EVERY MUSCLE in Althea Gibson's body is called upon when the tennis queen goes into her tremendous serve.

ALTHEA GIBSON, New York City girl, who is battling for world fame at Wimbledon this week, has British tennis fans excited about her crushing service which overpowers most of her opponents. Here the cameraman catches the grace and power of the Gibson service that crashes down from a height of 8 feet plus.

Brother, sister, niece, all receive college degrees

"I always tried to live the right life before them. I did my best to raise them. I am very proud of them. Nowadays people don't spend enough time with their children."

These thoughtful remarks were made recently by Mrs. Isaiah Clayton at her home, 1085 Bennett Place.

The words were inspired by the fact that, not one, but three members of her family, a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter received college degrees this summer.

The son, Paul Lawrence Clayton, a veteran of World War II, received a B.S. degree from Morgan in biology. He plans to study pharmacy in the fall at either the University of Maryland or Howard University.

Mr. Clayton, who lives with his wife, Margaret at 2666 Lauretta Ave., said, while puffing on aromatic tobacco:

"I don't know why I'm interested in pharmacy, I'm just interested. I like things scientific."

The daughter, Mrs Verhice Clayton Jones, received an M.A. degree in Education from New York University.

Mrs. Jones, who lives with her husband, Aubrey, and six-year-old daughter, Carolyn at 1028 Edmondson Ave., said that she has travelled to Niagara Falls and hopes to do a lot more travelling.

She is a teacher at School No. 162.

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THE GRANDDAUGHTER, Miss Delores Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, 943 W. Franklin St., received a B.S. degree from Coppin State Teachers College. Miss Sanders, a pleasant young miss, wearing a white cotton print dress and summer casual shoes, told the AFRO reporter: "I like music, everything from Bach to Bop."

She is interested in children and will teach grade three at School No. 159 in Cherry Hill, this fall. She also plays piano and teaches Sunday School at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Ave and Lanvale St.

Two other Clayton children, Mrs. Mary Frazier, a teacher at Douglass High School and Miss Ruth Clayton, a teacher at School No. 162, have M.S. degrees.

Isiah Clayton, the elder, one of Baltimore's hard-working longshoremen is also a 33rd degree Mason. Mrs. Clayton has attended the commencements of all the children who graduated here in Baltimore.

'Insults' are good reason for divorce

"He insulted me!"

Mrs. Hazel Sherrill of 1725 N. Bentalou St., mother of five children, explained as she sought a divorce from Montreville S. Sherrill of 567 Moore St., this week.

Insults, however, are not grounds for a divorce in the State of Maryland. At least they weren't until Mrs. Sherrill explained how her husband had insulted her.

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ASKED TO explain just how her husband had offended her, the wife said:

"He hit me with his fist. He shot at me with a pistol, he did not give me anything to take care of the children and myself.

"He had a dagger after me and said he would kill me if I didn't get out."

The Master of Courts, pondering such "insults" allowed that they were reasons enough for a wife leaving and recommended that a divorce be granted Mrs. Moore.

The couple was married on June 16, 1942 and lived together until August 18, 1954.

Blonde and brown-skinned lover excite courthouse

A pretty blonde and her brown-skinned lover upset the courthouse on Tuesday when the man admitted in Domestic Relations Court that he was the father of the woman's child.

During the hearing, which saw courthouse personnel engaged in excited whispering, an agreement was reached whereby the man would support the child He was placed on probation.

One observer said, "I was tickled to death" at the furor the interracial affair caused.

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AFTER THE CASE was over, there was some talk that some unnamed officials were considering the possibility of charging the mother with violation of Article 27, Section 513 of the Maryland Code which states as follows:

"Any white woman who shall suffer or permit herself to be got with child by a Negro or mulatto, upon conviction thereof in the court having criminal jurisdiction, either in the city or county where such child was begotten or where the same was born, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than 18 months nor more than five years."

However, courthouse observers believe that when officials have a chance to get over their initial shock, they'll forget the whole matter, especially since the brown man and the blonde woman left the courthouse arm in arm.

Contractor's wife granted her divorce

Mrs. Mary Diggs, 2003 Smallwood St. won a divorce from Theodore Diggs, owner of the Home Improvement Company, on grounds of desertion, this week.

The degree was granted to the wife on a cross bill.

