Podge Hodge

Don't know how it is around your place, but up on Depression Hill at Madhouse Menagerie, we seem to have a great deal of trouble trying to keep the kids at meals.

Perhaps I should say we used to, for Wife proved to be a master psychologist in breaking up the dinner-time kafflee klatch. Here's how it happened:

Number One son, now a big wheel in the dinner-time discussions since he joined the Adventure Club at the Y, would always have a long story to relate on his experiences of the day.

Since the club travels around the countryside — to Washington, Wildwood, N.J., Chester, Pa., etc—he had plenty of fuel for conversation.

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ALL DISCUSSIONS, of course had to be punctuated with appropriate gestures. And gesture he did, whether or not he happened to have a forkful of food in his hand. This led to a slightly food - sprinkled tablecloth, and a light coating of green peas on the floor, well lubricated with gravy.

Naturally, the rest of the kids wouldn't allow Number One Son to monopolize the conversation, and they added their eight cents worth, also accompanied by foodspilling gestures.

Stuck my head in the door and bellowed for quiet.

Things subsided for exactly 18 seconds. It was the lull before the storm. They used those 18 seconds to think up something to say. Funny thing about all this, after dinner is over, they never seem to have anything to talk about . . . until its time to go to bed.

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NOW DON'T get me wrong. I think conversation is perfectly OK at the dinner table. A quiet, pleasant talk helps the digestion . . . . . .

QUIET, PLEASANT TALK.

Those kids would start out quietly, then, in an effort to break in, the voices would raise in intensity, louder, louder, until they were fairly screaming at each other.

Just about the time when I was flirting with the notion of rocking them to sleep (with king-sized rockers) wife would calmly wiped her mouth on the napkin, pushed back her chair and stood up.

She walked over to the children's table—waited a moment until all eyes were riveted on her, then in quiet, well modulated, distinct tones, said:

"Last one through eating will wash dishes."

You could have almost cut the silence with a knife. The only sound heard was forks clinking on plates. In no time those kids polished up their dinner and rocketed out of the kitchen at supersonic speed.

Oh—yes, in case you're interested. Number Two Son was the last one finished and since he's only three, he didn't have to do dishes after all.

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THE NEWEST NURSES—Among the eight nurses recently graduated from the Provident Hospital of Nursing, were these seven: Louise W. Beveridge, Ora L. Brown, Eula M. Dobbins, Lucille V. Griffin, Catherine J. Hobson, Helen R. Lee, and Augusta Swann. Not shown is Gladys Spivey.

Eight graduate at Provident

The Provident Hospital School of Nursing held its graduation exercise recently at Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and McMechen St.

Eight nurses received diplomas. They were: Louise W. Beveridge, Warwick, Va.; Ora L. Brown, Lake City, S. C.; Eula M. Dobbins, West Point, Va.; Lucille V. Griffin, Baltimore; Catherine J. Hobson, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Helen R. Lee, Scranton, S. C.; Gladys Spivey, Montclair, N.J. and Augusta Swann, Waukegan, Ill.

Mrs. Odell Payne, president of the Ladies' Guild, member of the board of trustees and the Nursing School Committee presented awards to the following graduating nurses:

Lucille V. Griffin: The Provident Hospital Ladies Guild Award for highest scholastic achievement; the Medical Award for the most outstanding performance in medical nursing; the Olivia Hammond Gail award for second highest achievement in surgical nursing; the Pediatric award for the most outstanding performance in the nursing of children and the award to the most outstanding all-around nurse.

Eula M. Dobbins: the Provident Hospital Ladies Guild Award for second highest scholastic achievement, the Medical award for second highest achievement in Medical nursing and the Obstetrical award for the most outstanding performance in obstetrical nursing.

Ora Lee Brown: received the surgical award for the highest achievement in surgical nursing.

Catherine Hobson: received the Public Health award for the highest achievement in theory and practice in public health nursing.

