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— Frederick Douglass

County schools

In seven Maryland counties integrated schools opened for the first time.

With same minor exceptions, the move was made quietly and without incident.

In Carroll County protesting white parents at two schools withdrew their children on Wednesday but a meeting is scheduled tonight (Friday) and the School Board meets tomorrow to resolve any problem that exists.

It is noteworthy, however, that only 20 youngsters in the schools only 70 were withdrawn.

In Baltimore County there were several parents who withdrew their children from one school and one county school bus was stopped when the schools opened on Wednesday.

But State's Attorney John E. Raine Jr. immediately warned no disorder would be tolerated and on Thursday School Superintendent Edward G. Stapleton reported everything quiet.

In Allegany, Prince Georges, and Washington counties not a single incident was reported. Cecil County opened integrated schools on Thursday as did Anne Arundel. Everything was quiet. Montgomery County doesn't open its schools until Monday.

Such smooth operation should serve to speed up the integration in the other 14 counties which is still "studying" the problem of desegregation.

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Psychologists and psychiatrists

Expert psychologists and psychiatrists took a dim view of today's progress in solving the problem of acute alcoholism.

Four thousand delegates attending the annual meeting of the American Psychology Association this week in San Francisco heard very sour notes. They were told that new methods of treatment now in use have proved of little value.

They heard Dr. Karl Bowman of the Langley Porter Clinic and others declare that of seventy million users of alcohol, five million drink to excess, and one million are alcohol addicts.

Alcoholism is apparently increasing more among women than men.

It is the cause of more crimes of violence, more auto accidents and more suffering and misery in our country than all other narcotic drugs put together.

Alcohol is like a narcotic drug he concluded, and should be considered along with other narcotics, such as opium.

Lest we be too alarmed by the report of the psychology experts, it is to be noted that they recommend no solution for the problem nor for the problem of juvenile delinquency.

They report that the U.S. population 10 to 17 years old has declined one per cent in the past 13 years, but during the same period juvenile delinquency increased 85 per cent.

We confess we have no bright ideas as to the solution of these serious matters, beyond the belief that there is no substitute for insistence upon moderation and self control.

We submit, however, that the pessimistic note of the psychology experts leaves us cold.

Society isn't going to the dogs. If we admit there is no solution to current ills, we are sunk.

Some questions

These two questions were asked at the Urban League convention in Milwaukee this week:

Why the number of persons on relief and the number of unmarried mothers is proportionately higher among colored people.

These are jackass questions, because only a prejudiced person asks them.

All others know that employment is low among colored people because of color discrimination and the absence of fair employment laws.

As to the second question, only those ignorant of fundamentals of social work would fail to realize that its the poor and underprivileged who have the most children.

Any more dumb questions?

His helmet

Out in Minneapolis Tuesday night the Baltimore Colts football team's field captain who protested the last minute technical penalty which enabled the New York Giants to win was Buddy Young. Buddy seemed to do a good job of it, too.

When the referee pushed him to one side and turned away, Buddy circled to confront the official and have his say.

He lost the argument because the officials were right and have the last word.

However, we simply note here, that the Colts picked the shortest guy from a bunch of 5-foot giants to speak for them on the field.

To Buddy, we suggest that he keep his helmet on when debating with officials. It makes him look taller. He seems to be a head taller as long as he has his hat on.

Incidentally, Emlen Tunnell served as field captain for the New York Giants.

3 hard deaths

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglass has just returned from a lecture tour in the Soviet Union.

Soviet citizens, he reported, were particularly interested in the status of colored people in America and frequently asked about lynchings in the United States.

His report might explain why the SUN has come out editorially asking that the latest atrocity in Mississippi not be called lynching. It gives us a bad name abroad.

On May 7, the Rev. George W. Lee was fatally shot from ambush in Belzoni, Miss. Lee he refused to halt his NAACP campaign to get colored persons registered as voters.