Mr. Diggs filed the first petition, stating that he and Mrs. Diggs were married on October 26, 1936 and that she left him without cause on May 17, 1951.

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THE WIFE countered with a cross bill denying that she had deserted him. She charged that he was the deserter and asked for the divorce and alimony.

She said that her husband earns at least $6,500 per year as contractor. He denied that his earnings reached this amount. His weekly income is $45, he said.

She was granted permanent alimony of $12 per week and $100 for her attorney.

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MRS. VIOLA DENNIS, 2217 N. Ellamont St., social worker with the Department of Public Welfare, won a divorce from Charles R. Dennis on grounds of desertion.

They were married on Jan. 20, 1938 and separated in Feb. 1948 the wife said. They are parents of three children.

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"SHE TOLD me that she no longer wanted to be married and left," testified Russell Lake, teacher at School No. 110, in his suit for divorce from Mrs. Dorothy Lake.

Mr. Lake was formerly on the faculty of the Baltimore Academy, the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He and Mrs. Lake, who lives at 4727 Midwood Ave., were married on August 13, 1949 and separated in Sept. 1954. Brown, Allen and Watts were attorneys for the husband.

'He did call me a name..'

"The truth is the light. He did call me a name." Mrs. Sadie Brockington, of the 1500 block McCulloh St. was speaking in Northwestern Police Court.

Her testimony came a bit too late, though. "Why didn't you tell me earlier?" Magistrate Linwood Koger asked. Her son-in-law, Stoney Parker, 25, also of the McCulloh St. address, was charged with disturbing the peace, there.

One daughter, Mrs. Rosetta Schofield, 23, 1100 block Pennsylvania Ave., accused Mr. Parker of insulting her mother and was herself charged with disorderly conduct.

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"I DIDN'T hear him call my mother a name, but my sister said she heard him, Mrs. Ernestine Parker, 19, said in defense of her husband.

She was charged with disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct.

Magistrate Koger suspended a $25 fine against Mr. and Mrs. Parker for disturbing the peace, but fined Mrs. Parker $25 for disorderly conduct, while being arrested and Mrs. Schofield $25

Youth drowns when foot slips on rock

"They told me it happened so fast nobody could do anything.

"He was fishing from the bank when his foot slipped, on some moss. The children said he came up three times screaming.

"His little friends walked all the way back to my mother's home on Pennsylvania Ave., to tell her what had happened."

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GRIEF - STRICKEN over the death of Eugene Dukes, Jr., 10, who drowned while fishing in Jones Falls near the Cedar Ave. bridge Tuesday noon, Mrs. Fran-ces Bivins expressed surprise Thursday that no one tried to save her son's life.

Though a group of white men and women were fishing nearby no one bothered to do anything when the boy went down, the young mother declared.

"Eugene had been fishing with a group of boys. When the accident happened the children told me they yelled like everything but no one moved.

"I think maybe everyone was taken by surprise," she declared.

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MRS. BIVINS said her son was visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Carpenter of 2405 Pennsylvania Ave., when he was given permission to go fishing with his two brothers and three friends.

"Eugene liked to fish but his grandmother would seldom let him go. The boys had fished there before and got back home at night so she let him go Tuesday! Since it was a holiday.

"These kids had hardly been gone an hour when they brought back the news. They had to walk from Jones Falls home before they could tell anybody," Mrs. Bivins stated.

The body of the young victim was recovered almost two hours later by firemen. Taken to Provident Hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

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EUGENE is survived by 3 brothers, Walter, 12, Robert, 9; Bernard, 14 months; and a sister, Millicent Dukes, 3.

His mother and father are divorced. Mrs. Bivins resides in the 2900 block W. Mulberry St., the youth resided with his father, Eugene Dukes Sr., at 1024 S. Sharp St.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Monday at 1 p.m. at Bethel Temple, 1508 N. Fulton Ave., with the Rev. J. Barnes officiating.

Burial will be in Baltimore National Cemetery.

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Tired after driving 'long'

"It's true. I asked my cousin to drive my cab for me. You get tired after driving so long."

John Grice, 21, 1700 block Riggs Ave., made this statement in Northwestern Police Court, Wednesday, in explaining why he permitted his cousin, Luther Long, to drive the cab without a license July 4.

