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—Frederick Douglass

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"Man lives by Divine decree. He is created, governed, supported, and controlled in accord with the law of God."

Adam H. Dickey, 'God's Law of Adjustment."

You can be beaten up in a police station

Nothing under the law permits a policeman to assault a prisoner in the stationhouse, or to use force or violence once he has already placed a suspect under arrest.

When an officer reaches the stationhouse with a prisoner, there is available a whole squad of fellow policemen on whom he may call for help.

If necessary, he can solicit their aid in handcuffing the suspect, both hand and foot.

But striking a citizen is as unlawful for a policeman as it is unlawful for a citizen to strike a policeman.

It is not the duty of a policeman to resent alleged insults or alleged assaults in the police station, and he may not provoke them.

He is neither the law nor the judge.

His simple task is to bring the prisoner before the magistrate or judge.

If he is insulted or suffers any other indignity, the prisoner must answer before the magistrate—not the policeman.

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THE THIRD DEGREE, in which prisoners were tortured or in some other way mistreated to obtain a confession, has been outlawed. The courts have declared illegal confessions obtained under duress of any kind.

It is plain, therefore, that if the third degree is banned for extorting confessions, the same regulation must apply to policemen who mistreat prisoners in the police station for any other reason.

A policeman is not a super citizen. He has the same rights as any other citizen, and is entitled to the same respect due any other citizen. No more, no less.

Too many Baltimore policemen act ungraciously to citizens at the drop of a hat.

When a person opens his mouth to protest his innocence during an arrest, he may be immediately manhandled.

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WE HAVE TOO few Sergeant Fridays with any marked degree of politeness or gentleness about them. Too few understand that they cannot take the law into their own hands.

Too many are short-tempered. As a result, their actions frequently are unlawful, improper and, at some times, barbarous.

Physically, policemen are not panty-waists. The Police Department hires only healthy, able-bodied men who are taught how to protect themselves, overcome resistance and make arrests.

They learn judo and ju-jitsu techniques, and should be able to handle the average citizen without resorting to weapons of any kind.

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COMMISSIONER HEPBRON, in Chicago this week for the conference of International Association of Police Chiefs, heard New York City Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy say:

"The policeman must always be objective in the performance of his duties. He must be constantly mindful of the civil rights of all citizens.

"He should show neither fear nor favor in the discharge of his duties. All segments of the people maintain the police organization as the fundamental base of government.

"Everyone is entitled to equal protection of the laws. Everyone is entitled to equal treatment by police.

(Editor's Note: Only the poor are mistreated, never the rich or the influential citizens).

"At one time, courage and physical prowess were all that the policeman needed. Modern problems call for much more.

"All of us should devote our lives to the task of making our communities better, safer and happier places in which to live."

Those are wise words by a New York police commissioner who has gained high praise for the conduct of his department.

Our police department would do well to adopt them as a code of ethics.

In any city the size of Baltimore, station house mistreatment of prisoners would be unthinkable and those who practiced it quickly disciplined.

'Public' schools now

Headlines in the Sunpapers this week said: "Negro Is Refused Admission to White Wicomico County School," and "Mardela School Bans Negro, 6."

The applicant in this case is a six-year-old pupil seeking admission to the first grade in a school nearest his home.

Application was filed by the pupil's mother, a citizen of Maryland and of United States, who just incidentally HAPPENS to be colored.

In the second place, there is no such thing as WHITE school.

The law of the land forbids discrimination as to race in public institutions of learning.

From now on, there are only PUBLIC schools which shall be open to any citizen, no matter what his race or color.

2,340 Sundays

Ebenezer AME Church honored Miss Ethel Johnson on Sunday for more than 45 years of Sunday school teaching.

In presenting her the plaque, associates described her as a "dedicated and devoted teacher, who loved her pupils and her profession."

As the story elsewhere in this edition points out, Miss Johnson has spent the last 2,340 Sundays in her church. There, as teacher, she has given spiritual instruction to two generations of children.

When she retired as a public school teacher this past June, Miss Johnson had completed 45 years in the classroom. So all told, she has devoted more than 90 years to the art of teaching children because she had none of her own and because she loved children.

