rest.

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A SIGNAL is flashed to fire department headquarters down town, where it turn a second signal is thrown over to a station house in the area where the alarm was first sounded.

To keep both boxes in operation, a line crew makes a periodic check. The boxes must also be rewound regularly.

Most complaints come from persons who feel that lights should be placed on the boxes so they can be easily spotted at night.

Today, just as it was 35 years ago, most false alarms are turned in by children.

THE LOCATION of new fire alarm boxes are determined by a report turned in by a fire department battalion chief.

First, the chief makes a survey, then writes up a report with recommendations. To keep the boxes in top-top shape a crew of 54 linemen are available.

At least two are on duty 24 hours daily.

The fire department estimates that at least 60 fire boxes are damaged each year. Most of the damage is done by motorists backing into them.

FIRE BOX
The old

FIRE BOX
The new

Douglass '44 class to discuss reunion

A meeting of the Douglass High School graduating class of June 1944 has been called by the class president, Thomas E. Nelson, Jr., for Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at 1303 Pressman St., and will deal with plans for a class reunion.

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Auto tags worth $2.50 are in the AFRO this week. Are they yours?

A $5 Lucky Pic is circled in this edition of the AFRO. Is it you?

Winner's 1893 issue among keepsakes

Mr. Bevans kept it because of Fowler wedding story

Jesse L. Bevans, 80, wins a $25 prize in the AFRO contest to find the longest regular reader of this newspaper because he kept an August 12, 1893 edition.

Mr. Bevans' copy of this 61-year-old issue was in good condition even though it had been folded several times.

"I kept this copy because it had a story about the marriage of my physician, the late Dr. C. H. Fowler," Mr. Bevans explained.

He revealed that he is a native Baltimorean and has been a regular reader of the AFRO all these 61 years.

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MR. BEVANS says he was born in Ex Alley. It was bounded by Lee, York, Hanover and Charles Sts.

His father was a coachman for a whiskey distiller named Lanaham and later was a steward on the Tolchester boat which was then owned by a man named Ellison.

Mr. Bevans recalls attending public school at Howard and Montgomery Sts., where the principal taught the boys downstairs and the girls upstairs.

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AS A youngster, Mr. Bevans said he drove a wheel cart, sold the AFRO, worked as a waiter in hotels and eating houses. During World War I, he was employed by the U.S. Treasury Department.

"I can remember when my father earned $15 a month and he had a difficulty rearing 13 children—there were 12 of us, all boys.

He can also remember when he took $1.50 to market spent 56 cents for a pair of shoes for one of us and brought home enough meat and vegetables to last a week.

John H. Murphy Sr., (who merged the AFRO with the Sunday School Helper and the Leader to found the present AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers), was his whitewash business in those days. I remember seeing him on the streets with his pail and brush."

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MR. BEVANS is now retired. He makes his home at 1528 Druid Hill Ave., with the Eugene Holt family. He attends St. Katherine of the Ch. Church.

He has two children, Mrs. Elsie Sessoms, a city teacher; and Wendell Bevans, a school engineer. There are also three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bevans, the former Ethel Calloway, resides in Washington.

Mrs. Emalls is long time reader

Has 47-year-old copies of AFRO

"I've been a regular AFRO reader all my life. I still purchase both the morning and evening day editions of the Baltimore AFRO," said Mrs. Stella Emalls, 66, 2458 Brentwood Ave.

Mrs. Emalls was among contestants in the contest to find the oldest regular reader of this newspaper. Two persons, who have been reading the AFRO since 1893, were awarded $25 prizes.

Mrs. Emalls submitted fragments of a 47-year-old AFRO dated June 1, 1907.

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THIS ISSUE of the paper included a story which told how our women had raised $1,000 which representated the balance due on the YWCA building.

Also included was a story which said the Shriners Organization imported 19 Temples in various parts of the United States, one of them in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.

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MRS. EMALLS said she is old fashioned and that the paper was probably kept because it was the issue that carried the excursions on Captain Brown's boat to Brown's Grove.

In 1907, 13 excursions were scheduled for June, not counting moonlight excursions.

The June 1, 1907 issue also reported Truly Hatchett of Philadelphia, as a guest of his sister, and Mrs. Heber Wharton as accompanist at a concert at Ford's Theatre for St. Catherines Industrial School.

W. W. Hughes was in Atlantic City attending the National Benevolent Association of Black and Side Waiters.

George Sumner Whyte, graduated at the Colored High Training School; passed the Civil Service examination and was offered a position in the Custom House.

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MRS. EMALLS remembers when domestic servants earned from 50 to 75 cents a week.

She was born and reared in Baltimore. She was married at 18.

She is a lifelong member of John Wesley Methodist Church. At one time she was president of the Ladies Aid Society.

"I'm not as active as you have to let the younger people do the work," she said.

Mrs. Emalls is also a long-time member of the Order of Ish—Her husband, Harrison, does odd jobs when his health permits. They have no children.

MR. FRANK CALDWELL
13 years an AFRO reader

MRS. STELLA EMALLS
An AFRO reader 47 years

Frank Caldwell, 77, is among oldest AFRO readers

One of the oldest and most consistent readers of the AFRO is Frank D. Caldwell of 1333 N. Carey St., now 72 years old and life-long resident of Baltimore.

Mr. Caldwell was born December 19, 1882, in a small two-story house in West Baltimore on what is now Bradley St. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William F. Caldwell, also of Baltimore.