GRICE HAD been driving 12 hours, he said. He stopped to talk with a girl and asked Long to drive the cab around the corner."

Grice was fined $50 and costs by Magistrate Milton Talkin, while Long, 21, 1700 block Riggs, was fined $20 and costs for disorderly conduct and operating the cab without a license.

July 4 capers

Joseph Booth, 35, a soldier stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., was treated at D.C. General Hospital, Wednesday, for poisoning, and released.

Police said he drank a mixture of mercurochrome, vitamin pills and roach powder. He was turned over to the Armed Services police and admitted to Walter Reed Hospital. His condition was described as not serious.

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RAYMOND GREENFIELD, 38, 600 block 10 St., SW, was hit in the left eye with a bottle while he was watching a fight between two unidentified men in the 1000 block E St., SW. One of the disputants apparently threw the bottle, police said. Greenfield was admitted to D.C. General Hospital in not serious condition.

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RAYMOND H. NEWTON, 37, 1900 block Rosedale St., NE, was cut on he head, chest and arms by two unidentified men, Wednesday, in an alteration on Sheriff Rd., Seat Pleasant, Md. His condition at D.C. General Hospital was described as undetermined.

Althea

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quarter-finals, had won three previous singles matches in this journey.

She downed Edda Budding of Germany on Tuesday, 6-4, 6-2, and on Wednesday, Peggy Wheeler of Britain, 6-1, 6-4, on Thursday, she defeated another English star, Ann Shilcock, 6-4, 6-2.

Although she is out of the singles competition, Althea still has a chance in the women's doubles and mixed doubles matches.

With Angela Buxton, of Britain, Miss Gibson is in the second round (at this writing) in women's doubles.

—With Gardner Mallory, of Denver, Colo., the Harlem queen downed K. J. Myer, of Australia, and Miss M. M. Eyre, of Britain, 6-2, 6-2, to reach the fourth round in mixed doubles.

Althea's plans also call for her to seek the USLTA women's title at Forest Hills, N.Y., next month.

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Cherry Hill stevedore found guilty of burglary

"He couldn't have identified me because I was not there."

Jerry DeNeal, 31, 2900 block Carver Rd., Cherry Hill, on trial in Criminal Court Monday for burglary, made this statement in refuting the testimony of a Southern District officer.

However, Judge E. Paul Mason found Mr. DeNeal, a former convict, guilty of burglarizing the Cherry Hill Food Market, 416 Cherry Hill Rd., on June 2 and making off with an undetermined amount of small change.

The judge withheld sentencing until a probation report is completed on Mr. DeNeal.

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PATROLMAN RAYMOND KLINE testified that he recognized Mr. DeNeal as the man he saw standing at the door of the food market when he went there on a complaint that someone was tampering with the door.

Officer Kline said he saw Mr. DeNeal, whom he knew as "Jerry," for a brief moment in the headlights of his squad car. He said the man fled, dropping a GI fatigue jacket with payroll stubs in the pocket bearing his name and address. The defendant said he left the jacket on a ship on which he was working.

Mr. DeNeal, a stevedore, testified that he was at home when the crime was committed about 3 a.m. His wife, Mrs. DeNeal, bore out his statement.

FBI nabs suspect in 1954 killing

A man, believed to have been involved in the March 27, 1954 fatal stabbing of Miss Creola Fowler, 1100 block E. Lombard St., was picked up in New York by the FBI, Thursday.

Identified by police as Robert E. Lowery, the man is expected to be brought to Baltimore for questioning sometime today (Friday).

He was arrested on an "unlawful flight" warrant.

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AFRO Feature Stories And Coming Events

'It'll be hard if strike lasts'

"If this strike lasts two months like it did in 1952, we'll all be 'wasted.'

"We'll get behind in paying our bills, it'll be hard to get credit, and the union only supplies a little food, no money.

"It'll be hard for us to get odd jobs during the time because no one wants to hire a striker.

"Yes, if this thing keeps on, it'll take us a year to catch up financially."

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THESE WERE the remarks of some of the 30,000 Sparrows Point Workers who were taking a grim view of their future if the strike goes beyond two weeks.

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FAMILIES OF the United Steel Workers will not begin to feel the brunt of the strike until the week beginning July 15 (if it goes that long) because employees can still collect pay checks.