Augusta Swann: received the award for the most cheerful nurse with the best bedside manner. (Miss Swann served as president of the Maryland State Student Nurses' Association for the year 1955-1956.)

Dr. Furman Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League, was the principle speaker.

Manly in state FEPC position

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations has accepted "with sincere regret"—the resignation of Milo A. Manly, deputy director, George Schermer, executive director, has announced.

Mr. Manly has served as deputy director since 1952, when the commission was established by the Home Rule Charter. He resigned to accept the position of deputy director of the new Pennsylvania Fair Employment Practice Commission. His new job became effective on July 2.

Mr. Manly resides at 618 N. 43rd St. His wife, the former Miss Lucille Gilbert, was formerly director of research and education for the Philadelphia Fair Employment Practice Commission on Human Relations.

City Band No. 2 in two concerts

The Bureau of Music will present the Number 2 Municipal Concert Band, conducted by Harrison M. Dodd, in two concerts this weekend.

One will be held this evening (Friday at 8 p.m. at School 74, 22nd and Homewood Sts. The other will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Druid Hill Park: Grove A. Program selection range from Carmen to the St. Louis Blues.

Britain rejects bid by South Africa

LONDON (NNPA) — Great Britain has again refused to agree to the transfer of the Protectorates of Swaziland, Bechuanaland and Basutoland to the Union of South Africa.

The Government's position on the transfer was last stated in April 1954 when it was noted that these territories would not be transferred until the inhabitants had been consulted and parliament agreed.

To whom this may concern:

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545 Presstman St.

'This is it,' he said; 'This IS it,' says judge

"As I was coming by a fellow on Linden and Biddle called from a house and asked did I want some whiskey. I told him 'yes.' He gave me some and I drank it.

"I was getting ready to go when a lady yelled, 'Police, they're breaking in.' The police followed him to the roof and hid behind a chimney.

"He told me to wait. The next thing I knew the police were there." Thomas White, 30, 800 block Park Ave. was speaking Tuesday in Northwestern Police Court.

HE WAS charged with burglariously breaking and entering in the nighttime a liquor store in the 800 block of Linden Ave. and stealing 27 miniatures of whiskey valued at $6.75 and $100 in currency.

"This is it," Magistrate Linwood G. Koger, Sr., told the defendant. He placed him under $2,500 bail, after telling him:

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Superstitious? yes and no says the man in the street

Are Baltimoreans superstitious?

That's the question AFRO reporters set out to answer this week on the streets of the city as they put the query to 14 persons selected at random.

Since today is Friday the 13th, the question had a timley aspect and the answers did show something, everyone questioned had an opinion.

There were two who said they could be classified as in the middle on whether to believe or not to believe, and ten who said they are very definitely not superstitious.

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THE QUESTION was divided into three parts: "Is there anything you wouldn't do on Friday the 13th that you would do on other days? Do you think there is anything special about Friday the 13th. Do you attach any significance to walking under a ladder or a black cat crossing your path or any other superstitious?"

Now here are the answers:

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MRS. GRACE SMITH, 1130 E. Lombard St.:

"I'll do anything on any day. I sold coal for 13 cents for over 13 years.

"There's nothing special about Friday the 13th not with me anyhow. The luck's with the Lord and the devil's in the people.

"To me a black cat is lucky. I have seen one and two. Besides. I don't think about their color."

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RAYMOND HAWKINS, 1134 E. Lombard St:

"I'll never spend all of my money on Friday the 13th.

"Whats special about the day? Whatever's going to happen will happen.

"I don't pay attention to talk about walking under ladders and blacks cats either. I work on a ladder everyday."

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MRS. GEORGIA WHITE, 1126 Watson St:

"Sure I'm superstitious about the 13th. Always have been."

Asked if she could recall anything amusing that happened on a Friday the 13th, Mrs. White smiled and replied: Yes, that's the day I met my boyfriend and that was bad luck.

"I don't walk under ladders but I do have a black cat.

