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We believe that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man, regardless of race, color or creed, his human and equal rights. Hating no man, fearing no man, the Colored Press strives to help every man in the firm belief that all are hurt so long as anyone is held back.

"We are Americans and, as Americans, we would speak to America."
—Frederick Douglass

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"If we have beautiful homes and beautiful neighborhoods, we will have a beautiful city. But in order to get this we must start on the inside and work out."—Policewoman Carolyn Robinson

Sunshine or integration?

The Supreme Court in outlawing segregation in public recreation areas said in effect that facilities in pools and parks must be used by all people, regardless of race.

Thus, this year, Baltimore's nine public pools were open to all swimmers.

This summer, however, has been a poor season for outdoor swimming. The weather was unseasonably cool and the amount of sunshine was only 52 per cent of possible — normally, the amount is closer to 70 per cent of possible.

R. Brooke Maxwell, director of the Bureau of Recreation and Parks, is quoted this week as attributing a drop in attendance to the new policy of integration. He says that although bad weather may be partly to blame, he knows for a fact that the big attendance drop at Druid Hill and Clifton Parks has been due to the integration policy.

Often, figures can be made to say what you hope they show and in this instance we think Mr. Maxwell is putting more in them than there is. He is not realistic.

WE RATHER AGREE with William R. Schmidt, chief administrative assistant in the Bureau, who says in an AFRO story this week: "The weather has been the main factor in the drop in attendance at our pools."

That, we think, is a realistic analysis. Anyone making a fair appraisal of the situation would not expect pool attendance to be normal in a month when the weather was not conducive to outdoor swimming.

Private swimming pools in the city have likewise noted a drop in attendance during this sun-less period.

WHAT GIVES US great concern about Mr. Maxwell's views on pools and integration is the height to which he goes in an attempt to maintain segregation.

If the pools are integrated, there is no need we can see to continue attendance figures on a racial basis.

And we would remind Mr. Maxwell that whether the public pools continue operation with decreased attendance is not up to him. He is the administrator of the Recreation and Parks Department.

Whether it is economical to continue public pools or public parks is an administrative matter which the city itself will determine—not the manager the city hires.

Only three weeks remain

The advent of September means that only three short weeks remain of summer. Autumn is scheduled to be ushered in on September 21.

As all good things must, vacation has come to an end for most of us.

The city public schools will swing open their doors to 154,295 pupils on Wednesday, September 5, while those in the county begin classes on Thursday, September 6.

Parochial pupils must report on Tuesday, September 4.

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THE PUBLIC swimming pools will be drained on Monday evening, September 3, and will not be filled again until after school closes next June.

Beaches such as Carr's, Beechwood, Sparrow's and Sandy Point will not close until later because there will still be some hot days left in September.

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THIS IS certain to be a hectic week of shopping. Parents must get their children ready for school.

New dresses, sweaters, suits, shoes, skirts and pants will have to be purchased.

And then there is the pressing demand for notebooks, dictionaries, rulers, pens, pencils and other tools of learning.

Certainly no one should have a complaint about the lack of good weather this summer—especially good sleeping weather.

IF ANYONE should complain that eight weeks of July and August were not enough, he might comfort himself with the thought that most working people have had to content themselves with only two or three weeks of vacation at the most.

He might also take notice that the inability to build schools fast enough for the ever rapidly expanding population, plus the increased use of air conditioning in public buildings, is certain to hasten the day when public schools will be operated the year around except for a shutdown of two weeks in the summer and possibly two weeks at Christmas.

'If at first, you don't . . .'

1600 Ellsworth St. is the prettiest block in Baltimore City.

Judges of the AFRO's 22nd annual Clean Block Drive last week awarded top prize to this small one-way street in East Baltimore because it is a real beauty spot, in its green and white color scheme, and its flowers.

Last year, youngsters in this block won third prize, and it was then that they pledged themselves to work for first prize this year.