According to company rules, a person must work two weeks before he gets paid as a safeguard for strike periods.

The strike, estimated to cause Baltimore a weekly payroll loss of $2,692,000, began Monday. The workers picketing Bethlehem Steel Company's plant at Sparrows Point, joined 650,000 idle steelworkers across the country, joined 650,000 idle steelworkers across the country.

Picket lines also were thrown around the local Armco Steel Corporation works in the 3400 block E. Chase St.

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THE WORK stoppage has already affected the railroads and Baltimore Transit Company.

The Pennsylvani a and B and O Railroads laid off a total of 23,000 workers. The transit company has temporarily discontinued its scheduled runs to Sparrows Point which carried thousands of workers.

City and state construction projects which have been delayed due to late steel deliveries are expected to be further hampered by the strike.

All entrances to the steel mill at Sparrows Point are blocked off by pickets who are standing about in groups of six to ten "just talking."

None carry signs. The notices reading "This plant on strike, United Steel Workers of America—AFL-CIO," are tied on nearby telephone poles.

Two gates are guarded in the middle of each street bordering the entrances, to see that only those with special blue passes enter the gates.

These privileged employees are foremen and maintenance men who must care for delicate machines during the strike.

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THREE TO four police officers are posted at each entrance. At press time, no incidents had been reported.

As one worker told the AFRO, "Our strikes are always orderly. And one thing is sure. We'll stand out here until the snow falls to get what we want."

This week, the workers lined up at the temporary pay station in the new garage building on "11th St., between F and H Sts. (Sparrows Point) to get their wages.

Later, some went to join the picketers while others returned to their homes to help with housework and to work in their yards.

In interviewing families in the tiny community of Sparrows Point, the AFRO learned that while many feel the strike period is "rough on us" they all will "manage to live."

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PAUL O. BEASLEY, 522 J St., said, "This is where the savings comes in. It pays to save."

Mr. Beasley, father of five children who range in age from three to 11 years old, has worked at the plant 22 years.

"My savings carried me through the two-month strike in 1952," he added. "I hope it does again this time, it we have to go that long."

He said that in 1952, the union provided food checks for the workers valued weekly at $2 per person. "They may do that again this time if necessary," he declared.

Thomas P. Hardy, who lives with his wife at 119 Carver Rd., had recently started buying a new $3,600 automobile.

"I won't be able to make payments on it now," he said, "but I'm not worried. The creditors understand and they are always nice about it."

Mr. Hardy has worked at the plant eight years.

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MILTON BAILEY, 1634 N. Payson St., father of three children, ages two to six years, is experiencing his first strike. He has been employed four months.

"I don't know what I'll do, but I'll manage," he said. "I'll have to make it."

"I have a piggy bank at home." Howard Woodson, 2501 W. Lafayette Ave., told the AFRO. "I guess I'll be breaking into it soon if this strike lasts too long."

Thomas H. Brown, 932 E. Preston St., who has been employed 10 years, urges all AFRO readers to "pray for us." We need sympathy," he pleaded.

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ALSO AFFECTED by the strike are high school students and graduates.

Charles Beard, 30, 1312 N. Montford Ave., said, "I was at Hampton Institute in 1954, but I had to quit to get a job.

"I've been working here a year and then they go on strike. I'm going to wait a while to see what they do, but if they take too long, I'm going somewhere else."

"I'm sick about the whole thing," said Robert Curbeam, 19, 238 Center St., 1955 graduate of Sollers Point High School

"This was the same feeling of George Armstead, 18, 14 Avondale Rd., senior at Sollers Point, who had intended to work this summer at the plant.

"I'm going to wait and see what happens before I do anything else," he said.

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AS FOR the housewives, they seem to be taking the strike in their stride.

Mrs. William Gaylor, 820 J St., who has three children, told the AFRO: "There's nothing to worry about. We manage. And you really have no problems if your credit is good.

"Of course the rent gets back and the bills pile up, but we catch up even if it does take a long time," she added.

Her statement seemed to echo the sentiments of other housewives who continue to go about their daily chores, taking care of the children, chatting with the neighbors, strike or no strike.

A FAMILIAR SCENE in Sparrows Point these days where 30,000 steel workers are on strike, is that of Paul Beasley, watering the front lawn with his three children, Hattie, Brenda and Paul. Some of the workers have been called to the picket lines while others busy themselves about the home.