"I know lots of people who are 'funny' about the 13th. I won't trim my fingnails that day either. That's hangman's day." (Referring to the practice of the law hanging condemned men on Friday).

MRS. ETTA HILL, 1833 Ashland Ave:

"I don't like to go on trips on Friday the 13th. It's unlucky. Other than that I do anything I want to on the 13th.

"I can't remember that the 13th has been unlucky for me. "I've never liked black cats and I'm afraid of ladders."

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MRS. ANNA LLOYD, 1821 Ashland Ave:

"I don't think Friday the 13th is unlucky. There's nothing special about the day. I don't like black cats either. I don't think any of my friends are funny about the day."

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MRS. LUCY DRAKE, 1821 Ashland Ave: "There's nothing unusual about the day. I'm not superstitious and don't believe in it."

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MRS. DOROTHY STEWART, housewife:

"No, I'm not superstitious. The only funny superstition I know is that one about if you break a mirror on that date, you'll have bad luck for seven years."

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MRS. MARY TAYLOR, cleaning employee, 155 Hamburger St.:

"No, I'm not superstitious. I think the ladder business and the black cat thing are amusing. I've heard of people walking all the way around the block."

Mrs. Iris Lee, 3325 Alto Rd.:

"No, I'm not superstitious, and don't believe in any superstitions. I don't put any meaning in them at all."

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MISS FANNIE WHITE, Dunbar High teacher, 2025 Druid Hill Ave.:

"Sometimes when a black cat crosses my path I turn my back and sometimes I don't.

"I walk under ladders all the time. The only Friday the 13th supersition I think is amusing is the one about it's supposed to bring bad luck but I never have heard what kind of bad luck."

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MRS. ALFRED HOWARD, housewife, 3222 Auchentoroly Terr.:

"Friday the 13th doesn't make any difference to me. It's just another day to me. No, I don't worry about walking under a ladder. I'm just afraid it might fall or something."

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MISS CHRISTINE LOCKLEY, 2436 Tyson Place:

"I do anything on Friday 13th. I'd do any other days. No. I don't think there is anything special about Friday 13th. I'm not superstitious at all.

"It is kind of superstitious about walking under a ladder. My sister doesn't want a cat to cross her. She'll cross her fingers or try and go around another block or something.

Herbert Hill, 1619 Druid Hill Ave., printer:

"Friday the 13th is just another day to me. If I did anything on Friday the 13th and it turned out bad, I would believe it was going to happen every Friday and that Friday the 13th had no bearing on it.

"When I was a little boy I used to pull buds on flowers. If yours came off, before mine, you would get married first. Now, I'm more mature and don't pay such things any attention."

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EDWARD A. CHANCE, 1619 Druid Hill Ave., a student-case worker:

"I'm not superstitious. I never pay Friday the 13th any attention. When I go somewhere, I go the closest way. If I think a ladder is going to fall, naturally I don't walk under it.

"I figure that this a democratic country and if a black cat wants to cross the street, he has a right to.

"I have heard of such superstitions as a man should come to your house first on New Year's Day and Dog Days in August when it takes a long time to get well if you hurt yourself."

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT B. WATTS

The most important matter for all Democrats in the next few months will be the production of a suitable platform at the convention. This platform will be adopted at the convention and will be worked on, debated, etc in the days before the convention.

To the colored voter, the platform will be of paramount importance because it will represent a compromise with the n.-A.m.e.r.i.c.a.n. undemocratic southern theories of racial superiority.

In order to prevent the latter approach, a group of Democrats plans to meet in Chicago on July 21 to map a proposed platform. It will be the aim of this group to counteract the efforts being made these days by the southerners to tone down the civil rights section.

It has always amazed me how the opponents of racial integration work so hard for their cause while we sound off about the value of an opposite point of view. This Mr. Watts meeting in Chicago will help counteract this.

I have seen several proposed platforms which have been suggested by various groups. The most prominent groups so far have been the National Leadership group made up of labor leaders, civic and religious groups and labor unions. The CIO-PAC has proposed one.