We have too few noble, dedicated women like Ethel Johnson who are devoted to the cause of teaching just for the love of it. Would that there were more of them.

Reconsider it...

Despite protests of a nearby church, the NAACP and the Harlem Park Neighborhood Association, the Liquor Board this week granted permission to a bar and restaurant to extend its facilities.

The bar in question is located in the 800 block W. Mulberry St., **in the heart of** the Harlem Park Urban Renewal project.

Oliver C. Winston, Urban Renewal coordinator, has asked the Liquor Board to take no final application on liquor licenses in this area until rehabilitation plans are completed.

The Urban Renewal official's request appears to be a reasonable one.

Even though the Liquor Board has already granted an extention to the licensee in this case, it should reconsider its actions on the basis of the request before it, and render a different decision if the facts warrant it.

City Desk Memo

By CHESTER M. HAMPTON

Of all things, the column has decided this week to shift from its consideration of narcotics and police matters and discuss adjectives.

This interest was stimulated by having received several calls Monday evening asking about the grammatical status of "AFRO." The calls came as the result of some teacher in the city school system giving the word to her children as an assignment.

In essence, I told the callers that the word "AFRO" was a combined form of adjective, if used by itself, it would be "African," however, when coupled by a hyphen to another proper adjective, ("American), then its combined form is used.

Hence, instead of "AFRICAN-AMERICAN," we have AFRO-AMERICAN." This usage is a highly formalized style not seen too much in current everyday usage. However, history books refer to, say, the "Russo-Japanese War" or the "Sino-Japanese Treaty" and the like.

That "Sino-Japanese" hit us a strange one because the combined adjective form for "Chinese" becomes not "Chino" but "Sino."

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"AND WHAT IS so almighty interesting and timely about adjectives for pete's sake? you ask.

Well, you might recall that on the floor of the Republican National Convention, a movement was published to have the opposing party the "Democrat Party" — not the "Democratic Party" as its name properly is.

The Republicans claimed that their opponents were not democratic so did not deserve the adjectival form.

Grammarians rose up (not en masse because the younger ones were able to rise faster than the older ones), saying that the Republicans' usage was incorrect.

They argued that you couldn't use a noun ("Democrat") as an adjective etc. etc. "Hogwash" retorts this column in delicate accents, "How about the Monroe Doctrine, the Louisiana Purchase, the Washington Monument, the Brooklyn Bridge and the Saturday night bath.

There are rules of grammar but, since grammar is the instrument of the people and not vice versa, the rules bow to usage. We do use noun forms of words as adjectives so that aspect of the Republican prank is not improper.

If there is any impropriety, it is calling the Democratic Party "out of its name"—a practice much relished by schoolboys but hardly befitting a group of responsible adults.

The Democrats' answer to the Republican attack was: "The worst thing we can call the Republican Party is — the Republican Party!"

This situation raises the question, according to the Ohio CIO's News and Views, "whether an elephant can laugh while its leg is being pulled."

Yesterday

FIVE YEARS AGO
Sept. 1951

Sugar Ray Robinson regained the crown via a TKO in a bout with Randy Turpin.

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JOE LOUIS was not allowed to play in the local Eastern Invitational Open Golf Tournament.

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QUADRUPLETS were born at City Hospital to Mrs. Susie Avance whose husband was killed in July. Two of the infants died at birth.

TEN YEARS AGO
Sept., 1946

Joe Louis in the 33rd defense of his title dropped Tami Mauriello and scored his 51st knockout.

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CHERRY HILL, the newest of Baltimore's housing developments reported 100 per cent occupancy.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE for veterans was slated to open in Oct. at Douglass High School.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Sept., 1936

Franklin D. Roosevelt was running for president as the Democratic Campaign began to get into swing.

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CORTEZ PETERS took second place in the world typing contest at an average of 135 words per minute.

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"THE GREEN PASTURES" motion picture was playing at the Regent with Rex Ingram in the leading role.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Sept., 1906

Every citizen in Maryland was called upon to defeat the disfranchisement amendment by the Suffrage League of Maryland.