Words to live by

BY THE REV. ROBERT T. NEWBOLD
BALTIMORE

"I don't like people who try to reform me."

This recent statement of a friend points up one of the more spots of society. We resent suggestions pertaining to individual change.

As a matter of fact many are not aware of the necessity for personal reformation. Thus they seek to be happy by advocating and working for changes outside of themselves.

There are those who eloquently present a case for political reformation. They attack bossism.

They would overthrow party machines. These representations where changes are necessary. "When we make these changes, everyone will be better off," they rationalize.

True enough there are inherent evils in our political structure which need to be removed. However, such a step alone is not the answer to the remedy of modern man's maladies.

OTHERS PASSIONATELY plead for an economic reformation. "The trouble with the American economic system," they argue, "is the need for a more equitable distribution of wealth."

The great differential in our economic stratification is an area of grave concern.

"Correct this," they say, "and you have solved the basic problem." But is this true?

To be sure there is much in our politico-economic and social system that warrants criticism and change. However, our recognition of this without recognizing a prior step is tragic.

The greatest reformation modern man needs face up to is not that which should take place in his society, but in himself.

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THE ABOVE-MENTIONED statement of my friend and the frequent mistake of social reformers reflect the manner in which man h a s become concerned about the sins in his world while continuing to 'ignore' his own.

He is, therefore, seeking for a rebirth of society without rebirth himself.

He wants his world reformed. What about himself?

He will adamantly tell you "I don't want to be reformed. And I don't like people who try to reform me."

Yet, there never can be successful changes in man's world which will redound to his happiness until there are changes within himself.

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RECALL THE conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus? Well the Master's words to the ruler apply with equal force to us.

For we are those who are "somewhere in the territory between a lost innocence and a not-yet-found beatitude."

Therefore, in seeing our plight the Master says: "You must be born again. You need to reform."

The reformation Nicodemus needed is the one we need—that of the will. And our willingness to request God to help us do this will determine how we live and the condition of the world in which we live.

CLAFLIN HEAD ATTENDS METHODIST CONFERENCE

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — The newly elected president of Claflin college, the Rev. Hubert V. Manning, attended the recent Central Jurisdiction Methodist Church Conference in New Orleans.

THEY LOOK toward the future. Mrs. Annie B. Cephas, 1112 Clendennie, and Mrs. Maude B. Smart, 2407 Druid Hill Ave., look on in calm delight as Miss Lorene Cephas (Mrs. Cephas' daughter and Mrs. Smart's niece) is graduated from the University of Maryland Law School.

'But for 1 reservation, I would have died in crash'

By SHIRLEY KYLE

One canceled reservation and I would have been listed among the 70 persons who died in that TWA plane crash in the Grand Canyon, Saturday.

I was in Los Angeles two weeks trying to get a flight to Minneapolis.

The best flight for me was that fatal one to Kansas City Saturday where I was to make connection for a north-bound flight.

On Thursday, the company called and told me that I was still "next in line" for the Saturday flight, but that I could get a reservation on the non-stop to Chicago on Friday.

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RATHER THAN take my chances on getting the Saturday flight, I agreed to take the Friday flight.

Strangely enough, while flying over the Grand Canyon, I kept wondering what life-saving possibilities one would have if the plane had crashed into one of those jagged buttes.

'Here Is Mildred

Why Should I Get Upset?

(CONVERSATIONS FROM A DOMESTIC'S LIFE)

By ALICE CHILDRESS

"Well, it sure is nice to know that you had a real gone time, and I must say that I would have had a much better time if I'd gone to the picture show with you instead of over to Brooklyn. . .

"Oh, no, the people were real nice, and we had a pleasant evenin' playin' cards and talkin'.

"I mean, if I had gone with you Marge, I mean that I have got in this big old fuss with Berniece as we was comin' home!

"You know how touchous Berniece can be!

"Well, just the same I'd rather not be arguin' with her 'cause she is a very nice friend in lots of ways.

"She was real helpful when my sister was sick and if the least thing goes wrong, you can count on her to come runnin' and do whatever she can.

"But Berniece can act so grand sometimes 'til she grates on my very nerves

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"THERE WE was ridin' along on the subway when in walks this drunken man. He was colored. . .