On August 13, in the courthouse square at Brookhaven, Miss., Lamar Smith was fatally shot down as the sheriff looked on.

Now, Young Till has been slain.

The daily press, it would seem, is no more interested in the three cases of mob violence in Mississippi as a break-down of law and order and less interested in whether these cases shall be called lynchings.

A distortion

According to a recent syndicated news dispatch, "Some Dixie Colored Persons Opposed Integration."

We think this is a distortion of fact.

The truth probably is that some colored people of the South are more affected by fear than loyalty to the Bill of Rights.

This undoubtedly is also true of the whites who are fighting integration.

At the bottom of the behavior of both is FEAR.

They have forgotten (if they ever knew) the lesson that great statesmen taught us during the dark days of the depression: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

But the timid have always been among us.

There were the Tories when the American Revolution was being fought. (But Liberty and the forces of Freedom triumphed.)

There were the collaborationists during the bloody days when Hitler rode rough-shod over all Europe. (But Liberty and the forces of Freedom triumphed.)

In every age when the stake was human dignity and justice, there were those who were timid and afraid, but Justice and the forces of Freedom also triumphed.

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Across The City Desk

By FRANKIE WOOD

Ever wonderful why they say that women have no seventh sense — intuition.

Discovered the other day that no matter what the scientist say, I'm one of those women.

Take Friday for instance. It was just one of those days that you have a feeling something is going to happen.

In the morning I dragged about — didn't want to leave home. Then in the office things just didn't seem to go right and for some reason, I seemed to stay close to the telephone.

For once I even remembered the company rule to tell the switchboard operator where I was every minute.

And then it came — about p.m.

A frantic call from home with the housekeeper on one end and my six-year-old son crying on the other — "Mommie I'm hurt."

And hurt he was — what with a broken collar bone and three big knots as big as balls on his head.

Seems my energetic son was riding his two-wheel bicycle "fifty miles an hour" down the back alley, hit a stone and the impact threw him head-first onto the cement street.

Result — one small boy in cast which looks like the padding for a football helmet. He'll look like this best from seven weeks.

Started asking around after this accident and discovered that the three-year-old son of George Lee, AFRO circulation manager, broke his collar bone the day before. He has a steel brace on his shoulder.

SAT OUTSIDE in the hallway when some 50 disgruntled Methodists from "464,000 Question," to discuss their grievances about the Washington District to Bishop Edgar Love at his office in Baltimore.

The list of grievances took one hour to read to the group assembled and then the bishop took another hour to discuss them. But no decision was reached.

The whole list of charges stems from the purchase of a new parsonage for the Rev. Robert Williams, new District superintendent who was formerly pastor of Ashbury Methodist Church, one of the largest in the area.

THE CHURCH members complained that "our church is in good citizens we emulate their example."

ADVERTISING posters on public vehicles have really changed the appearance of Baltimore during the past few years.

Noticed the other day that one poster points out that the federal government requires companies who have government contracts to hire the best man available regardless of race, religion or color.

And the poster from the Better School committee, showing not only but the bodies of school children, has a colored arm and leg right in the middle.

A SERIOUS eight-grade Booker T. Washington Junior High School student, Marion Lofton, walked into the AFRO office Wednesday and asked, "Is Faith or Divine Dead?"

When asked why she was interested she calmly said, "everybody says he is God and that he can't die so I was just wondering if he is dead."

LOOKED IN my rear mirror as I drove out Gwynns Falls Parkway Thursday morning and saw a motorcycle policeman following me. Naturally I slowed down but he kept coming.

Registered at Druid Hill and Pressman St. at the red light, he pulled up beside me and said, "Lady your gasoline tank is sitting on your pumper and the cover is up."

CHARLES A. REID, seaman, with the U.S.S. Enterprise of the Farrell Lines, was in Cape Town, South Africa on Coliseum Day.

The Enterprise touches several points in South, East and West Africa before returning home.