Looking back over 72 years of living is sometimes difficult for Mr. Caldwell, for the memories of so many years glide by during this rush from the subconscious to the conscious mind, making it hard for him to put them in their proper places.

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HE SAID he started his education in the Biddle St. School, a one-story frame structure with coal and wood stoves. All of the teachers at the school were white he stated, adding that he could remember only two colored teachers in the school system, then, George and Grant Biddle.

After leaving the Biddle St. School, he attended a manual training school for boys at Fremont and King Sts., for three years.

There were no graduations from this school, at which he learned the fundamentals of several of trades.

This, Mr. Caldwell said, was followed by approximately five years at the Colored High and Grammar School at Saratoga St., below Charles.

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GOING BACK to 1901, Mr. Caldwell said that following the assassination of President William McKinley on Sept. 14, the slain president's body was brought to Union Station on its way through the city.

He said he was among the thousands of people who flocked to the station to view the remains of the president, because "people were more sensitive in those days and President McKinley was a Christian-hearted man."

While the famous Baltimore fire (Feb. 2nd & 3rd, 1904) still raging, Mr. Caldwell remembered that he and his sister, Mrs. Annie Caldwell Smith, attempted to get to the Old Sharpe St. Church, but were unable to get through, because almost every street was blocked by the best of fire companies that answered the alarm.

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BALTIMORE today is far different from the city he knew in his younger days, Mr. Caldwell said. The old cobblestone streets and the horse and buggy have been replaced by asphalt and the automobile.

In the old days, he said, most colored people lived in the small side streets, whereas today, they live on the main streets.

And work was much harder to get in the past. Most people did laboring work and few could have been called well off.

Of early Baltimore politicians, Mr. Caldwell could remember only one who was outstanding. He was George Wellington Bryant, who was appointed supervisor of street cleaning.

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LATER, he stated, Harry S. Cummings became the first elected colored city councilman, followed by a Mr. Cargill. After this, no other councilmen were elected because the strength of the old 11th Ward was taken when it was split up, Mr. Caldwell said.

Among his most treasured possessions are several old copies of the AFRO, dated as far back as early 1911. Mr. Caldwell said they were left him by his sister, who died two years ago.

These, along with the fact that a late cousin, Mrs. Louvenia Henry, worked at the AFRO office as a secretary, give him a strong attachment to the paper he says he has read almost all of his life.

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THE 1911 copies of the AFRO were submitted by Mr. Caldwell in the contest to find the oldest regular reader. Then the AFRO was only 8 pages and sold for three cents a copy.

The Jan. 14th issue told of the death of George Walker, 40, who was a partner of Bert Williams.

Also in this issue was a story about the resignation of the Rev. William Alexander from Sharon Baptist Church after 36 years of service; and of Bethel AME Church moving to its $90,000 building at Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St.

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MR. CALDWELL lives with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Caldwell, at the Carey St. address. In spite of his years, he is well versed on current affairs.

On the question of public school integration he said: "School integration is a great thing. It should have come a long-time ago. But, if it had many people today would never have felt the thrill they did when the decision was handed down."

Navy veteran, 29, made bald by A-bomb blast, regains hair

By RUTH ROLEN
PHILADELPHIA

Bald from the effects of a radiation rainstorm following the blasting of the second atomic bomb test off Eniwetok, the coral island in the Pacific, Leonard Stephen, 29, of Philadelphia, has a full head of hair.

Stephen, who is 29, lost his black, wavy hair shortly before 1951, when he was employed at the city morgue where he still works as an autopsyman. That was some two years after his harrowing experience in the navy.

BARELY 10 minutes after the test, it was Stephen's duty, as chief boatswain's mate, to pilot a PT (torpedo) boat through the radiated area, blackened by smoke, dust and debris in the wake of the blast.

He ordered his crew to take cover. With his engines cut to one-third speed, he managed to guide the craft through a snake-shaped channel with only a two-foot margin to escape the reefs which endangered his course.

After his exposure to the radiation, Leonard require extended hospital treatment. So nerve-racking was his experience that it was necessary to place him in a strait jacket for a brief period.

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FOLLOWING HIS return to normalcy and his discharge from the hospital, Stephen found himself with barely a strand of hair. He used to be the object of stares because of his otherwise youthful appearance.

Finally, nightly massages with hot oil and the unfaltering use of a widely-advertised hair product began to pay off. First, there was only fuzz, but the fuzz grew into strands that, at long last, covered parts of his head.

Gradually, the strands covered Stephen's entire head. Since growing his second head of hair, he has not been troubled by any of it falling out.

WHEN STEPHEN regained his hair, one of the most surprised girls in the world was his wife, Ella, whom he calls "Sissy." In a couple of months or so, a newcomer will be in the nursery of their home at 2540 N. Marston St.

Guys grumble about how long they have to wait at the barber's and his high prices. Not Stephen, however, he's too glad he has to go to the barber.

BEFORE AND AFTER—Four poses of Leonard Stephen, who regained hair after being made bald by atomic blast, shown (from left to right) front view when hair was growing back, back view of same, front view of fully grown head of hair, and back view of same.

the birds! . . .

Unmoved by the presence of a number of people who had to see it to believe it, this pigeon took up residence on a window ledge outside the dining room of Miss Kitty Young at 1411 Division St., two weeks ago and has made herself at home.

Now in the process of hatching two eggs, she flies away frequently but never stays more than an hour.

Food is provided daily by Miss Young who left an opening in her screen one evening after losing the keys to her apartment.