"This drunk has a wine bottle stick out of his back pocket and his clothes looked like he had spent the day rollin' around on the ground.

"The first thing he does is to take the bottle out of his pocket and wave it around to everybody and then start takin' swigs off of it.

"In the next few seconds, he began to grin at all the passengers and start dancin' a little jig.

"Oh, he was disgustin" all right!

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"GUESS WHAT that Berniece did? . . . She turns to me and says real loud, 'Mildred, let's move to another car, I find this too humiliatin'!'

"I say to her, 'He's not gonna bother us!'"

And she says, 'I'm not afraid of that, but I do hate these people who act up. Like this, it's a reflection on all of us. I want to show the people in this car that we do not approve of his actions!

'Oh, you do!' I says, 'I don't know what in the hell gives you the right to make them think that we approve, and don't notice any of them running to different cars!

"'And in fact,' I says, 'when we went over to Brooklyn, there was a white drunk fallin' all over his seat and I never noticed you jumpin' up to change cars!'

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"'YOU DON'T seem to understand,' she says, 'this is one of the reasons why we can't get any further than we do! Who would want anybody like that ridin' the trains with them or eatin' in the same restaurants?

"'We'll never get our rights until we improve ourselves more! Someone like that holds us back fifty years! When we PROVE ourselves

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"'You know. I wasn't thinkin' 'bout letting her run on with that foolishness!

"'Honey,' I says, 'this man ain't no reflection on me whatsoever. You're talkin' like a first-rate fool! Where did you get all that crazy talk? Provin' yourself?

"'Why, if only the races that had no drunks in them, was allowed to have rights, why, nobody in the country vote, that's for fact!'

"'And if we had to wait 'til all the colored folks was perfect in order to be treated as citizens should be treated, we wouldn't make it.'

"No, we'd never make it 'cause that perfection stuff falls just outside of human nature!

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"SHE WAS GOIN' to argue me down anyhow:

"'Well, it makes me ashamed to see something like that happenin' when we're trying' to get someplace!'

"'And that's just too bad!' I says, 'I don't see why you have to fall for that old line 'bout provin' yourself.

"'When you open the newspaper, you see all sorts of crimes and stuff that white people have done and they ain't thinkin' of givin' up their rights because of it! Maybe you don't believe that all those jails are built special for us!'

"'No,' she says, 'but we have to prove . . .'

"I stopped her before she could say another word. 'If you say "prove" one more time, you'll force me to lose my temper. If everybody is as eager and all fired anxious for us to prove ourselves, why would they fight us so when we try to get in the schools and libraries?'

"MARGE, SHE set her mouth all prim-like and got a look in her eyes that meant, 'I'm not gonna say another word to you.'

"'So I went on talkin.' 'Are we citizens?' I asked her. 'Give you right to lookin' at me like the subject is closed.

"'Are we citizens?' This time I said it so loud 'til she says 'Yes! Shhhhhh, evrybody is watching' you.'

"'Well,' I says, 'in that case, we're entitled to all our rights.'

"By this time the drunk had flopped down in a seat and was hummin' a tune to himself.

"No, we didn't move 'cause I wasn't thinkin' 'bout takin' the burden of some poor soul's weakness on my shoulders!"

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EDITOR'S NOTE:—Another in the series of Alice Childress' stories which Mildred, the maid, tell her neighbor, Marge, what's going on in the world.

If you like Mildred, write the AFRO and tell us so.

THIS IS MILDRED

One-lady scholarship bureau, that's Miss Alfreda Lawrence

"All of my savings are for my niece and two nephews so that they can go to school and make good."

This statement was made by a woman who never satisfied her desire to become a teacher due to lack of sufficient funds.

She is Miss Alfreda Lawrence, 710 N. Carrollton Ave., who for the past 20 years has turned over $10,000 of hard earned money in savings for her niece, Delores Dardin, 19, and two nephews, Samuel Dardin, 21, and Valmare Dardin, 15.

As each of the children complete their pre-college education, they received $100 for each year that they are in school.

There is one stipulation, however. The money has to be used for college education or else it goes into a trust fund until they reach the age of 60.

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SAMUEL WAS the first to benefit by this program. A graduate of A. and T. College in Greensboro, N.C., he received $1,100 when he graduated from Douglass, four years ago.