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CAPT. JOSEPH LOCKETT, 16-year-old vocational pupil, and his co-workers, representing the 716 residents of the block, made the following improvements in the 33 two-story houses to walk off with top honors:

1. Painted woodwork on 29 of the houses (4 are formstone).
2. Built 60 outdoor chairs (many from discarded wood) and painted them.
3. With the help of the city, paved two vacant lots, formerly used as dump grounds, and made a playground on one and a recreation area and flower garden on the other.
4. Planted flowers in 15 back yards and in 33 window-boxes and painted 33 window boxes.
5. Painted, cleaned or whitened 33 pairs of steps.
6. Cleaned four alleys and two side yards.
7. Painted or whitewashed 14 fences.
8. Cleaned out 27 cellars (6 houses have no basements).

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THE END RESULT is as pretty an area as you will find anywhere in these United States.

If you want to see for yourself how a veritable beautyland can develop from hard work, perseverance and cooperation, visit the 1600 block Ellsworth St., bounded by Bond St. and Broadway.

It is also an example of the adage, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

1600 Ellsworth, third place last year, first place this year, has succeeded in becoming the best in the city. It is truly an AFRO Clean Block.

Why not handcuff them?

There has been a growing number of complaints of late from prisoners who charge that they have been beaten or manhandled by police in the patrol wagon or in the police station.

Testimony to this effect is common in the magistrates' and criminal courts.

We think it's time something is done about it.

The complaints of prisoners in these cases are difficult to prove because it's their word against a policeman's.

That leads us to raise the question why our policemen in making arrests should not use handcuffs to fasten the hands of suspected criminals behind their backs?

We pose the query for two reasons:

1. The prisoner, thus shackled, would be unable to strike an officer, and

2. The policeman would have absolutely no excuse for striking the prisoner.

City Desk Memo

By CHESTER M. HAMPTON

A couple of weeks ago, this column teed off on the writer of an unsigned letter who protested the 'unfair tactics' used by local narcotics officials in making arrests, the fact that he was searched and arrested on the information of an informer.

This column's attitude was that any means used to curb the sale and use of narcotics could not be too severe.

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ANOTHER LETTER answered the column. This was signed by: Paul Henderson, Mary A. Smith, Robert Lee Patterson, Andrew Elam, Larry Blount, Joseph Abbot, Frank Roberts and Edward Daniels.

If the names given are the true names of the writers, then there is a great deal of hope for them. It takes a certain amount of courage to expose one's self to public finger-pointing — just for the sake of stating one's beliefs.

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Now, back to the issue, the letter starts:

"After observing your reply concerning the miscarriage of justice being dealt upon many innocent victims by the narcotics officers, we are glad to inform you and the public of the unjust methods.

"We see in your reply that you seem to condone the police methods. Would you agree with such methods if you were unlucky enough to be picked up and framed?"

The answer to that is "Probably not."

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THE DIFFERENCE here is that I have NOT been picked up and/or framed; but I have been horrified by the increasing growth of narcotics addiction with the resultant wave of crime and degradation.

The letter also asks: "Do the people of Maryland want addicts completely cured?"

The answer to that is "Yes, most of the people of Maryland do." There is one group, however, that does not want the addict completely cured. That group is composed of pushers—the guys who pick up the 'pot' and the 'horse' and peddle it to addicts or addicts-to-be.

THE LETTER ASKS: "Why does a person use narcotics?

It may be that the signers of the letter could answer that question better than I. From the 'outside,' though, I'd say that young people — always searching for something anyhow—start using marijuana for 'kicks.'

Pretty soon, they come to depend on the stuff—not for any extra thrill but just to feel even normal. Then, marijuana won't do it any more and something stronger is needed—enter Heroin or Morphine.

According to my reconstruction, you see, there isn't anything that people consciously and deliberately go into—but it is something that some people fail to resist when they are youngsters and therefore are unable to resist it when they are older.