A SIGN in front of a realtor's office on West Preston Street reads, "We sell white and colored houses."

A tavern on North Avenue near Madison Avenue has a sign which reads, "Nonsegregated bar."

Since Judge Manley's ruling that the Liquor Board has no authority to compel taverns to serve either colored alone or white alone, several taverns have posted signs which read, "We serve colored and white patrons."

HAVE TIMES CHANGED?— Back in 1930 the AFRO headline said, "Burn DePriest In Effigy." The story stated that the Ku Klux Klan had staged a threat parade in Birmingham, Ala. to prevent the appearance of the late Congressman Oscar DePriest of Illinois in the city at an all-colored gathering. DePriest was then the lone colored congressman.

But Liberty and the forces of Freedom triumphed.

Progress, we know, must be served. And, during our times, we will be able to look back upon this Era of Integration. And we will say: "There were those who were timid and afraid, but Justice and the forces of Freedom also triumphed."

Speak Your Piece

Contributors to this department must sign their names and addresses to their letters if they wish them published. The AFRO will withhold publication of names if requested to do so by the writer.

Prejudice among us

Dear AFRO:

I am about to bring before you a rare topic in which I think we are over-looking or are afraid to discuss.

It deals with prejudice among colored people and I am going to talk about Baltimore in particular, and would you believe that they have classified each other as the elite clique and the little people.

I am a student at Virginia Union University and there have been so many little instances to draw my attention to the way that little people, and I use the term in a vague way, have been hurt by those people.

They are prejudiced in so many ways and their main weapons are education and color. I am not condemning everyone, but it is just the idea that some colored persons snub each other for these reasons.

At Union we are taught to obtain all knowledge at hand and then distribute that which we know to others.

Another instance is that of the younger group in college who lives for a sorority or fraternity, and even they have lost the real significance of their Greek lettered club.

Instead they hurt those that are not fortunate enough to be initiated as a member or even those well-rounded students, brilliant ones and those that will help enrich the community or nation, and last but not least the colored race.

We are fighting for our rights but we can not fight if we have a battle between ourselves wherein little words called PREJUDICE AMONG COLORED PEOPLE maybe our down fall.

I am however talking and fighting for equality and freedom for my race, but it can not be done unless we break this barrier and help one another. I do not think that I am being selfish for thinking this way.

If everyone that is continuing his education could help the little people, show them the things that he has learned and the knowledge that he has obtained, if and when this is accomplished, then we will be able to stage an all-out battle for our rights as American citizens.

M. W.

Gloria Lockerman Wants her honored

Dear AFRO:

I suggest the name of Gloria Lockerman, our champion spelling bee champ, for this year's award as "The Little Girl of 1955."

I nominate her for her intelligence and for being a very good scholar at Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

We Baltimoreans honor our judges as the Men of the Year

Will help fight

Dear AFRO:

I believe that God has blessed little Gloria Lockerman and picked her from the colored race to show the whole world, especially the white race that our colored children are just as smart as they are, or their children and deserve the best of education.

I do think by God using this child and giving her talent it will help to stop the fight of segregation, and make all our children equal in schools all over the world.

(Mrs.) E. GREEN

Mother seeks job

Dear AFRO:

I am the mother of three children, ages 12, 13 and 14. I have been unemployed one year and am without any means of support.

I have walked this city over a hundred times seeking work. I have applications in every store and place in the world that I work that an ordinary person can do is the white only.

My husband I are divorced and I have nothing. But all I am asking is that someone who reads this give me a job.

I asked the relief for help until I found employment but they refused. The school board wanted to tried to find work for me. But winter but was unable to do so. I even went to the Urban league and they are trying to help me find work.

I have a high school background which should enable me to get clerical work or public work.

I will be very grateful for any help I may get through your paper.

(Mrs.) K. W.

IF YOU ASK ME

By B. M. Phillips

This and that of many things . . .