REV. GEORGE F. BRAGG was pastor at St. James P.E. Church which was located at Park Ave. and Preston Sts.

REV. L. Z. JOHNSON was pastor at Madison St., Presbyterian.

Rev. Junius Gray was pastor at Psalmist Baptist.

How short is very short?

NEWS ITEM: "Adlai advised against speaking in Harlem."

Now the truth finally is out about the shortcoming of the Democrats' civil rights plank.

It is too short to span the chasm between what party leaders say it is and what colored voters know it isn't.

'See, He's Resisting Arrest'

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.

Negro, age 6'

Dear AFRO:

The headline the Evening Sun used on the story about a child refused admission to a Wicomico County School on Wednesday was 'Mardela School Bans Negro, 6.'

What this newspaper implies is that a child who seeks to enroll in a school where he is lawfully entitled to enroll is first of all NOT a child but 'A Negro.' That's carrying this racial tag business a bit too far.

This paper wouldn't say 'Jew, 6,' or 'Italian, 6,' so why use any racial designation??

MRS. C. Y.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See our editorial on this page).

Contest for mothers

Dear AFRO:

Yearly contests are staged in all parts of the country in efforts to select the "most beautiful" women.

Usually, certain standard measurements of hips, waistline and bust enter into the judges' consideration, but frequently girls are selected for color and long hair whether or not their measurements show the proper proportions.

On one occasion I heard a group of men say that they had seen married women with six and eight kids who were more shapely than the girls in some of these contests.

That gave men an idea. Why don't they put on a beauty contest each year for mothers only?

A requirement could be that the contestants be the mothers of at least five to eight children.

The one who was the prettiest, who least showed her age and who had the largest number of children would be judged the winner.

The mothers could appear in both bathing suits and in dresses and the winner would be selected by the audience, using an applause meter or similar device.

It seems to me that such a contest would be "a natural."

J. S. HAMPTON

Teen-age curfew

Dear AFRO:

As a real step toward curbing its juvenile delinquency, the city of Baltimore could well use a strong and vigorously enforced curfew law.

The need for such a law can easily be seen in any of the more congested areas of the city where tiny sub-teen age tots can be seen playing in the streets as late as 11 o'clock at night.

For the teenagers, staying out from midnight until two a.m. and attempting to buy drinks at bars and nightclubs is commonplace.

A law which would compel children under 14 to be off the streets before 10 p.m. unless accompanied by their parents would go far toward seeing that these youngsters get a better start in life.

A law which would compel those under 18 to be off the street by 11 p.m. would be virtually certain to bring a sharp drop in the number of yokings, car thefts, acts of vandalism and burglaries which occur on our streets in the vicinity of midnight.

CHARLES DERLOC

Auxiliary policemen

Dear AFRO:

Why can't the City of Baltimore meet its police department manpower crisis by increasing its use of either policewomen or women in some status similar to that of crossing guards to do many of the necessary, but non-hazardous functions now carried out by men on the force.

Checking on parked cars, delivering summonses and other minor police chores, if done by women, could free numerous uniformed male policemen for beat patrol and other assignments.

JULES WAVERY.

Police brutality

Dear AFRO:

I find it hard to believe that policemen in as modern and as enlightened a city as Baltimore must resort to the type of brutality indicated by the picture on the front page of your Tuesday's paper.

When two policemen are able to take an unarmed man into custody without beating and marking him up as this man was, something is seriously wrong with their training.

When two incidents of apparent abuse of prisoners resulting in major injuries occur within a seven-day period, it is high time that a serious investigation was made of the situation.

Are you listening, Commission Hepbron?

WALTER EZELL

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

People, places, things...

New residents in our town: Reynold and Fay Costa and their three youngsters, have just arrived from Mackenzie, British Guiana, hope to make our town a permanent home.

At present, they're at the Windsor Ave. residence of Mrs. Costa's sister and brother-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Myers.

Next week, they will move into the Wheeler Ave. home of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Skinner. The Skinners will be leaving for a year in Luxemburg.