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"CAN PSYCHIATRY help" the signers ask. Yes—but in the final analysis, the addict himself must provide the key which will release him from his prison made of smoke and needles.

I still feel the way I did about the problem—now that you have signed the letter and 'humanized' the problem, perhaps I can afford to feel a little more compassion.

But just as your letter reflects that you feel sorry for yourselves — that much am I sorry for the poor kids who will become addicts this year and the next.

I'm sorry for you, too, signers and I hope that you can safely kick the habit and remove yourselves from police harassment.

But, I still feel that the public must be protected from narcotics addicts. Somebody has to furnish this protection; you admit that you are unable to protect yourselves from the habit.

So we must have policemen, and searches, and arrests, and humiliation for the few of you so that the many of the public will be that much safer.

Meanwhile, I will try to find out if there is a "Narcotics Anonymous" chapter here. If there isn't any here, I'll find out how you can affiliate with the national organization. That is, if you REALLY want to kick the habit).

yesterday

Sept. 5, 1900

Maryland County Teachers' Institute met in Frederick, Maryland.

The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks met in Norfolk, Va. Dr. E. A. Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio, was the Supreme Director.

Sept. 5, 1936

Mayor Howard Jackson praised the Clean Block Campaign winners, and stated that it means more than just winning a prize. Their work is of great educational value and priceless to the health and welfare of the city.

Sept. 8, 1946

Training courses at the Enoch Pratt Library were opened to all trainees as a result of an NAACP suit.

Sept. 1, 1951

Prayers for world peace were offered in all churches of the Nation.

Dr. Ralph Bunche received the Elk's highest award.

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

Greatest Ventriloquist Act of the Century

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.

Happiness, grief

Dear AFRO,

The public looks to the AFRO to bring news that will keep us informed on the current events However, you seem to thrive on misfortunes, causing a lot of unhappiness and grief.

You took the case in which a white girl gave birth to a child whose father is colored and headlined it. Then those people who had the misfortune of being caught in a raid — you put names and addresses in the paper.

Does that help the people? I think it only helps the AFRO and the people who fall into your hands get ruined.—WILLIAM WILLIAMSON

EDITOR'S NOTE—Reader Williamson must be pulling our leg when he says people who figure in the news get ruined. The story about the white girl who was charged with fornication was headlined news because she was prosecuted under a 240-year-old law which might now be unenforceable. The AFRO did not rule the persons arrested in the raid mentioned here. The persons involved voluntarily made statements and asked to be register stating they were married, whether they were not. Newspapers all over this nation report the good as well as the bad news. So does the AFRO. Often editors wish that events and incidents were not often tragic or unfortunate, but life is like that.)

All Masons gave . . .

Dear AFRO,

I have just completed reading the write-up concerning our Grand Lodge. It is excellent. In referring to the contribution made by the Masons order to the NAACP Legal and Defense Fund, I wondered whether or not some persons in reading this might misconstrue "Masonic order" as relating only to our Grand Lodge here.

In view of this, it might be well to note that the 39 Grand Lodges of the Masonic fraternity, Prince Hall affiliation, made this contribution.

WILLARD W. ALLEN
Grand Master

Thanks from PALMA

Dear AFRO,

I would indeed be remiss if I failed to express to you my deep appreciation for the splendid manner in which you helped the recent car giveaway project of the Pennsylvania Avenue Lafayette Market Association.

Thanks to the appearance of our stories in your columns, more than 3,000 people attended the drawing.

As you know, we're trying to make the Avenue a real shopping area by offering better merchandise at prices the shoppers can afford.

BERNARD NACHLAS

Readers praise Shriners

Dear AFRO,

That Alabama lawyer really said a mouthful when he told Shrigrs: "So long as one colored person is discriminated against, you — wherever you live — can't be free."

No better qualified individual could've reminded this national body and the public of this truism. He practices law right in the heart of the struggle for decency and first - class citizenship.

Shriners are to be congratulated for picking such a one among themselves to make the main address at their public meeting.

