'Your mother is crying deep down in her heart'

"Your mother is crying way down deep in her heart. I don't want that mother's heart to cry anymore."

This is what a 23-year-old youth James Robinson, charged with larceny of his mother's $60 wrist watch was told Tuesday in Northwestern District Court by the magistrate.

This youth's mother, Mrs. Fances Robinson, 1900 block Walbrook Ave. said:

"He came to the house at 2 or 3:30 in the morning and asked me to give him some money to pay the man for bringing him. During that time, he must have gotten my watch."

"I don't have anything to say. I pleaded guilty. I was drinking. My mother has her watch back," the son said with an air of hopelessness.

A state's witness said that the defendant had offered to sell her the watch for $20. Mr. Robinson was given a suspended term of four months in the House of Correction, and placed on probation for two years.

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MISS KARLENE DOWNS, her mother, Mrs. Marion Downs, of California and Baltimore, Miss Virginia Brooker of NYC and Miss Ruth Morgan of Philadelphia, left to right, spend days of the waning summer in Atlantic City.

4-H CLUB CAMP DELEGATES from Maryland, who attended the recent ninth annual meet in Washington, are shown here. Left to right: Loretta Hairston, Denton; Alma Thompson, St. Marys; Sara Foster, Caroline; Thelma Young, St. Marys; Susie Smallwood, Montgomery; Ethel Bianchi, Baltimore; Marlin Griffith, Calvert; Joseph Dorsey, St. Marys; George Forrest, St. Marys; Calvin Bowman, Charles and J. Edward Bullock, Annapolis.

Three-way tie for first place in Newstip Stakes

An exciting three-way tie for first place enlivens this weeks Newstip sweepstakes. Three persons won the tiptop tipster prize of $5 to split the honors and take a lion's share of the cash.

They were the two persons who called about the deaths of two infants and the third person who called in the information about a cross being burned at Fullerton School.

Sharing the second-place circle for information at two different times on the story of the children left in the house on Greenmount Ave.

Taking $1 apiece for the tips are the person who called about the man wounded in a cutting affray and the holdup of a dry cleaners.

IF A CHECK would come in handy at your house, remember, it's as close as your phone. When you learn of a newsworthy event, just call the AFRO City Desk and say: "I've got a Newstip."

Remember, the City Desk has $50 a week to pay for Newstips and Newspix — "Newspix" you ask. If you get a picture of a news event with your camera — just bring it in to the City Desk. Two persons last week won a total of $12.50 for their on-the-spot photos.

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Lester B. Wallace, counsellor in Baltimore public schools and summer camp director at Camp Hillside, a camp for handicapped children, was guest speaker at the Frontiers Club, recently.

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'One word led to another and I hit her' led to $25 fine

"We came back from the ball game. One word led to another and I hit her," declared Clarence C. Christian, 35, 700 block W. Lanvale St. Monday in Northwestern District Court. He was charged with disturbing the peace at his home address.

"He beat me and shoved me up in the cupboard and told me to get out. As much of that house belongs to me as to him," said Mr. Christian was fined $25.

'I can't find the man guilty'

"I can't find the man guilty; there's too much doubt in my mind."

Thus spoke Judge Deeley K. Nice in overruling a drunken driving Traffic Court conviction against George Sutton, 328 N. Gilmor St., appearing before him on an appeal Wednesday.

Mr. Sutton, a longshoreman, was fined $250 and costs in Traffic Court after Officer Arthur Cook, Eastern District, testified that when he stopped the man for a traffic violation on July 5 he was under the influence of alcohol.

"I asked him if he had anything to drink and he said he had one beer," officer Cook said Wednesday.

"Normally, in a borderline case I would have the car checked up and tell him not to drive it," said Officer Cook, in explaining that he placed the man under arrest when he became abusive.

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MR. SUTTON, a gray-haired man who wore a gray suit and dark brown sport shirt, denied that he was drunk when Officer Cook stopped him for a traffic violation.

He said he had been to a union hall but left when he learned that he was not going to work that day. He related that he went into a tavern that morning for a few minutes.

"I stopped in and got a ten cent glass of beer," he said.

George Jones, 624 Gold St., a passenger in Mr. Sutton's car, told the court the driver was not drunk when stopped by the officer. He said Mr. Sutton swerved to the wrong side of the street to pass a vehicle which was double-packed and that's when the officer waved him to the curb.

Judge withholds verdict pending probation report

"I think I'll refer this matter to the Probation Department before I pass any sentence."

Judge Deeley K. Nice was referring Thursday to burglary cases against John Oliver Hudson, 17, 800 block Pierce St., and Ernest Martin, 16, 1500 block E. Lombard St.