EACH PROPOSAL calls on the party to recognize that the U. S. Government shares the responsibility for obtaining implementation of the Supreme Court decisions outlawing segregation. They want the party to pledge the support of the Executive Branch, the President, and the Legislative branch to that end.

It will be wise indeed to adopt such a platform. The Republican President has refused to use the prestige of his office in support of implementation of the Supreme Court decision. Our party will do well to capitalize on this failure.

The proposed platforms also want the Federal Civil Rights Laws strengthened. This would strengthen the administrative and judicial machinery in support of civil rights for all citizens. The pending omnibus civil rights bill is one phase of this program. We Democrats want to go further in this field and the platform should pledge just such an attitude.

The party should pledge the enactment of legislation to protect citizens from mob violence, intimidation and economic pressures designed to discourage those fighting for equal opportunities.

Next week, I shall continue to discuss the various proposals for the Democratic Party platform. It is hoped that all of these proposals will be adopted and our efforts between now and convention time should be directed to that end.

Republican Viewpoint

By HARRY A. COLE

There is no longer any room for confusion, second-guessing, or dismay. President Eisenhower has announced that he will seek a second term.

The decision has been met with general enthusiasm by the American public who believe that Eisenhower, himself, is the best person to determine his fitness for the rigors of this high office.

People have confidence in his integrity; they know that he would make no such decision unless in his best considered opinion he felt up to the job.

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THIS ANNOUNCEMENT is not only gleefully received in political circles but the fact of his candidacy is perhaps the greatest stabilizing force to world peace and economy.

This is a tribute to the man's integrity but even more so to his demonstrated leadership of a free world plagued with tension and a quest for prosperity in peacetime.

Eisenhower in four years has relieved the tension and promoted the transition from war economy to peaceful prosperity.

His nod to the free world and the faith the world has in his leadership are made indelibly clear when uncertainty as to his continued leadership makes tensions reappear and the stock market fluctuate. There is no need for uncertainty any longer.

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HOWEVER, THE fact of his candidacy and the concession that he is the best man for the presidency should not lull thinking Americans, of whatever political clothe, into a false sense of security.

The people must give him a majority — They must vote.

No one of use can assume that because the fact of his candidacy is true that the fact of his reelection has been accomplished.

There must of necessity be an ever more significant drive to produce a greater vote and to have that vote cast for Eisenhower.

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AFTER ALL, the only thing the President has done is to say, "I have served you to the best of my ability for four years. If you think my policies have established an atmosphere of peace among nations, if you think I have led this country to its greatest economic prosperity, then, in such case, I am physically fit enough to undertake the job of being president for four more years and am willing to submit myself to your best judgment by being a candidate.

"I do not suggest that I have done all, but I have done what I sincerely believe is best for our country."

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ONE THING is clear and that is that the rest is up to us. Eisenhower has put our vote.

If he would be elected, it will be because "the people of America believe in him and his sincerity, understand that his service has been dedicated for them, and demonstrate their appreciation by voting in great numbers that will offer encouragement to complete the job he has thus far done so well.

Your Social Security

(ED. NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles on Social Security. The third will appear next week).

Q. I paid into Social Security during its first three years of existence. In a few months I will be of retirement age, will I be entitled to Social Security benefits?

A. Three full years of work under social security will provide you 12 calendar quarters of coverage. Anyone reaching 65 on or before July 1, 1957, will be insured for social security purposes if he has 12 or more quarters of coverage.

If you are reaching 65 in the second half of 1956 as your letter suggests, you would be eligible for old age insurance benefits if you have as many as nine calendar quarters of coverage.

Q. I AM A WIDOW 63 years old. Can I draw my husband's social security as a dependent until I am 65? I have been told I couldn't draw unless I had a child under 18 of the wage earner.