The Costas have spent the past two years in British Guiana where he was personnel executive with the Demerara Bauxite Co., subsidiary of the Canadian Aluminum Co.

Mrs. Costa hopes to teach in our schools, and Mr. Costa's plans are uncertain. But they just don't want another foreign assignment right now.

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The Costa children, who are already enrolled in school are: Jaqueline, 11; and Carolyn, 9; Reynold Jr., is 4.

Both the Costas call Boston home. They lived there before his overseas assignment.

She is a product of Xavier University and Columbia.

He is a graduate of Boston U. and Harvard.

The children by the way speak French and German and also are expert swimmers because over in British Guiana swimming and the languages were a regular part of the curriculum.

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Irvin Adams, The Turner Station leader, is in Hopkins Hospital where he underwent an eye operation.

The Rev. James Adams, (former head of the Bowen Mission) is now pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church in Glen Burnie.

He's been there since the former pastor, the Rev. E. A. Haynes, died last year.

T. Norwood Brown, the Annapolis city councilman, was among Frontiers luncheon guests on Tuesday.

He is third national vice president of the group. He came to confer with Dr. Bernard Harris, the new national president.

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Things I never knew until now: Adolphus Halstead, the Druid Hill Ave. funeral director, was known as 'Slim' when he was in school. 'I couldn't go by that now,' he says. Actually, he is not thin or fat.

He tells me he has been in the business since 1921 and the business has been at 918 Druid Hill Ave. all these 35 years.

He is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and College in Lynchburg ('My father was a Baptist preacher, the Rev. Archie Halstead — he pastored in Red Bank, N.J., and mother was a teacher,' he explains.)

Mr. Halstead recalls that he and Mrs. Katie Williams took embalming at the School of Anatomy at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The Halstead residence is at 1728 Moreland Ave. He and his wife, Grace, a Bordentown graduate, were married in 1925.

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Example of tragedy repeating in the same family: Andrew Brown, the 49-year-old Gambrills, Md., man who is under arrest in the pen-knife slaying of his wife, Essie May, has had it.

A couple of years ago, one of their children died during a fire in their home.

A year ago, a daughter died in childbirth.

Mrs. Freeman O'Daniel in whose honor Nikki Randolph entertained at luncheon on Thursday, is a native of Philadelphia. Her hubby is the new English instructor at Morgan.

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It's a fact: A Korean war veteran, with four years in the Air Force as a radar maintenance man, is back at Morgan to get a college education in physics.

Uncle Sam pays for his schooling at $120 a month. He has married his Dunbar High School sweetheart.

He will also work nights in a local brick plant. The Mrs? She's working too. They'll get ahead.

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Drop a card to John Hampshaw, 601 Dukeland St. He's laid low with a broken leg.

Mrs. Pauline Caulk Blackwell, who underwent an operation at Provident last week, is recuperating at home, 1501 N. Bentalou St.

Engergetic Mrs. Anne Beadenkopf was last Thursday's guest on the Mildred Atkinson radio program.

She told of her campaign to make children members of the NAACP, an effort she has dubbed 'NAACP Members From the Cradle To the Grave.'

And, by the way, the annual NAACP drive opens Sunday. Don't forget to G-I-V-E, generously!

And a time to....

If you listened to the $64,000 Challenge on CBS-TV Sunday and watched anxiously as 74-year-old Frank Medley of Greensboro, N.C., tried to answer the $8,000 question, this is for you.

The question was: In the third chapter of Ecclesiastes are ten comparisons like "a time to be born and a time to die," name six of them.

Mr. Medley couldn't, even though he reads his Bible three hours a day and is head of a mission church.

If you labored with Mr. Medley as I did on Sunday, you went to your Bible on Monday to refresh your own memory.

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And, if you're inclined to be exasperated with Mr. Medley for losing an easy $8,000, remember it is one thing to answer a question in the comfort of your living room, and another thing to answer it in a booth under those hot lights with millions of eyes watching you.

Here is that portion of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes he was asked to give:

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to destroy, and a time to build;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather;
A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces;
A time to get, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time of love, and a time of hatred;
A time of war, and a time of peace.