The jurist decided to get a probation report on the youths after testimony had been completed in the case.

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HUDSON WAS accused of breaking into the Instrument Corp., 4 N. Central Ave., and the St. Vincent DePaul Society, 6 N. Central, on two occasions, June 30 and July 2. He also entered the B and B Tire Co., 1301 E. Fayette St., on July 3 and again the following day.

Martin allegedly accompanied Hudson and a juvenile into the two places on July 2.

The total amount of valuables taken in the burglaries had not been determined, according to James Gentry, assistant State's attorney.

James Kern, an official of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and Ralph Chappell, of the instrument firm, both testified that vending machines in their places had been broken into.

Officer Charles E. Woodruff, Northeastern District, said he apprehended Hudson after spotting him on the roof of the tire company on July 4.

"On questioning Hudson," said Officer Woodruff, he told us Martin had been with him and (the juvenile) on two occasions."

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IN EXPLAINING how they happened to go into the places on July 2, Martin said:

"We were over on the playground playing ball. Hudson hit the ball a little hard and it went on the roof of the instrument company. We climbed a tree and went to the roof to get the ball and a window was open so we went in."

He said on this occasion they just looked around inside the two places but did not take anything.

Hudson admitted on the witness stand that he took some cigarettes and ball point pens from the tire firm, but denied he personally took any money. He said the juvenile broke into the vending machines.

Thomas esate set at 8 G's

Mrs. Lena K. Lee, attorney, has been named administrix for the estate of Mrs. Jennie Thomas, of 1310 N. Stricker St.,

Mrs. Thomas was survived by five daughters and three sons.

They are Mesdames Gertrude Jones, Elizabeth Marshall, Elnora Duhall, Nancie Davenport and Mary Jane McCoy; and Lewis, Allen and Robert Thomas.

The estate is estimated at $8,000, and included the Stricker St. property and other properties at 1309 and 1311 Parrish St.

Enters guilty plea at arraignment

"Not more than 18 months in the Maryland Reformatory for Males."

This was the sentence Judge Deeley K. Nice imposed on Fred Martin Jr., 16, 500 block W. Cross St., who pleaded guilty at criminal arraignment Thursday to larceny.

James Gentry, assistant State's attorney, said on August 6 Martin and a juvenile stole a quantity of jewelry, clothing and household appliances valued at $812 from a station wagon parked at Eutaw and Cross Sts.

The prosecutor said police recovered most of the stolen goods at the homes of the youths.

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THERE'S A lucky photo with a head encircled in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. It may be you. It's worth $5 cash if it is. All you have to do to collect is report to City Desk before the next edition is published.

Visitor who threw a brick at hostess gets 90-day sentence

"Yesterday he came to my house and brought two pints of wine and a quart of beer." He tried to make Mary Simpson go to his room. She wouldn't. When I tried to make him leave her alone, he threw a brick and hit me beside the head."

So spoke Mrs. Annie Crawford, 1600 block McCulloh St., Monday at Northwestern District Court.

The defendant, Leo Mack, 50, 1100 block Shields Pl. received 60 days in jail for striking Mrs. Crawford with a brick and 30 days for striking Miss Simpson, also of the McCulloh St. address, with his fists. A $50 fine for disorderly conduct was suspended.

RETURN FROM RETREAT

HARVE DE GRACE — Mesdames Elizabeth F. Simpson and Florence S. Anthony, Miss Sandra Cromwell and Mack B. Simpson Jr. have returned from the Educational Retreat held recently at Kittrell College, N.C.

Miss Sandra Cromwell of St. James AME Church was the contestant from the Baltimore Annual Conference in the oratorical contest.

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They're busy bees at Northwestern

By SHIRLEY KYLE

Buster, than bees!

That's the way it is at Northwestern PoliceStation, located on Pennsylvania Ave. near Dolphin St.

From sunup to sundown, through the dark hours of the night, Northwestern buzzes with more activity than you will ever find in Grand Central Station.

It is nothing for Magistrate Linwood Kopp to walk into the station court room and find 40 to 50 cases on his docket at one session.

If he has only 20 cases at a sitting, he considers it "a light load."

But these cases are only a small fraction of the ones which come to the station hoise 24 hours a day...seven days a week.

Looking for children's stolen bicycles; finding lost youngsters; settling neighbors' disputes; taking home the wandering drunks; clearing the corners of teenage "hangers-on."

These are just some of the duties that face the district policemen and policewomen.

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HEAD OF THE "crew" is Capt. Millard B. Horton, who conducts the station by the theme: "The Man In Blue Is A Friend To You."