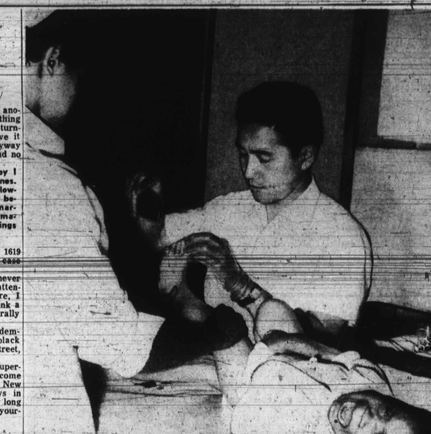
A. The information you have been furnished is correct. A widow's monthly benefit begins when a qualified widow reaches 65. Normally, a lump sum death payment is made to the widow at the time of her husband's death. This has no effect on later monthly payments beginning at age 65.

If a child of a retired or deceased person is entitled to monthly payments, the child's mother may also be entitled to payments regardless of her age, provided the child is in her care and she meets all other requirements.

Q. My benefits are $44.90 a month. I am now a farmer. Can my benefits be increased? How much will I have to pay in and how long?

A. It is possible for a retired person now receiving retirement pay of $44.90 from social security to increase his benefit rate. As a self employed farmer you are covered by the Social security law for tax years ending after 1954 if your net earnings from self-employment are $400 or more in a year.

Your present rate could be increased if your net earnings from farming and other self employment, if any, was above $900 for each of your next two taxable years. Earnings of at least $900 would be required to increase your average monthly earnings above the figure on which your present benefit rate is based. Your contributions would be three percent of your net earnings up to $4,200 a year.



LANGUAGE NO BARRIER—Here Dr. Servideo Reyes of the Philippines administers to a young patient in the emergency room at Provident Hospital. The nurse assisting is Miss Marvie Washington.

'A miniature UN' is Provident story

By J. D. WILLIAMS

"A miniature United Nations."

That's the description one visitor recently applied to Provident Hospital where the exotic sounds of foreign languages have become part of the daily routine.

From widely separated lands the hospital has obtained the services of 13 skilled physicians and appointed them to the resident staff of 17.

One of the doctors comes from the British West Indies, four from Haiti, one from Japan, and seven from the Philippines.

THE MOST recent addition to the staff is Dr. Toyoaki Kobubu, fresh from Tokyo, and on his first visit to the United States. Dr. Kokubu speaks very little English although he writes the language well.

This problem of language difficulty is one of the most serious facing the foreign visitors. However, Dr. Effie Ellis, head of the resident training program, says they usually pick up a working knowledge of the language in short order.

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THE FILIPINOS and the Haitians are helped by the fact that English is taught in the schools of their countries.

Typical of the physicians is Dr. Benigno R. Lazaro, second assistant resident in surgery, who came to this country three and a half years ago from the Philippines.

"I had little trouble with the language at first, I understand them but they don't understand me. After a few months they understand me," said Dr. Lazaro.

His reason for coming to the states was quite simple. He wanted to obtain further training and an American hospital seemed the ideal place.

Dr. Lazaro obtained his medical training at the Manila Central University.

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FROM HAITI comes Dr. Gerard Ulysse who finds that life in this country is somewhat different than life in the land of his birth.

"In Haiti the man is the boss, it's no 50-50 business. When I first came here, I couldn't understand it, but now I think it is the best way. I like an argument once in a while, but in Haiti no wife argues with her husband.

"Here in this country you go to a lady's house and ring her bell and say you want to talk her out. You can't do that in my country. You go out with the girl and a chaperone.

"I like the American way."

ONE OF the physicians who has made quite a name for himself with several publicized and successful operations is Dr. Turgot Jeudy, also from Haiti and the capital city, Port-Au-Prince.

He has been in the U.S. since 1947, at Provident since 1952. He is chief resident in surgery.

His medical training was taken at the University of Medicine in Haiti and he has also worked at hospitals in Kansas City and Chicago.

A tall handsome man, Dr. Jeudy speaks English almost flawlessly, although the accent still remains.

"The only difficulty I had was with the language when I first came, but it wasn't too bad because I spoke English before I came over here."