Dr. and Mrs. Edward N. Wilson (Morgan State College), have another grandson — their fourth. The Thomas M. Lees (Frances Wilson) welcomed their third son at Johns Hopkins Hospital ahead of Sir Stork. Baby weighed a healthy 8 pounds, has not been named yet. They were expecting a girl.

And it makes three grandsons for Mrs. Estella Lee, the infant's paternal grandma. Mrs. Lee, you know, is the retired school principal.

Which reminds me that Mrs. Lee's daughter, Miss Estella Lee, Mrs. Phillips the Social Security employee, is able to be up and out again.

She was in for six weeks, first at Provident, where she underwent an operation, and later at their Holmek Ave. residence (3418). Drop her a card.

Dr. George Adams, the physician, is back at work following an operation at Provident.

Mrs. Alfred Woolridge (Elva) entered Provident this week.

SEE a woman at the same hospital is Mrs. Lillian Fisher, 1624 E. Biddle St. She's the mother of Edward and J. Walter Fisher, and a lifetime resident of East Baltimore.

Vacation last month prevented me from mentioning here the very-pretty golden anniversary celebration the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Percy C. Young held on their spacious Ottoman, Va., lawn on Aug. 15.

It was a beautiful affair with 250 guests from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and D.C. in attendance.

Prettiest decorations were the three-tiered wedding cake trimmed in gold and the centerpiece, watermelon carved into a scalloped fruit basket and filled with a variety of fruits.

Following the reception, the Youngs were remarried in the Beulah Baptist Church at Lively, Va., where the pastor, The Rev. Paul E. Carter, assistant pastor, officiated.

The couple's only living attendant—Mrs. Blanche Jones of Baltimore, was present for the ceremony. She was the maid of honor.

The couple's son, John, gave the bride away. Mrs. Young's father, John Colvin, who walked the aisle with her 50 years ago, died in 1926.

Five of the couple's seven children were present for the event: Mrs. Beulah Barbour and Mrs. Ethel Rogers and John Young, all of Baltimore; Mrs. Jantha Richardson and Mrs. Jeanette Scharadin, of Paris, Va., and Percy Jr., of New York.

Also present, Mrs. Young's only living sister, Mrs. Lillie Bayne of Baltimore.

The absent children were the Rev. William Young, who was conducting a Baptist revival in Lewes, Del., and Ralph DuBois Young.

Remember Ralph is the college-trained son about whom we wrote back in January ("When children are young they step on your toes, but when they grow up they step on your heart"—Jan. 22, 1955.)

This is a close-knit family which is a living example of how people stick together when one of their number gets in trouble.

All who know them are praying that the son who ran afoul of the law will soon get another chance. The Rev. Mr. Young is pastor of several Baptist churches in Virginia and also conducts real estate businesses here in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wilson of 2326 Druid Hill Ave., who was buried here Thursday at St. Peter Claver Church, was a member of a well-known Catholic family.

She leaves four sons, a daughter and 16 grandchildren.

Remember she was the widow of Nat Wilson? Nat Wilson died here 17 years ago. He was the nephew of the late Tom Smith. For years he ran a poolroom at Hoffman St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Remember?

Mrs. Viola C. Jackson, city school principal, was in Pocomoke City, Md., on Friday to bury her brother, John Herman Coulbourne.

Mr. Coulbourne, 66, died suddenly on Tuesday.

Gloria Lockerman, the 12-year-old who charmed the nation on "The Big Question," is a cute as she can be and so unaffected.

She tells me she has spent $150 of the $500 she was given "to use on yourself." (The rest of the money goes in an educational trust fund)

"I really splurged," she confided. "That's what I was supposed to do." She said she spent $35 of the money on herself—hot dogs, milk shakes—hair ribbons etc., things any 12-year-old would like.

And she gifted relatives with $115. It felt good acting like a fairy godmother. She says now it is all over and she has settled back to normal in her classes at Booker T. Washington Junior High.