"There's never a dull moment, here," he told this reporter as he set down a ream of written reports to answer the phone, then asked the party on the line to "hold on a moment" while he dashed from his office to tell a lieutenant to check an investigation.

Said to be the largest district police station in the country, Northwestern, with its 281 patrolmen, 30 sergeants, nine lieutenants and captain, besides 54 school crossing guards, is responsible for the protection of more than 230,000 citizens, a population larger than that of Richmond, Va. and one-fourth the population of the whole city.

Northwestern has a total payroll of 388 persons including clerks, janitors, and turn keys.

e annex is located at Liberty Heights and Rogers Aves.

DESPITE the heavy duty load of the 52-year-old station house, located in the heart of restaurants, theatres, taverns and loan shops, courtesy is the by-word.

No matter how busy the captain or his men are, they almost always find time to give the appropriate "Pardon Me," "Yes, Ma'am," and "No, Sir."

Oldtimers will tell you there is vast change in the attitude of policemen assigned to the Northwestern District and, in fact, to other districts in the city.

They point to the fact that not too many years ago, middle-aged men and women who sought information in the police station were addressed by their first names and in general were rudely treated.

The same, they said, was true in the police court where they were likewise addressed by their first names or called "Grandma" and "Grandpa."

There is vast change today.

At Northwestern, the policeman who addresses elderly colored people by their first names, or talks to them impatiently or makes light of their complaints, is a rarity. In former days, it was the rule.

In police stations, judges, lawyers and policemen who omit titles and address colored people as 'Grandma' or 'Grandpa' are the exception rather than the rule.

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PLANS FOR a new Northwestern in the 5200 block Reisterstown Rd., are now under way.

Two new districts, Southeastern, near the Baltimore City Hospitals and Western, at Riggs and Mount Sts., will be created.

SGT. VIOLET H. WHYTE
Busy policewoman at Northwestern

NO REST HERE—This is Northwestern Police Station and some of the "crew" which keeps it running day and night. In upper left corner is Capt Millard B. Horton. Sgt Harry Scott is next and on extreme right is Policewoman Shirley Diggs Richardson. Panel at bottom shows AFRO reporter, Shirley Kyle, checking daily reports with Sgt. Joseph McDonald, Capt. Horton, and Officer Marcus Corcoran, desk clerk. On right are: clerk Shannon Trainor, Sgt. Robert McKay, Sgt. Albert Hecht and Lt. Bernard Deinlein.

Prevent damage by hurricanes

In view of the damage caused by the hurricanes and floods of 1954 and 1955, it is not too early to list some of the precautions which should be taken when warning of a tornado or flood is received. Many of the suggestions apply to any type of disaster.

PRECAUTIONS FOR THE HOUSEHOLDER:

1. Check supplies of flashlights and batteries, matches, candles, lamps wicks and kerosene oil. Check batteries in portable radios to be sure that they are charged.

2. Be sure that articles in your cellar which could be damaged by water are moved to a safe place. Check cellar windows.

3. Check porches, lawn furniture and other loose objects out of doors.

4. Close and lock house windows, but leave a couple of windows open on the side away from the storm to prevent wind from building up pressure inside the house—pressure that could blow out your windows and doors.

If you have wooden shutters, close them. Pull up awnings. Close the damper in your fireplace. Fill your bathtub with water.

5. Put your car in the garage and be sure to leave one garage window open to keep wind pressure from building up inside garage.

6. Check car batteries, radio, water and oil. Have your gas tank full in case of an emergency move.

7. If you don't have a garage, park your car away from trees or poles. When car is outside, close the windows tightly, set the hand brake, put the car in gear but don't lock it if you are parked on the street. Emergency workers might have to move it.

8. Keep away from windows at the height of the storm.

9. Find out where you can procure dry ice or natural ice to use in case of loss of electric power. Have as little perishable food in your refrigeration units as possible so that your loss will be less in case of extended power failure.

Check the location of the nearest food freezer unit in the event you have to move your perishables.

10. If you have a freezer, set it at MAXIMUM freezing level as early as possible before the arrival of the hurricane. Try not to keep opening it and it is fairly full, you can keep frozen meats and vegetables without spoiling for at least 3 days.

11. Save newspapers to wrap garbage in. In case garbage collections are interrupted.

12. If your water supply is intercepted, boil water from faucet or well for at least five minutes before using.

13. Store a three-day supply of canned food in a safe spot along with a can opener. Have a supply of paper plates, cups and spoons ready.

14. Put in a small supply of canned heat. Have several jars of water tightly capped or have a supply of spring water.

15. If you stock up with canned goods, be especially careful about starting fires when candles are in use. Danger from fire during hurricanes is especially great. High winds spread fires rapidly.