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THE OTHER physicians from Haiti are: Drs. Jacques Bataille, assistant resident in pediatrics; and Auguste Bernard, resident in internal medicine.

Additional physicians from the Philippines are Drs. Alba Medina Sarmiento, Honesto Vargas, Ignacia Garcia, Servideo Reyes, and Seodor Caguil.

The representative from the British West Indies is Dr. Twidlyn Anderson.

Language might pose a problem, but as Dr. Ellis pointed out:

"Medicine is medicine and they are doing a good job."

Friday, July 13th birthday does not bother Mrs. Watty

By B.M. PHILLIPS

"Oh, I don't mind . . . my birthday's been on Friday the 13th before . . . I'm not particularly superstitious about Friday the 13th . . ."

Soft - spoken Mrs. Lillian Watty, 706 N. Arlington Ave., was talking about the fact that she observes a birthday today (Friday) July 13.

"Just say I am over 21," she laughed, as she refused to reveal her exact age. "I'm getting too old to tell my age."

Mrs. Watty says she plans no special birthday celebration. "We'll probably have a little family get together.

"I have a friend who usually has me for dinner on my birthday, but she's studying in summer school this year, so she's putting it off until later. There'll just be a family gathering."

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MRS. WATTY'S family includes her sister, Mrs. Eva Blake; their mother, Mrs. Alexina Short, who celebrated a 86- plus birthday on June 11; and Mrs. Watty's son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Loretta Watty.

Also, their four children, Vicky, Bobby, Cynthia and Anthony Watty. Mrs. Watty was married and later divorced from Alan A. Watty of Glen Burnie.

Mrs. Watty is a teacher of primary opportunity classes at Elementary branch to No. 114, a job she describes as "very interesting" work. She has been a city teacher for 20 years.

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THE SECOND daughter and youngest child for the late Robert Short and Mrs. Short, was born at the family home in the 500 block of Druid Hill Ave., at 3 p.m. on a Tuesday. She was christened Lillian Marie Short.

At the time, her father was employed by the Feast Florists. He died two years after her birth.

The late Dr. William T. Carr (father of Dr. James D. Carr) brought her into the world. She weighed about 7 pounds at birth. Today Mrs. Watty says she weighs about 159 pounds. She stands 5 feet 1 inch.

She took her grade school work at Schools No. 113 and 172 and graduated from the old Colored High School and from Coppin Normal School, now Coppin State Teachers' College, in 1917.

She received a B.S. degree from Morgan State College in 1930, and since then has taken additional courses at Johns Hopkins University.

AN ACTIVE church and civic worker, Mrs. Watty holds membership in St. Pius Church. Last week, she was an official delegate to the tenth National Lay Women's Retreat Movement convention which met in Minneapolis, Minn.

Also attending as official delegates were Mrs. Irene Bibb and Miss Marguerite Thomas, all of Baltimore.

MRS. LILLIAN WATTY

Mrs. Watty is a member of the St. Pius Sodality, treasurer of the Book — of — the — Month Club; vice president of the Father Gillard Retreat League and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She holds the very important job of secretary of the committee of administration of the Madison Ave. YWCA. She feels a close kinship to the YWCA because her aunt, the late Mrs. Novella Anne Rayne, was one of several pioneer Baltimore women who founded the YWCA here.

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DOES MRS. WATTY have any Friday the 13th superstitions? Her answer: I guess all of us have some. I'm not very superstitious, but I don't like birds flying in windows.

"I think birds coming in windows are a bad omen. I have found them to be an omen of death on several occasions."

One instance which stands out in her memory, she says, happened several years ago when she and another teacher shared the same classroom.

"My friend's son was ill. It was thought to be just a cauld. After she had left for the day in our classroom, her son died.

"It was just a week later. We don't think he was that ill."

As to other superstitions, Mrs. Watty says: "No, I don't think of any. I really believe in."