Overheard this conversation in a beauty parlor last week:

1st Lady: Did you hear that Mr. X is still in the hospital?

2nd Lady: No.

1st L: Yes, you know he was standing on a street corner when he was accidentally shot in the leg.

2nd: Oh, that's too bad.

1st: Oh, I don't know.

2nd: What do you mean?

1st: It's a case of evil that men do coming back on them.

2nd: What do you mean?

1st: Well, just a week before he was shot, he beat his wife something terrible. She still has her arm may never get well.

The Rev. Mr. Carrington's sermon on the theme "All are laborer in God's vineyard are equal in God's sight."

He concluded: "We who are working people should get on the job early and give a full day's work for the highest pay for which we have bargained. Get there early—the best jobs, the best opportunities go to the early bird . . .

". . . you know sometimes you hear people who have been working in a church or on a job for years complain when a newcomer gets the same recognition as they. But remember, the laborer in my vineyard are equal in my sight . . ."

Speaking of churches—Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson writes from Atlantic City that services at Union Baptist church here at New York and Arctic Aves. there are beautiful.

They were the church like they were in dear old Bethel AME Church in Baltimore during the pastorate of the Rev. Frederick Brooks.

"The soul is fed on spiritual music and preaching . . . if ever your soul feels hungry, just slip down to Union and you will be filled." The Rev. Roscoe C. Henderson is pastor.

Baltimore members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are already hard at work on plans for their annual Thanksgiving Day dinner dance at the Coliseum.

They'll present Sy Oliver and his orchestra — hope to raise enough money for their scholarship fund.

This year, Deltas have students studying on their scholarships at Morgan, St. John's, Wheaton College and Howard University.

Little notes on my cuff . . .

John Mann, Jasper St.'s best known resident, marks his 100th birthday Sept. 30.

Eddie Webb writes from Richmond, Calif., that en route, home from Baltimore she stopped in Los Angeles and saw Dr. Roy Johnson, the dentist, who has opened an office there. He sends hellos to his friends here.

Dr. Johnson's brothers are saw in LA—Elaine Manns and Frank Smith.

Unknown visitor this week: Morris L. Kraft, Alexandria, La. He's deputy grand deputy emeritus of the La. jurisdiction of Masons and a 33rd degree Mason.

He stopped here to see the Yankee-Orioles game and visited with the Joseph Scotts of Chase, Md. In Washington, he visited with his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Young of the Mayfair Apartments.

Two weddings of note: St. James PE Church holds a farewell corporate communion and communion breakfast and, at special morning prayer this Sunday in honor of departing ushers who are off to schools and colleges.

Last Sunday, we worshipped at Union Memorial Methodist, Hinton and Warwick, heard a stirring sermon on Labor Day by the pastor, the Rev. N. R. Carrington.

It was good to join in the moving Methodist hymns and to be welcomed at the communion table.

During the Rev. Mr. Carrington's sermon, other member of the church "let out" "amens" and I was taken back to my childhood days when I attended Bethel and Trinity AME Churches with my dad.

Best speakers in the city . . .

A reader suggests that we find out, "who are the three best men and women speakers in our community?"

The letter adds: "I mean best according to the number of times they speak, the variety of subjects in which they are well-versed, and if their command of English and their delivery is exceptional.

"My suggestions would be: Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, Dr. Furman Templeton and Edgar Ewing for the men; and Mrs. Lillian Parrett, Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte and Mrs. Edna O. Gray.

"It would be hard to beat a team made up of these persons. I am interested in public speaking, and I hope you can get your readers to select the six they think outstanding. This might be one way to get people to think about good public speaking."

Well, this is a good idea. Who are the best speakers in our community? Address your letters to this column — we'll print them.

Thoughts of the week . . .

Everywhere in life, the truth question is not what we gain, but what we do—Carlyle.