Furthermore, firemen will be hard to contact; they may have difficulty getting to you; and their equipment and manpower may not be able to operate at full efficiency.

16. Check on handy tools: axe, saw, pick axe or crowbar, and work gloves.

17. If you have a boat and can get it out of the water, turn it upside down and store it in a barn or other safe place. If it is in the water, anchor it not too close to other boats. Moore boat at either bow or stern, but not both.

Secure or store safely cabin barometer or other movable objects. Allow between five and seven feet of anchor chain for each foot of depth to cushion wave action.

18. Evacuate and avoid low-lying beaches and islands. Remember that the majority of deaths from hurricanes are due to drowning.

19. Don't telephone unnecessarily. Leave the line open for emergency calls.

20. Keep children and pets indoors and stay indoors yourself if you can.

21. Check gutters on house to be sure they are not clogged with leaves.

22. After the storm is definitely over, move about with great caution. Beware of broken electric wires. Trees, buildings, bridges and even streets may be in weakened conditions. If you need help get in touch with the Civil Defense director in your town or city

PRECAUTIONS FOR STORES AND FACTORIES:

1. Check your cellar stocks and move if possible to avoid water damage.

2. Check on supply of sand bags.

3. Brief your employees, and arrange for reporting for emergency work in the event communications break down.

4. Check on matches, candles, lamps, portable radios, flashlights and batteries.

5. Protect large windows, Check windows and gutters. Check on a source for pumps and portable generators. Check on handy tool supplies; axes, crowbars, pick axes.

Girls will be at it again if hurricanes come may

Just relax girls. There's nothing you can do about it. The weather man is all set with feminine name for the hurricanes that may hit this year.

"Anna" is already on the record books for 1956.

If and when the other windy girls come to visit Maryland, here are their names from B to Z:

Betsy, Carla, Dora, Ethel, Flossy, Greta, Mattie, Inez, Judith, Kitty, Laura, Molly, Nora, Odette, Paula, Quenby, Rhoda, Sadie, Terese, Ursel, Vesta, Winny, Xina, Yola, and Zenda.

So chin up girls. Just follow the hurricane precautions, printed elsewhere in this edition, when the danger signal sounds, and grin and bear it.

Hay fever days are here; be sure you know the signs

By DR. ROLAND B. SCOTT
Pediatric Expert

Between the dates of Aug. 15 and October 1, the adult sufferers such as sneezing, running nose, itching nose, pink or dull itchy eyes or any combination of these signs.

Occasionally, children will show only the eye signs with little or no sneezing or there may be only a tendency to rub or pick the nose. A characteristic "allergic salute" by purpose of an allergic child rubbing his irritated nose has been the "allergic salute" by pediatric allergists.

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IN OTHER children, a pollen allergy may manifest itself by a stuffy, blocked nose, causing mouth breathing. Especially at night when the reclining position is assumed, the nasal secretions may drain backward into the throat and set up a hacking cough.

Cough medicines of the ordinary type are often of very little value in such cases if the true allergic condition (which causes the cough) is unrecognized and untreated. Unrecognized allergic conditions in the nose may sometimes be the cause of unexplained periodic nosebleeds.

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AT TIMES parents may have difficulty in differentiating between ordinary head colds and nasal allergic conditions in the child. Some children with nasal allergies seem to keep a cold in the head all the time.

Some aids that may help the parents to suspect an allergic cause in these cases are as follows: allergies tend to "run in families" and often older relatives have well defined allergic conditions such as bronchial asthma, hives, hay fever etc.

ALLERGIC CONDITIONS are thought to be hereditary but they are not contagious. It is true that because of the unhealthy lining of the nose and bronchial tubes, allergic children have very little resistance to bacterial (germ) colds.

When nasal allergies are due to pollen like ragweed they tend to be seasonal in occurrence. However, when household or "environmental" agents like feathers, house dust, cats etc. are the cause of the allergic condition, the symptoms may last the year round.

The physician, by the use of skin tests and other procedures, will be able in most cases to find the cause of the allergic disorder and to make a diagnosis.

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ALLERGIC conditions involving the nose in infants and children should not be neglected because of the danger over a period of time of such complications as sinus trouble and bronchial asthma developing.

Parents are also warned against the habitual use of shrinking nose drops (astringent nose drops) in allergic conditions of the nose are used at all in these children it is best to use them only under the supervision of the child's physician.

Management of small children with allergic disorders often involves the use of small "needles" and "shots" by the physician for treatment and diagnosis (skin testing). Children quickly adjust to the procedures and are often less complaining than adults.