After he enrolled in the industrial education course, at A. and T., Miss Lawrence stood by with $4,000 to pay his way through school.

Samuel is a former AFRO carrier.

Delores graduated from Douglass this June and will receive $1,900 in cash (being the only girl Miss Lawrence saved $100 a year from the time she was born) plus $500 in savings bonds.

The bond money was accumulated while Delores was at School No. 115 ($100 for each year she was there).

Because Miss Lawrence insists that Delores go away to college, Delores has only two more weeks to register. If she fails to do so, then her money will go into trust.

VALMARE IS still at Douglass and he will get his money, which is expected to go over $1,200, when he graduates in 1958.

How has Miss Lawrence done all this besides buy a home and raise the three children from the time they were babies?

"Just by managing my money," she said. "I earned every penny. I don't gamble or take from anyone.

"I do day's work and during the war I held two jobs. I worked at the post office at night and worked for families during the day.

"Anyone can do it if they just make up their mind. I came to Baltimore from Lawrenceville, Va., over 25 years ago without a cent to my name.

"But, by working hard and budgeting well (one man told me I was the best business woman he had ever seen) I did it."

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MISS LAWRENCE said that while attending high school in Lawrenceville, she was forced to quit and get a job because her mother became ill.

"I eventually finished high school by attending at night but I never did get to college. I wanted to be a teacher. I didn't have the money.

"It was then that I decided that my children would never be denied an education because they didn't have the money."

Miss Lawrence is rearing her sister's children.

An active member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Miss Lawrence teaches Sunday School there.

MONEY IS THE ROOT of all good as far as Miss Alberta Lawrence is concerned. Here she is looking at photo of niece Delores Darden to whom Miss Lawrence turned over $1,900 in cash and $500 in bonds after the teenager was graduated from Douglas High School, in June.

150-ft. church steeple on the way down

For safety's sake, one of the tallest church steeples in the city, located at Sharon Baptist Church at Stricker and Preestman St., was in the process of being removed this week.

Considered to be one of the highest vantage points, for over 30 years, the 150 foot steeple was removed to make way for a smaller slate type steeple valued at more than $2,000.

According to the Rev. James L. Moore, pastor of Sharon, the spire was removed because it was believed to be too dangerous.

Work on the new spire is expected to be completed in about two weeks.

Boy, 14, found safe and sound

"I found him. He was safe and sound, hiding out at his father's house. He said he ran away because he had too much work to do at home . . ."

These were the relieved words of a China St. mother who had appealed to the AFRO for help in finding her 14-year-old son. She added: "The police brought him back Sunday. He's all right."

Old Baltimore 'wakes up' as readers share memories

"Wake up, old Baltimore, and let's live it over."

These words served as a rallying cry this week as two "old Baltimoreans" wrote in to share their memories.

The invitation to "wake up" was extended in a letter titled "Old Baltimore" which appeared in the AFRO last Friday. The letter was signed by J. Hooks who spoke of the St. Mary's, Church basketball team.

One reader answered:

"The writer said he had forgotten the name of the priest at St. Marys Church when the basketball team of that church, St. Mary's Big 5, was flourishing.

"He was Father Griffin."

Furnishing this information was John W. Armstead, one of the players mentioned in Mr. Hooks' letter. Mr. Armstead, who now lives at 737 Dolphin St., continued in his letter:

"He (Mr. Hooks) listed Lee Shipley as a member of that team. Although Lee Shipley was one of the best basketball players ever developed in Baltimore, he was not a member of that team.

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"LEE HAD stopped playing before the team was organized. Here are the names of seven members of the squad that I committed to memory.

"The late Elbert Butler, the late 'Liddie Ike' Wright, and Maceo Thomas.

"Concluding his letter, he asked if you could link certain names with various clubs.

"Here are the names of some of the people on the Spartan Athletic Club: Joseph Smith, Glendie Scott, William Beamon (Joey Dr. Beamon), Robert Mason, Leo Harrison, Jimmie Williams.

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"THIS WRITER, John Armstead, has a son, Capt. John W. Armstead Jr., Medical Corps. He was better known as "Pigsy" and took part in athletics at school.

"He was on the Douglass High School varsity teams in basketball and football. He also was a member of Lincoln University's varsity football and basketball teams for four years, 1943-47.