The choice is understandable in view of the forthright statement of Imperial Potentate Booker T. Alexander denouncing "gradualism and moderation" on the civil rights front.

—WILLIAM RANSOM

'Help them with dollars'

Dear AFRO:

The arrest of Tallahassee (Fla.) citizens on charges of "hacking for hire without license" is just another brazen attempt to curb the boycott against bus segregation.

These citizens have a healthy answer to this latest outrage in their plan to file suit against police. This move will make city officials think more than twice.

The rest of us should feel it an honor and a duty to help these embattled defenders with dollars. They need money to carry on their effective protest against segregation and the evil it breeds.

—PAUL WHITMAN

Political game of golf

Dear AFRO,

I think it is a sad commentary on American politics when our President must try to prove his physical prowess to the nation by a golfing fetish.

Perhaps I do not blame Mr. Eisenhower too much for doing the best he can to guarantee his own reelection as standard-bearer for the Republican party.

But it is a pathetic example of the pressure and cruelty our political parties practice on individuals in order to insure votes at the poll.

—MARTHA SIMPSON

Quotation Of The Week

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, when taken at the flood leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries."

Julius Ceasar
Act Three

The Reporters Report To The People

Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

"Boy, this world sure looks good out here."

This rediscovery of the real worth of freedom, as exemplified by the outside world, came in an unsolicited street corner conversation the other day. The speaker was a stout, graying gentleman whose authority was based on a recent real-life experience.

He volunteered that he'd just been released from the hoosegow after completing a 20-day tour of duty. In a tone literally reeking with sincerity the gentleman indicated that the life of a jailbird was strictly for the birds.

The "Bishops" flock bowed their heads in agreement when he declared "Daddy don't believe in baptizing in no pool.

"It's dirty water with all those folks in it. Maybe you haven't had a bath in six months."

To quench their thirst, members were obliged to buy from a red and white wagon, drinks called "Grace's Royal Vitamin."

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The gun misfired each time. Talking with him a few hours before he went on duty that day he commented, "Lee, I don't feel like going to work today."

His brother, James Shields of Cambridge, who was in town for admiration for that stout, graying gentleman whose single brush with the law has brought him closer to the real

Yes, it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON

The late Alfred C. Kinsey, the celebrated biologist from Bloomington, Ind., used the case history method along with statistics to get his ideas across.

One interesting case history came to light this past week in Northwestern District Court. The case under coonsideration is that of Mrs. X, white, aged 56.

Mrs. X approached police late one night and reported that her purse had been snatched by an unknown colored man, about 6'2" tall and weighing about 200 pounds, while she waited on a street.

While Mrs. X related her sad story to police a 5'3" 15-year-old ebony-hued boy passed. Mrs. X immediately named this fellow as the purse-snatching culprit.

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WHEN POLICE NOTED the difference between 5'3" and 6'2" Mrs. X conceded that it was still another colored male who was guilty of the offense.

She then pointed to a 67-year-old man and said he was the purse-snatcher.

It finally came out that Mrs. X had been on a bonta binge and couldn't say positively whether she had had a pocketbook or not and since she had no funds, she would have to account to her daughter, so she concocted a 'whale of a yarn.'

This is "behavior." but only Dr. Kinsey would know what type.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Baltimore Scene: The hundreds of people who crowded in the entire 600 block of Preston St., Sunday morning to see "Sweet Daddy Grace" baptize his members with a hose.

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If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

People, places, things...

Mrs. Mary Davis Dewis, wife of the Rev. Sanders Lewis, pastor of St. John AME Church, Omaha, Neb., was the guest in whose honor Yvette Murphy entertained at luncheon on Wednesday.

Mary is a Baltimorean, daughter of the late AME Bishop M. H. Davis and Mrs. Davis. It was her first visit home in over 12 years.

With her here is her six-month-old daughter, Marcia. She has an older daughter, Sandra, who returned West with the Rev. Mr. Lewis earlier in the week.