The Reporters Report To The People

Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

This is a salute to a gentleman of color who has the gumption to make the assumption that the customer is king, whether black or white.

The subject of this piece is Chino Coleman, 2918 W. Lafayette St., the proud father of three kids and an employee of a local freight company.

Mr. Coleman telephoned the AFRO one day last week and told this story: While awaiting transportation home that day he was hit by hunger pangs and entered an off-beat sandwich shop, ordered and paid for the specialty of the house.

And, in defiance of the protesting man in charge and a silent nearby policeman, seated himself and devoured his sandwich right then and there, on the spot.

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HE LATER explained he felt that if the shop took his money without discrimination he should be able to eat there regardless of race, color or previous condition of hunger.

"I went in and ordered a hamburger," said this man of high principal. "The man fixed it and put it in a bag. I paid him, took it out of the bag and started to eat."

He related that the major domo of the hamburger joint thumbed him to the door, a gyration which he simply ignored.

"The man said I couldn't eat it there," fumed Mr. Coleman, "and I said as long as I paid for it I was going to eat it right there."

The officer who stood by without a word eventually walked away, making no effort to intervene in the difference between the paying customer and the manager—who proved indiscriminate as far as coins are concerned.

Like Mr. Coleman, I do not subscribe to the practice of spending my hard-earned cash in clip joints where the color of my skin—and not my ability to pay—determines whether I'm to be treated with deference and respect.

Yes, it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON

When Herbert Frisby called his recent trip to the North Pole where he honored Matthew Henson "a childhood dream come true," it set this corner to wondering—how many childhood dreams really do come true?

Dreams are, of course, the things of which achievements are made. It is said that Christopher Columbus, as an Italian boy dreamed of sailing far across the sea. He lived to see his dream come true.

But what happened to the dreams of those fellows who end up in Skid Row? Every village, town and city has its Skid Row. In fact it seems that the bigger the city, the bigger the Skid Row.

Skid Row isn't in the dictionary, and it isn't on the map. Sometimes it's down by the waterfront. Sometimes it's in the heart of a city.

Skid Row is top heavy with fellows who never got a chance, but in Skid Row are found also some guys who got off to a pretty good start.

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THE GREASY, grimy bum, who asks for a dime, so he can get a cup of coffee, sometimes has a fascinating life story to tell, if anyone will listen.

Who listens, though, to anyone from Skid Row? Who listens to a man dressed in a suit that looks like it's at least 100 years old and whose worn, frayed shirt is covered with tobacco juice and coffee stains?

Yet, all these people had childhood dreams once, but they didn't come true.

All these tired souls who tried and who failed, make the achievements of a man who can say, "It was a childhood dream come to pass," even more creditable.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

How does a husband react when he's afraid of his wife?

If she's the beatnik kind, one of those women who can all but throttle her mate whenever the spirit moves her, then hubby would probably react like the Woodyear St. fellow who, on Saturday, was scared out of his wits and didn't care who knew it.

The meek little man went to Southwestern asking for advice on how to make a getaway and got nowhere.

When Magistrate Milton Talkin informed him that he could send for the wayward wife if she was that bad, the little man pleaded, "Not that. She'll kill me."

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THE POOR man had been looking forward to escaping into Virginia with his two kids forever.

Now he is of the opinion that, "I'll never make it. I'll just have to stay with her."

What a sight to see, a man who is unwilling to stand even half-way up on his hind legs and fight back.

This brings to mind the Broadway housewife who screamed over the weekend, "I rule this roost and you can believe them words."

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WHILE SHE ranted and raved, hubby was slipping through the side door with his dinner pail.

They are still counting the take from that W. Baltimore St. furniture store.

And where is the collector-salesman who is suppose to be involved?

Your guess is as good as mine, the store's manager's and the law's.

A prayer for parents...

Here is a prayer taken from an interesting booklet printed by the Ideals Publishing Co. of Milwaukee. The author is unknown:—

"Dear Heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all their questions kindly.

"Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them and contradicting them.

"Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.

"Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children and to ask of them forgiveness when I know that I have done them wrong.