The best preparation for a better life next year is a full, complete, harmonious, joyous life this year—Dreier

Innocent suffering is difficult to endure. No one likes to be martyred, but at times most of us are required to suffer unjustly.

These occasions are challenges to the best character we have. To bear unjust adversity with fortitude can give new dimensions to character—George C. Anderson

It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.—Seneca

No man can make the clock of which will strike for me the hours that are gone — Charles Dickens.

Reporters' Report To The People

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Last week saw the Northwestern District lose one of its finest officers when James Watkins moved downtown to the detective bureau with a promotion.

Watkins has performed outstanding work on several cases and his commanding officers have splattered words of praise all over his record.

Now I can sympathize with the 5,000 - some parents who saw their prides and joys enter school for the first time on Tuesday; it gives you a funny feeling to see a youngster take on a new sense of importance as he realizes that he is growing older and that while his parents are still the most important people in the world, there are other people who will play important roles in his life.

A number of parents are visibly upset over the wide-spread part-time classes in schools in the heart of the colored residential sections.

It's a sad story but you either have to arrange to send your child to a school some distance from his home, or else you just wait until he passes the fourth grade where part-time classes are usually ended.

SCHOOLS ARE being built but they can't be completed in a day, so you sit and wait and wonder how the city officials let the school system get in such a mess that it will be another three or four years before we see daylight, at least in the northwest area of the city.

One of the summer's best television shows came on Tuesday night with Stan Kenton in Music Hall.

Also on hand was Count Basie and the wonderful, wonderful Joe Williams.

Not only was the music the greatest, but the lighting and special effects were out of this world.

Couple more shows like this and television will be worth looking at again.

Tidbits

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Hey gals! If the male population here seems a little tight, I know where you can find the situation much, much better, and you don't have to leave the country, either.

Just pack your bags and go down to the southeast border of West Virginia. There, I have been told by reliable sources, the ratio of bachelors and single women is five to one.

That's right. There are five marriageable men to every available woman.

"COURSE THERE'S one little hitch in the deal. (Natch. What did you expect, somethin' for nothin'?) The catch is, you have to agree to give up all the easy living and excitement of city life and settle down to be a farmer's wife.

Now just what does this entail? Well, first of all, you have to get up every morning at 4 a.m. to get your husband's breakfast. Then, you feed the chickens and collect the eggs while he milks the cows and feeds the pigs.

Next, while you are preparing the milk and eggs for market, your hubby sets out for the fields and he expects you to hoe a few acres at noon to bring his lunch, too.

DURING THE day you busy yourself tending your small (?) half-acre produce garden, cleaning house and caring for your children as well as the neighbors', and then it's time for dinner.

Your day ends at 7 p.m. and you may as well hit the sack unless you want to listen to the radio. TV sets are at a premium there so you'e better off saving your money for something else. You can get only one channel anyway.

You can't get on the phone and chat (unless you live near a big city) and the mere thought of taking in a movie or club is out of the question.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Carved in stone over the entrance to Memorial Stadium is the sentence: "Time Will Not Dim the Glory of Their Deeds."

In one of the most unsentimentally games played around these parts in many years, the New York Yankees made a mockery of fair play on Labor Day.

While losing to the Birds the Bronx Bombers threw caution to the winds and squawked at every opportunity.

To top it off, while leaving the field one Yankee threw dirt in the face of a fan and when the paying customer complained took a healthy cut at him with a baseball bat.

I, FOR ONE, have never been a Yankee fan. Had some sort of respect for them on the basis of their past record—but that's out now.

If all major league clubs acted as they did, America's favorite pastime could go the way of the dodo bird for my money.

Their action prompted the neatest thing I've seen in baseball.

WHILE IN THE sports category, what ever happened to Burt Whitehurst? From the looks of things, he's faded fast and far in the nearly art of self defense.

The Chick Webb Center swimming team participated in the South's Atlantic AAU outdoor swimming meet at Fort Holabird last week for the first time.