About at the luncheon were Mary's aunt, Mrs. Mattie Coasey, Pearlie Pennington, Ethel Rich, Yvette's mother, Mrs. Rose Davidson, Billy Jones, yours truly, and Mrs. Coasey's housegueest, Miss Ada Stewart, a Brooklyn, N.Y. teacher.

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Mentioning Pearlie Pennington reminds me that their husband, retired teacher, P. D. G. Pennington, received quite a thrill last week while attending sessions of the Boule in Washington.

He was among guests at the Casino Royal where Cab Calloway was one of the star entertainers. When Cab saw Mr. Pennington in the audience, he dedicated a special number to him and praised him for guiding and inspiring him while he was a pupil at Douglass High.

In the Pennington party were Dr. and Mrs. Martin Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Carrington L. Davis.

David R. Bass and Thomas L. Rogers, he's the postal worker, are proprietors of that new seafood and poultry store at 1372 W. North Ave., which opened a month ago. It's called 'Dave and Tommy's.'

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd (Mabel) have named their new son, Joel Piety. He weighed in at six pounds, 3 ounces a week ago. Now it's three boys for the family.

Coming Up: A testimonial for a deserving person.—The Council of Religious Education of Ebenezer AME Church honors Miss Ethel R. Johnson for her 40-odd years of service to the Sunday School and its pupils.

It is set for 2 p.m. Sept. 9, at the church. Miss Johnson, you know, is the veteran Douglass High School teacher.

State Senator Harry Cole is in this week from San Francisco where he attended the GOP Convention. Reports out there were that Harry was boiling mad because Governor McKeldin had failed to name him to the resolutions and platform committee, but Harry wasn't talking when he returned this week.

Understand, however, that he felt his membership on the committee would have been an inspiration to other young people of minority groups, and that Governor McKeldin was hogling the show and that McKeldin's talk before the convention was second-rate.

As one who has heard the Governor speak often, I too felt that his convention speech was not up to his usual excellent presentation or maybe the television cameras detracted from its effectiveness.

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Coming and going: James T. (Cities Service) Dorsey and his wife, Mayme, are in from a vacation in Atlantic City and New York. In the big city they played at the fabulous West End apartment of Littleton B. and Marian Gandy. They say it is really a dream.

This week, Mr. Dorsey and other members of the Falcon Rod and Gun Club are off for Cincinnati where they will attend the National Trap Championship Shoot.

Others making the trip are Paul Edwards, Walter Eaton, John H. Murphy Jr., Dr. Frank Sykes and son and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Saunders.

Mrs. Mattie Wilson of Indianapolis, Ind., is here visiting at the family home at 803 N. Fremont Ave. She is the mother of the late Dr. Marion E. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cohen—he's the owner of Barney's Furniture Store on Baltimore St., welcomed a baby son—their first a week back. The baby has been named Daniel Aaron Cohen.

Met this week: Friendly cab driver, Paul Rollins, who drives cab no. 605 for Yellow. He also works as a mail carrier. He says he doesn't mind working two jobs because he has a fine family.

The family includes his wife, the former Delores Bowser and their three children, ages 14 months, 4 and 6-years. They live at 4728 Kimberly Ave.

Georgiana Phillips, the plucky polio victim who is a hello girl at Provident Hospital, has been in bed for the past week. She had an accident with a card table which fell on her leg. Luckily, her braces saved her from serious injury. She expects to be up and out before too many days.

Ike and the pocketbook...

Because I was home on vacation during the Democratic and Republican vacations, I had a front row seat at the two shindigs.

I was struck by the starkness of the television camera.

Nothing escaped it, if he watched lips closely, listen in on the intimate conversations of the principals.

The frown of the delegate as he spoke of a smaller delegate; the consternation, anxiety on the face of the harried candidate told more than words could tell.