Those half-days off irksome to Mildred

I Hate Half-Days Off

GIRL, PEOPLE HAVE GOT some crust! Some folks' notion of what's fair is all mixed up whatk, and it takes your friend Mildred to tell it!

You know, Marge, I told you how I was sick and tired of runnin' from hither to yon in order to make a bare livin'.

That's right, day's work can carry you all over town, workin' first for this one and then the other.

There's some mornin's that it takes me a good five minutes to remember just where I'm s'pose to work.

So I decided to try steady time once more and hook me up a permanent place to work.

Yes, I got it out of the newspaper and telephoned the lady before the print was dry.

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HONEY, You never heard such an interview as she put me through. You shoulda heard it.

"Now, Mildred, why do you want this job?"

Don't laugh, I know you want to but try and listen. Did you ever hear such a simple question?

I could of told her the truth and make mention of that nasty word **money,** but I knew that would make her sad, so I said very prettily, "Because I'd like a nice steady job with a good family."

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HOT DOG! I struck pay-dirt, honey was the sunshine of a Mrs. afternoon. Sure she asked me some more things.

She asked me for references, the name of my minister and my doctor, how long I worked in the last three places and how come this and why not that until we was both fair worn out with talk and more talk.

Finally she seems all satisfied and made the dummin' up, "I think you'll do just fine, and I hope we can make some satisfactory arrangement that'll make us both happy."

Marge, before I can get in a word about what'll make me happy she takes a sheet of paper out of her desk and starts readin' off how things will go.

"MILDRED," she says, "on Monday you will report at eight o'clock in the mornin' and after the breakfast dishes you will do the washin'. Of course we have a machine.

"Naturally," I says, then she starts runnin' her finger down that devilish list:

"After the washin' you will take care of the children's lunch, prepare dinner, clean the baby's room thoroughly and leave after the supper dishes, that's Monday."

So much for Monday," I says, "and how about Tuesday?"

"Well," she says, "your don't come in until noon on Tuesday, then you fix the children's lunch, you do the kitchen a thorough cleaning, prepare dinner and leave after the supper dishes."

"Well," I says, "here we are at Wednesday already." "Yes," she says, "on Wednesday you come in at eight in the mornin' do all the floors, fix the children's lunch, do the mendin', give the foger and the baby a thorough cleanin', prepare dinner . . ."

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"Hold on," I says, "leave after the supper dishes."

"THAT'S RIGHT," she says, "and the schedule remains pretty much the same for the rest of the week; on Thursday you thoroughly clean the bedrooms, on Friday the silver and on Saturday the pantry shelves, silver and clothes closet and on Sunday you fix early dinner and leave after one-thirty."

Marge, I must have looked pure bewildered because she adds, "Do you have any comments?"

"A little," I says, "when is my off-time?"

"Oh that," she says.

"Yes'mam," I says, and then she begins to run her fingers down the list again. "Well, you have one half-day off every Tuesday and one-half day off every Sunday and every other Thursday you get a full day off, which makes it a five and a half day week."

HOW 'BOUT that Marge! I was never too good at arithmetic, but I really had to tip my hat to her. Even somebody as smart as Einstein couldn't have figured nothin' as neat as that.

Before I could get a word in on what I considered the deal of the year, she plays her trump card. "I will pay you two dollars and one-half and fifteen cents a month."

"But that way," I says, "I'll be a week's pay every fifteen of the month has five weeks." Well she repeats herself, "I pay on the first and fifteenth."

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NO, MARGE, you know I wasn't comin' on that! In the first place I could see me workin' myself into such a lather that there wouldn't be nothin' to do but crawl into the doctor's office on the first and fifteenth and give every blessed nickel I had in order that he could try and straighten me out in time to meet the second and the sixteenth.

In the second place . . . oh, well, what's the use? You get the picture! I hacked out of there at first 'tip I bet she's not sure that I was ever there.

BUT IT SET me thinkin'. How come all of them big shots in Washington that can't balance the budget or make the taxes cover all our expenses, how come they don't send for that woman to help straighten them out?