John Swann won honors for Webb in the 200-yard breast stroke. The victory made him outdoor and indoor champion in that event. Miss Helen Michael and Wilbert Williams are coaches of the team.

YOUR entertainment comes twice a year: state fair and annual church services.

So there you have it. And in my book, that's some price to pay for an eligible man.

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Republicans see swing of vote to Eisenhower in 1956

Dawson-Townsend split in Illinois, NAACP-New Deal alliance ends

By JOHN JASPER

Is the long time alliance of organized labor and the Democrats about to crack?

Did the Walter White (NAACP) understanding with the New Deal end with Walter's death?

The first question is motivated by a well publicized break in Chicago between Congressman William L. Dawson and Willard Townsend, CIO Transport labor leaders.

The two have been inseparable as friends.

They disagreed five years ago, but Townsend remained loyal to the Democratic Party.

SEVERAL MONTHS ago, Willard walked into a polling booth and asked for a Republican ballot, and voted in the Republican Primary.

A politician who was present was shocked and asked Willard what was going on.

The CIO leader announced that he had changed his allegiance and intends to be a Republican as long as Bill Dawson is a Democratic leader in Chicago.

Willard claimed the town is wide open to policy wheels and crime, that he will expose what he knows, because he is opposed to it.

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DAWSON'S ANSWER was, "There is far more Bingo played on Chicago's Southside than numbers. When you consider the number of persons and compare the crime with that in other areas it is nothing."

Townsend's rebellion stamps him as a potential Republican candidate for Dawson's seat in Congress.

Dawson is considered unbeatable but $50,000 and a grudge fight would take some of the labor vote into the Republican camp.

Republicans get from 15 to 30 per cent of it now.

With Townsend as candidate, they would get more of it from the ranks of CIO transport, packing house, dock, auto and steel workers.

WHILE THIS is the story that is told in the press, the grapevine declares the main difference between these former inseparables is that Dawson has not voted in Congress to suit labor and has not been able to keep his labor pledges.

The September 5 Newsweek has this to say:

"CHICAGO—The first switch from Democrat to Republican Republican by a major Negro labor leader is about to take place. Willard Townsend, the CIO's highest-ranking Negro official, will soon urge Eisenhower's re-election in spite of powerful pleading by other CIO leaders."

That the Walter White-NAACP-New Deal Alliance may be out realization that the Democratic Party in Mississippi is using terrorism to prevent integration of schools, bar colored persons from voting, denying businessmen credit and as the result there have been three lynchings in eight months.

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ON THIS QUESTION, Roy Wilkins addressed the following letter to the chairman of the Democratic National Committee:

Dear Mr. Hall:

"The State of Mississippi has been in the limelight for the past six or eight months because of the intensive, punitive campaign the state has launched against its colored citizens who happen to believe that they should enjoy their rights as American citizens and that the decree of the Supreme Court in the public school segregation cases should be observed.

"The Mississippi campaign has erupted into murder on three occasions.

"Two of them directly related to the Negro citizens to vote, one of them was the killing of a 14-year-old Negro boy from Chicago who was visiting his uncle in the town of Greenwood, Miss. In addition to the extreme crime of murder, there has been an almost continuous campaign of threats and intimidation.

"Groups have been organized to deny Negroes credit as businessmen, farmers and householders.

"Registered Negro voters have been told to withdraw their names from the list.

"Death threats have been mailed to many others who refuse to take their names from the list.

"The Democratic state organization has issued statements indicating that it was challenging every vote cast by a Negro and that in past elections, many of these have not been counted.

"As recent as Aug. 31, the State Democratic organization is reported to have held a meeting, vile the ways and means of reducing the number of Negroes voting in the state.

"It occurred to us that this situation offers an opportunity to the executive branch of the present Republican administration, the Department of Justice, and indeed, to the White House, to act to clean up the situation which threatens the basic rights of citizens.