Mrs. Truman's elbow nudge when Harry Dave a loud guffaw; Adlai Stevenson's constant pulling at his pocket handkerchief; Kefauver's anxious look when it appeared young Kennedy of Massachusetts had hedged him out; and the utter look of dismay on Kennedy's face when Kefauver finally forged ahead, are moments which will live long in the memory of many televiewers.

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BUT THE memory I will cherish as I listen to the candidates this fall came when Eisenhower and his Mamie entered Cow Palace to receive the plaudits of the crowd.

It will be hard to forget how ike graciously acknowledged the cheers and applause; how he was constantly solicitous that his Mamie and the Democratic and other members of his party would stand with him for the picture-taking.

And, then that moment when Mamie was asked to step forward to receive two gifts.

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REMEMBER WHEN she rose from her seat to walk to the podium, she leaned over, and plunked her pocketbook smack in the President's lap?

Like any attentive husband, the President wrapped his hands tenderly around her bag and beamed proudly while his wife received her honors.

When she returned to her seat, he graciously stood up, took her arm and returned the pocketbook to her.

Women viewers who saw this won't soon forget that the man in the White House, who wants to return there another four years, is a considérate husband, thoughtful enough to hold his wife's handbag when she has no place to park it, and is not so carried away with being President that he can't take time to make her comfortable and include her in his limelight.

Who likes' Ike? Betcha the women viewers who saw him in his act won't soon forget him. I won't!

More people and things...

The Bill Reynoldses of Los Angeles — she's the former Ruth Phillips of Harrisburg and Baltimore, expect an heir in December.

Miss Anne Beadenkopf is vacationing in New York.

Visitor last week: Mrs. Maide Brannon, former director of Nurses at Provident. She was en route to Phenix City, Ala., for a vacation.

She returns to her post as dean of the School of Nursing at Prairie View A and M College this month, having spent the past year at Columbia University where she received her master's degree in nursing education and administration at the age of 62!

Isn't she a smart woman... still studying and improving herself. You know she finished high school back in 1912.

Two years later, she married the late Rev. George Brannon and a year later, a daughter, Ruth (now in Okinawa) was born. In 1916, her husband died.

She returned to school in 1920 — was graduated from Tuskegee School of Nursing and finished with honors in 1923; two years later, got a degree from Tuskegee; worked at hospitals in Texas, S.C., Tenn., Mich., until 1937 when her daughter was graduated from college and then until 1947 she was superintendent of nurses at Douglass Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis where she was awarded a master of science degree in 1948. She was here in Baltimore's Provident from 1949 to 1953 when she took her present post at Prairie View. She is really some woman!

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Coming and going: Miss Nell Hackney, Cleveland policewoman, guested here last week with Letitia Ashe. She was en route home from New York. It was her first visit to the Big City in 20-years.

Two nice people leaving us: Grace and Winston Hunt will soon be deserting Baltimore for Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Winston has been out there on his new job with Farnsworth Electronics since March. Grace will join him in the next six weeks.

She remained here to complete work on her master's degree in social work at the University of Pennsylvania.

More visitors: Charles P. Howard, the Des Moines lawyer and other Moral Rearmament Members, Mrs. Thomas Belk of Richmond, Va., and Alex Drysdale of Washington, visited the AFRO office this week en route to Moral Re-Armament's World Assembly at beautiful Mackinac Island, Mich.

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Happy birthdays: Harriet Jones of Warren St., Havre de Grace will be 14 on September 5.

CLEAN BLOCKERS are these ladies photographed during closing meeting of the AFRO's annual campaign at Knox Presbyterian Church. Left, Miss Edna Albert, captain of the 1800 block Dukeland St. Right, Mrs. Susie Williams, a resident of the 2100 block Walbrook Ave. Mrs. Williams is also a school crossing guard.

'This case should have been settled in magistrate's court'

"This is a draw.

"I agree heartily with the magistrate that if this isn't stopped they ought to go to jail until it is stopped.