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"May not I vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule as punishment.

"Let me not tempt my child to lie and steal. So guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

"Reduce, I pray the meanness in me. May I cease to nag; and when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.

"Blind me to the little errors of my children, and help me to see the good things that they do. Give me a ready word of honest praise.

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"Help me to grow up with my children, to treat them as those of their own age, but let me not expect of them the judgments and conventions of adults.

"Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity to wait upon themselves, to think, to choose and to make decisions.

"Forbid that I should ever punish them for my selfish satisfaction.

"May I grant them all their wishes that are reasonable and have the courage always to withhold a privilege which I know will do them harm.

"Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable to my children that they will have a genuine esteem for me. Let me to be loved and imitated by my children."

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What would you do if a dear and close friend or relative suddenly collapsed while you were talking to him?

Ask the average person that question and he will probably say he would use his head and put the person in a comfortable position and call the doctor etc. etc.

But actually, the majority of us are almost helpless.

In our neighborhood this week, we had such a situation. A neighbor's mother fell out. . .she yelled for help.

We, her neighbors, came from all directions. Of the half dozen of us who responded, only two among us had the presence of mind to feel her pulse, provide smelling salts and put her in a comfortable position. I was not among the two.

The best I could do was get to the phone and call a doctor.

No, it is not easy to imagine what you would do in an emergency.

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ANOTHER FIRST: Understand that Dr. Louis E. Harmon, the skin and V.D. specialist, has been named to the staff of University Hospital effective October 1. He'll work in the hospital's skin clinic.

Remember Nell Dodson the U. of Minn., grad who was AFRO sports editor back in the pre-World War II period?

She makes her home in New York now where she is employed by an insurance firm. She and her hubby, William Russell (he's with Ward Baking Co.) are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Russell at 3666 New Hampshire Ave. in Washington.

Urge citizen action on delinquency

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—"We have to have citizen participation on the local level in order to find solutions for the problems of juvenile delinquency."

With this as a theme, Philip Green delivered the main address on Tuesday night at the banquet of the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Delinquency held at the University of Maryland.

Mr. Green cited the example of several states and their treatment of the delinquency problems and recommended a "community action program" as one of the methods of combating this problem.

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THE SPEAKER, director of the division of juvenile delinquency services, Children's Bureau, department of Health Education, and Welfare urged the development of a "forward looking program to assist the children."

He cited the Governor's Conference as a method of bringing about such a program by bringing together lay citizens who could take an objective look at the problem and help develop techniques for dealing with it.

"Try to get the citizens to take an interest," he told the nearly 200 persons at the dinner.

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THE SPEECH of Mr. Green came after a day of activity in which a series of workshops were held on various aspects of the delinquency problem.

In the meeting of juvenile judges, both Judge Reuben R. Oppenheimer and Charles E. Moylan of Baltimore, served notice that they were in favor of raising the level of juvenile court jurisdiction from 16 to 18 years of age.

"States where juvenile court jurisdiction extends up to 18 have demonstrated that society can be adequately protected from lawlessness," Judge Moylan said.

He pointed out that only one out of five of the youths in the 16-17 age group who get in trouble with the law is tried in Youth Court. The other four are given police court hearings.

Judge Oppenheimer pointed out that such a situation tended to emphasize the inadequacy of the present magistrate's system in which youthful offenders do not get the same services they would receive in juvenile court.

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TEEN-AGE MOTHER — Mystified temporarily over the death of her six-months-old daughter who was found dead in her crib Monday, Mrs. Odessa Wilson, of 2403 Terra Firma Rd., is consoled by her father, Johnnie Wilson. The young mother thought that her child had died from the bite of a black widow spider. The medical examiner attributed the baby's death to pneumonia, however.

State Trooper test scheduled

The State Commissioner of Personnel has scheduled an examination to fill openings for Troopers with the Maryland State police force.

The requirements for the position include completion of four years of high school, or completion of three years of high school and one year of Armed Forces service; possession of Maryland driver's license, American citizenship and residence in Maryland since April 6, 1956.