Very sincerely yours,
ROY WILKINS

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HERE IS THE first open and armed expression of the Democratic party from the NAACP in some time.

Heretofore it and the Urban League have needled the Republicans mercilessly for failure of Congress to pass Civil Rights statutes.

Republicans see in the Wilkins' letter an admission that Democrats are playing the Civil Rights game, according to Hoyle and the NAACP has awakened to that fact.

REPUBLICANS THINK also that their own political campaign is becoming effective.

They point out that Val Washington's pamphlet showing Eisenhower's Administration has fulfilled the 14-pre-election pledges has gone nationwide.

Fred Morrow, Ike's new presidential assistant, made a good speech at the Elks convention and is invited to Philadelphia to speak again.

Charles Mahoney, another Eisenhower appointee, was given rousing applause when he addressed the National Insurance Association.

What all of this amounts to, as Republicans see it, is a growing dissatisfaction with the democratic party and swing towards Eisenhower when he runs for re-election.

7 men indicted by grand jury

WASHINGTON

An indictment charging robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon and assault was returned Tuesday by the grand jury against seven men who appeared in Criminal Court in Municipal Court hearing last July.

Named in the indictment a e: Oliver Grant, 19, 1600 block Allison St., NW; Maurice P. Williams, 22, 1400 block Fairmont St., NW; Roland Swingon, 1100 block Allison St., NW; Robert L. Smith, 20, 1300 block Randolph St., NW; Rufus Cummings, 37, 1430-block Fairmont St., NW; Harold E. Mills, 17, 2400 block Sherman Ave., NW, and Henry W. Rhones, age and address unknown.

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RICHARD R. ATKINSON (center) of Washington, new president of the National Bar Association, is congratulated by Harold E. Bledsoe of Detroit, outgoing president. William S. Thompson, president of the D.C. Chapter, looks on.

U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL Herbert Brownell (center) is being congratulated by Harold Bledsoe, attorney, (right) of Detroit, Mich., and William S. Thompson, president of the Washington Bar Association. Mr. Brownell was guest speaker, Friday night, at the banquet of the National Bar Association.

17 guilds attend weekend meeting

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va.—Guests and members of 17 guilds from Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington and Harrisonburg, Va., attended the recent eighth annual Guild Weekend at Storer College here.

Sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church of the Washington Conference, the sessions were geared by the theme, "Crown Thy Good with Brotherhood."

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MRS. EDNA Redman, conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guilds, presided over the meetings. Registration and room assignments began at 2 p.m. and guests and guilders were housed in Brackett's and Cook's Halls.

The Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Sophronia Wright, led the group in an inspirational Meditation, "The Kingdom is at Hand."

THE PROGRAM chairman, Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, greeted the guests and guild on behalf of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Washington Conference. The welcome address to the Service Guild was presented by Dean Leroy Johnson of Storer's College.

The Saturday morning session, opened with the meditation hour held out of doors in front of Cook's Hall, viewing the green mountains of Harper's Ferry.

Mrs. Callie Nelson, conference missionary chairman and leader, presided over the morning session.

The Approved Study Courses were presented with the following speakers:

The Rev. R. F. Sharperson, pastor of John Wesley Methodist Church of Baltimore; Mrs. Annie Thompson, of Baltimore, Mrs. Myrtle Lofton, Missionary of Personnel and Mrs. Elmire Higgins, Conference Promotion Secretary.

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MRS. JUANITA HILL, member at large of the Washington Conference Guild Committee, moderated the afternoon session with a guest, Miss Carrie Fish, a present missionary to Liberia who is now on leave. She spoke on "Achieving Brotherhood Through Stewardship of Possession."

Mrs. Ellen Barnett, a missionary who has recently returned from India, used as her topic "Achieving Brotherhood Through Better Community Living."

Mrs. Gertrude Monroe, secretary of Status of Women of the Central Jurisdiction, spoke on "Achieving Brotherhood Through Wider Service of Women."

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