"Unfortunately, there's only one before me so I'm going to find her not guilty."

Thus was the ruling of Judge James K. Cullen Wednesday in the latest episode of the "Salt Case", involving next door neighbors who have been in court no less than 14 times to settle their hassles.

On trial was Mrs. Eleanor Gloria Boswell, 26-year-old former school teacher, 2431 Edmondson Ave., accused of disturbing the peace and malicious destruction of property.

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THE PROSECUTING witness in this instance was Mrs. Bessie Meadows, 2433 Edmondson Ave., who lodged the charges against Mrs. Boswell on June 19.

Mrs. Meadows is the mother of Mrs. Lillian Silver, 35, who had filed complaints against the defendant on numerous occasions.

"This case should have been settled in the magistrate's court," said Robert B. Watts, attorney for Mrs. Boswell. "They have been in the station house maybe 14 times. The magistrate said the next time the case come up he'd send it downtown."

Witnesses for the prosecution were Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Silver and Mrs. Mary Fauntleroy, 2432 Lauretta Ave.

Defense witnesses were Mrs. Boswell and Mrs. Thelma Thompson, 2444 McCulloh St.

MRS. BOSWELL was scrubbing her porch and she had a lot of dirty water and she got it on my porch," said Mrs. Meadows. "I called the police and they told her to clean it up."

The prosecuting witness told the court that Mrs. Boswell assured the officer she would clean the water from the freshly painted porch. Mrs. Meadows related that instead of cleaning up the water the defendant dashed more soapy water on her porch.

"When she got through with seeing this happen, she let the bucket and beat my screen door in."

Under cross examination by Mr. Watts, Mrs. Meadows said she lived at the Edmondson Ave. address with her daughter, Mrs. Silver.

At one point in her testimony, Mrs. Meadows said, "I don't hate nobody; I love everybody."

This statement came after the defense attorney queried her about the strained relations between her daughter and Mrs. Boswell.

DURING THE defense testimony Mrs. Boswell, wearing a black sleeveless dress, admitted that while scrubbing her porch some of the water ran over to the adjoining one.

However, she contended that she bursted Mrs. Meadows' screen door while trying to ward off Mrs. Silver, who threatened her with a butcher knife.

"She said, 'when I get through with you not even Roy will want you.' Testified the former school teacher in a quiet voice.

When Judge Cullen wanted to know who "Roy" was, he was informed by Mr. Watts that the defendant was referring to her husband, of Mrs. Silver.

Continuing her testimony, Mrs. Boswell said, "Well, Mrs. Silver has some kind of obsession that her husband and I are having an affair."

The defendant related that her neighbors have had her in police court a total of 13 times.

Returning to the incident involved in the charge against her, Mrs. Boswell said:

"I was soaking the porch when I saw the police going into Mrs. Meadows house.. The police asked me to clean up the soapy water (on the meadows' porch) and I said I would.

"Mrs. Silver came out and said I wasn't going to do any so-and-so thing."

Mrs. Boswell testified that when Mrs. Silver attempted to "come over the rail I took the pail to stop her."

The defendant said she swore out a warrant charging Mrs. Silver with assault but the case was dismissed in police court.

At that time, according to Mrs. Boswell, the magistrate warned them that "if we could not live peacefully he would sentence us both to 60 days in jail."

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When Mr. Watts asked the defendant if she worked she replied, "no."

"In fact you're a student aren't you?" the defense counsel asked.

"Yes," answered the ousted school teacher.

"Where?"

"At Morgan College."

(Mrs. Boswell later corrected this and said she was a student at Coppin Teachers College.)

MRS. FAUNTLEROY testified that she was visiting Mrs. Silver when Mrs Boswell damaged the door with the bucket.

Under cross examination she related that she had testified against the defendant "3 or 4 times" in police court, adding, "You see, I had a little trouble with Mrs. Boswell."

She also told the court, "I feel like we are all neighbors and we ought to get along."