Why, in two or three weeks she would have everything on a payin' basis, but she'd have enough money left over to give every citizen a free ice cream cone for the Fourth of July, not countin' all the loot she'd have left over to bury at Fort Knox!

Guess like that just pure takes your breath away. It's almost beautiful in a disgustin' sort of way, ain't it?

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How did this Friday 13th superstition get started?

By JACK L. HODGE

Why is Friday, especially when it falls on the 13th day of the month, considered so unlucky? There are seemingly three acceptable beginnings for this superstitious belief.

First of all, two superstitions must be combined into one. Friday and the number 13 are both considered as ill omens, as is believed to have originated within religious circles.

Bad Friday can be traced to the crucifixion of Christ and the number 13 is believed to have had its beginning with the Last Supper when Christ dined with the 12 Disciples.

"Thus the fate that Christ suffered following the Last Supper because of the betrayal by Judas and the crucifixion on Friday, the superstition had its beginning.

Another version of the origin of Friday 13 is based on Norse mythology—the story of the Valhalla banquet in which 12 of the gods were invited.

While the banquet was in progress, Loki, the Spirit of Strife intruded, making 13 — and Balder, the favorite of the gods, was killed.

STILL ANOTHER basis for the belief was established by "The Gentleman's Magazine" as late as 1798 while attempting to establish a basis for its origin.

"The magazine reported:

"The superstition seems to be founded on calculations adopted by insurance offices, which presumes that out of 13 people, taken indiscriminately, one will die within a year."

Regardless to the true basis for the belief, or whether there is any truth that Friday 13 is unlucky, hundreds of thousands of people believe in it, especially in Europe.

In fact, it is said to be almost impossible to find the number 13 as the house or room number in any French city or town.

A woman in England so violently protested when her house number became 13 as a result of official renumbering of houses, that she took her protest to the highest court and won.

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OF COURSE, there are all sorts of superstitions before attached to Friday and the number 13—most of which are common knowledge.

But to test its effect and how it involves others without such beliefs—

In 1931 the sailings of two Atlantic liners were postponed from Friday night until one minute after midnight, following protests of the Friday sailing from a large number of superstitious passengers.

The outlook is much brighter for those who are superstitious. There will be no more Friday 13's in this year. Saturday and Sunday, however, have a long line of ill omens in store for you.

ON WAY TO WORK—Mrs. Virginia Thompson, 429 Calfax Way, Turner Station, was en route to work when an AFRO photographer snapped this picture of her.

Coming events

JULY 14, 15, 16

Pitch and Putt Golf Club tournament, Carroll Park.

Colored Women's Democratic Campaign Committee of Maryland sponsors the third annual beach party and dance at Carr's Beach. Starts at 9 p.m.

JULY 14 - AUGUST 3

Science Workshop at Morgan State College.

JULY 18

"Life in the Desert" are the films to be shown at 2 p.m. at Enoch Pratt Free Library, Mulberry and Cathedral Sts.

"The Slabtown District Convention" a one act comedy given by the Missionary Society at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Ave. and Lanvale St., 8:30 p.m.

JULY 21

Baltimore Municipal games and swimming meet, Clifton Park.

JULY 25

"Starlight Spectacular" presented by Baltimore Fellowship on the campus of Coppin State Teachers College at 8:30 p.m.

JULY 27-28

Conference to discuss educating young people for science and engineering careers, at University of Maryland.

AUGUST 12,

The Seven Turners will sing at Batil AME Church in Cockeysville.

AUGUST 18

Baltimore Fellowship has annual lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ballard, 8646 Oakleigh Rd., from 4 to 9 p.m.

AUGUST 30-31

Registration of pupils for Baltimore City Schools.

Methodists attend school at Morgan

Supply pastors of the Baltimore Area of the Metholist Church, are attending special classes at Morgan College.

The courses, designed as a special education program for those who are not ordained ministers, got underway Monday, and will close Aug. 3.

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