ANOTHER "OLD" Baltimorean, Leland R. Fimey, 307 Main St., Dundalk, also replied to the "wake up" letter. He said:

"Please add this to the comments on Old Baltimore.

"I noticed in that letter last week that the writer spoke of the Dunbar Athletic Club. I am happy to say I, too, was a member of that track team.

"Other members I can recall, who were not mentioned, were: my brother, James Finney; Stewart Smith, Leon Richardson, George Howard, Lennie Butler, William Carr, Calvin LeCompte, Dan Boley, Chauncey Brooks and probably a few more that I cannot recall at present.

Most of these fellows were from that good old School 110 (Waverlie St.)

"Look at the record and you will find that most all the athletic stars were with Dr. Morgan College or Dunbar A.C. Our colors were maroon and white.

"Oh, yes, my good friend, D. Arnett Murphy, was the treasurer of the club.

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ARE THERE ANY more old Baltimoreans' who would like to share their memories? If so, just write them in a letter to the AFRO.

Democratic Viewpoint

By ROBERT WATTS

I attended the NAACP National convention in San Francisco last week and during my stay in that city the political pot was boiling.

Hugh Scott, congressman from Pennsylvania, spoke on behalf of the Republicans and Sidney Yates, congressman from Illinois did the same for the Democrats.

A group of us Democrats from all over the country met to discuss the political situation and the Republicans from various parts of the city also met to discuss their candidate.

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IN THE MIDST of this political hodge podge, I was able to make certain observations which I feel will be of interest to the readers of this column.

I was particularly amazed at the number of Democrats who plan to vote for Eisenhower.

Sen. Harry A. Cole was with me and naturally we discussed politics whenever and wherever we could.

Many Democrats indicated a preference for Ike.

However, when the two speakers presented the Civil Rights picture in terms of their respective point of view, the audience was beyond a doubt a Democratic one.

Congressman Yates received more than 60 per cent more applause.

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THIS LEFT ME frustrated in an attempt to guage the sentiment of the colored voter in this country and I failed in my attempt to find out the national sentiment.

The only conclusion I can draw is that the race will be a tight one and that both parties have a great deal to do, if they want to capture our vote.

To date I feel from my talks in San Francisco that neither party has a right to say they have it.

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EARL BROWN, City Councilman from New York, Andrew Hatcher, from Stevenson's Campaign Headquarters, Frank Reeves, from Kefauver's headquarters, Herbert Evans, Asst. Counsel to Governor Harriman, Willoughby Abner, Roy Reuther, and Bill Oliver from the Political Action Committee of the CIO and other outstandig Democrats from all over the country, alarmed because the Southern leaders are constantly demanding that the Democrats talk soft with respect to civil rights, met at the Whitcomb Hotel.

We drafted a statement that appears elsewhere in this issue.

We all pledged ourselves to work hard to insure that the democratic platform does not soft tone the civil rights plank.

Between now and the convention time we shall do all we can, in all parts of the country, to prevent any surrender to the South within our party.

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I WAS particulary impressed with the confidence demonstrated by these leaders from all parts of the country in the certainty that our party can be victorious in November, if the platform and the candidate is liberal, strong on civil rights, and if the matter is taken directly to the people.

We were all in agreement that the only way for the Democrats to win is to discard this talk of "moderation" and continue to do as our party has always done and as Truman did in 1948, that is, go to the people with a strong program of social legislation, coupled with complete support of the Supreme Court decision.

Earl Brown and Herbert Evans, representatives of Harriman, were in agreement with Andy Hatcher and other Stevenson supporters that moderation and the middle of the road theory would mean the defeat of any democratic candidate.

Coming Events

JULY 8
30th regional oratorical contest of the Elks will be held in the air conditioned New Shiloh Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

Cross City Club frack and field meet at Druid Hill Park.

JULY 9
The easy way to register for the November general election is at your own polling place today. The hours are from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. If you're not registered, you can't vote.

JULY 11
"Coral Wonderland" shown at the weekly free movie for boys and girls at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Mulberry St. near Cathedral. Time is 2 p.m.

JULY 12-13
Baptist Training Union Convention of Maryland meets at Fountain Baptist Church, Monument and Gay Sts.

JULY 14, 15, 16
Pitch and Putt Golf Club tournament, Carroll Park.

JULY 14-AUGUST