MRS. SILVER, wearing a gold colored dress, testified in rapid fire fashion. The court reporter, taking testimony, asked her several times to repeat some statements.

Mrs. Silver quoted the defendant as saying:

"You all ought to be tired of bringing me down (to police court) because nothing is going to be done about it."

The other defense witness, Mrs. Thompson, stated that she was at the home of Mrs. Boswell when an alleged dispute took place between the defendant and Mrs. Silver.

"She (Mrs. Silver) got angry because she thought Eleanor was talking about her, I suppose," said Mrs. Thompson.

When Mr. Watts asked Mrs. Thompson whether she had ever testified in any of the previous cases, the woman replied, "No, this is my first."

Joyful 10-year reunion ends sadly in court

"We were school chums. I hadn't seen him in 10 years and was glad to see him. Since I'd had a good week, I decided to show him a nice time.

"We had a few drinks and sat in a lot near Brunt and McMechen. He asked for some money. I offered him 50 cents. He said that wasn't enough and hit me. He knocked me down and kicked me in my ribs."

What began as a happy 10-year reunion of school pals ended Tuesday in Northwestern District Court with Herman T. Simms, a brush salesman, 300 block N. Gilmor St. accusing James Cook, 29, 1506 block N. Gilmor St. of yoking and robbing him of $30.

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THE MAGISTRATE looked at Mr. Simms, who appeared in court with a bandage above his right eye, and said:

"You were glad to see him. Are you glad to see him now? Mr. Simms nodded and shook his head, as if to say 'no.'

Defendant Cook, who accounts to be admitted to the yoking, was held on $2,000 bail for grand jury action.

-Morgan enrollment

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on Sept. 17, with upper classmen following suit on Sept. 28 and 29.

OPENING EARLIER on the local scene will be Coppin State Teachers College which will begin the fall term on Sept. 4 with a student body of 325.

This number includes 100 freshmen.

Other state teacher colleges (Towson, Salisbury State, and Bowie) will open next week with the exception of Frostburg, which will not open until Sept. 16 in order to allow time for the completion of two dormitories.

I wasn't driving, or was I? Judge decides that he was

"I wasn't driving. A friend of mine was driving." This defense by Bernard S. Diggs, 22, 2400 block Allo Rd. Monday in Traffic Court did not save him from a $50 fine for failure to identify himself after an accident, August 11, in the 600 block of Smithson St.

Magistrate Harry Silbert threatened to charge Mr. Diggs with perjury but did not after the young man changed his plea to guilty. A $25 fine for reckless driving was suspended.

Magistrate Silbert granted a request by Parren Mitchell, the defendant's probation officer, to give Mr. Diggs "another chance."

'Don't know what to do with her . . .'

"I was alone and I was just looking over some clothing when I heard someone scream. I got scared and ran. Then this man came up and said I was trying to go in a woman's pocketbook."

A 38-year-old woman who expects her baby to be born next month was testifying in her own defense Monday in Criminal Court.

Mrs. Evelyn Sloan, 800 block Whitelock St., was accused of attempted larceny from the pocketbook of a customer in a five and ten cent store, in the 200 block W. Lexington St., on August 4. She pleaded not guilty.

However, Judge James K Cullen, not convinced with her story, found the woman guilty and imposed a six-month sentence on her.

Mrs. Sloan said she had just left her baby to be born with her, but in view of her record, we can't turn her loose.

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UNDER CROSS examination by Joseph Koutz, assistant State's attorney, Mrs. Sloan admitted having police records in several mid-western cities while using the aliases Rosie Lee Putnam, Rosie Lee Hayes and Evelyn Lucas.

When Judge Cullen queried her about the use of the aliases, the defendant said she now resides "in a mixed neighborhood and "it would be embarrassing if my name got in the papers."

T. L. Kavanaugh, merchandising manager at the store, testified that he was standing only a few feet away when he observed the defendant opening a customer's pocketbook.

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