Applicants must be five feet 10 inches or over in height, and must be between the ages of 20-31 years by the examination date.

Candidates who pass the examination will not be eligible for appointment until they are 21 years of age.

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APPRENTICES will be given six months' training at the State Police Training Academy.

Troopers are supplied with uniforms and are given a food and clothing allowance, in addition to a salary of $2,950 per year.

There is an excellent pension system.

Applicants for the Merit System examinations to be held in Baltimore, Cambridge and Hagerstown are being received by the Commissioner of Personnel, 31 Light Street, Baltimore, until September 22.

Just upped and walked out'

HOWARD BATES JR.

"He came in a little late and he was scolded. About 20 minutes to 12 he just upped and walked out."

Mrs. Ethel Stewart was describing this week the disappearance of her nephew, Howard Bates Jr., 15, 2617 Ridgely St.

Howard has been missing since Aug. 22 and his aunt and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bates Sr., want him back home.

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"WE WERE JUST sitting there talking and he got up and left," said his aunt as she added that Howard's mother is filled with naxiety about her son.

This is the third time he has run away but he has never been gone more than a couple of days. One time he was found in Pikesville and the other time in South Baltimore.

"We have been every place, to the police and all his friends, but we can't find him.

"We want him back home," said Mrs Stewart.

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HOWARD IS described as being five feet seven inches tall, weighing between 110 and 115 pounds.

When last seen he was wearing a pair of biege pants and a green cotton sweater. He has a small scar over his right eye.

The missing youth was a seventh grade pupil at the Cherry Hill Junior High School.

Ex-athlete pleads guilty to forgery

"There is a girl in Hagerstown that I had been seeing and she stated that she had become pregnant during the time I'd been seeing her.

"With her needing money as desperately as she said she did, I took a check from my brother-in-law and forged it."

Walter Johnson, 29, 1800 block N. Smallwood St., who pleaded guilty to forgery in Criminal Court Monday, was explaining his plight to Judge Joseph L. Carter.

Judge Carter gave the tall, graying former athlete a one-year-suspended sentence in the House of Correction and placed him on probation for the duration of the term.

Officer Roy Moody, Northwestern District, said he arrested Mr. Johnson on August 20 after learning he was wanted for forgery. The officer said the defendant pleaded guilty in police court.

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MR. JOHNSON, wearing a red and white short sleeve sport shirt and summer cord trousers, related that he took the blank check from his brother-in-law, James Owens, because he was out of work.

When the judge asked what kind of work he did, Mr. Johnson said recently he was employed as a clerk at Fort Holabird and "for eight or nine years I was a professional baseball player."

"Are you available for baseball now?" asked the judge, a question which brought laughter from the courtroom.

Mr. Johnson said he was released by a minor league team after suffering a torn ligament.

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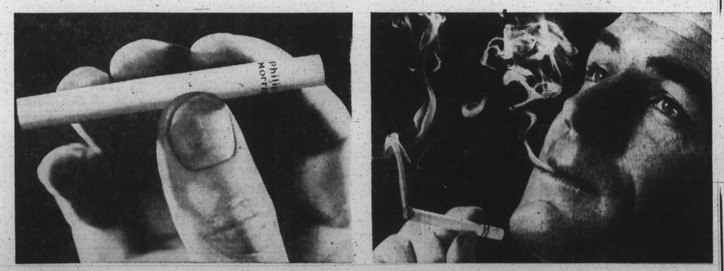

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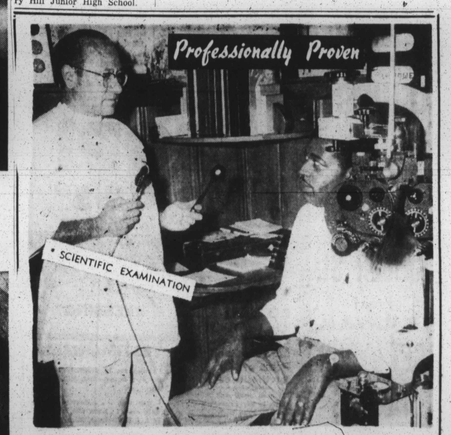

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