Coming Events

AUGUST 25

Annual CIAA Football Officials' clinic, Hurt Gymnasium, Morgan State College, 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST 26

Rev. M. E. Holmes of Chicago appears at Coliseum, 8 p.m.

Annual picnic and jousting tournament at Holt's Mt. Pleasant Parf, Lothian, Md., 12 noon.

AUGUST 27-31

Pastors' School for ministerial training Methodist ministers at Westminster Theological, Westminster, Md.

AUGUST 30-31

Registration of new pupils for Baltimore City Schools.

SEPTEMBER 4

School begins for Baltimore City teachers.

SEPTEMBER 5

School begins for youngsters in Baltimore City.

SEPTEMBER 6

School opens in Baltimore County.

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SEPTEMBER 16

New membership year opens at Western Branch of the Red Shield Boys Club of Baltimore.

SEPTEMBER 10 11, 12

Governor's Conference on Juvenile Delinquency at University of Maryland, College.

Beauty is business with Mrs. A. Blair

Beauty is a business with Mrs. (Mahalia) Ann Blair.

As operator of two beauty salons and a school for advavnced study in the art of making my lady's crowning glory really her crowning glory, Mrs. Blair qualifies as an expert on beauty and her advice is this:

"If the hair isn't well groomed and properly styled it detracts from the appearance, but if it is done right it adds something to the way a lady looks."

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FOR 20 YEARS Mrs. Blair has been a beautician thanks to a visit to the sunshine state of Florida.

"I started in Tampa when I was just out of I. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth, Texas. I had a cousin there and I went for a visit and decided to stay there and take up beauty culture," recalls Mrs. Blair.

After learning the basic facts about hair care, Mrs. Blair moved to Baltimore Where she took advanced training with Mrs. Bessie Scott who had a shop on Pennsylvania Ave.

Then in 1939 Mrs. Blair decided to branch out for herself and she opened a shop at 549 McMechen St.

"I started with one chair and a manicure table and I kept working until I had two shops," she says.

One of the shops is located at 1355 W. North Ave. and the other at 1807 Harford Ave.

Both shops are striking in appearance and cleanliness and are equipped with the latest paraphenalia for making a lady even more attractive.

MRS. BLAIR is a strong believer in keeping up with the latest developments in the beauty field and every summer she packs her bags and goes off to take further study.

The training in the latest techniques has paid off according to Mrs. Blair, who noticed that women are taking more interest in their personal appearance.

"Through magazines and television they are being made conscious of their looks," says Mrs. Blair who is quite attractive herself.

In her years at the business, Mrs. Blair has learned that fashions in hair, change just as fashions in everything else.

"The styles change quite frequently. Last year they wore collar length and semi-upsweeps. This year they are wearing their hair a bit longer for the full brims of deep crown hats," she relates.

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MRS. BLAIR estimates that it takes an experienced operator about one hour to do a lady's hair and she says that each client is different and each hair styling should be based on:

"The contours of the face, the size and age of the individual, and the type of job the person does."

Mrs. Blair has also learned that the season when the ladies start turning to beauty shops in increasing numbers starts after Labor Day and runs up to the middle of December when Christmas is right around the corner and people start cutting corners financially speaking.

Business picks up after Christmas and continues on and on until the summer months when it usually shows a decline.

Mrs. Blair recommends that ladies visit the beauty shop at least once every two weeks, or as often as they need help with their natural beauty.

MRS. BLAIR TRANSMITS many of her ideas and her skills to other hair dressers through the classes she conducts at her shop. The new course starts Sept. 24 and will involve ten beauticians.

If Mrs. Blair was going to give advice to young beauticians, this is what she would say:

"Finish high school and at least one year of college if possible with a course in business management. I would tell her to go to a good basic school and spend at least two years in a modern beauty salon.

"After that I would tell her to go to a post graduate school for at least a year and every two years thereafter to keep up with the latest methods."

Kim brings joy to lucky picture winner

"My wife told me yesterday that my picture was in the AFRO. I wasn't surprised because the photographer took a picture of the house after the arrival of our newborn baby."

John H. Lee, 25, 2300 block N. Ellamont St. AFRO Lucky Picture winner for August 21, was speaking Wednesday at the AFRO city desk, when he collected his $5.

"I'm going to pub the $5 away for the baby," the young father smiled. "He's collected enough already since he's been here, but in spite of that, I'm still going to put it away for him."

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MR. LEE, who served with the Air Force in Japan, said proudly: "The baby's name is Kim. He's two weeks old and was born at 7:15 a.m. August 11."

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32 beauticians get diplomas

Some 32 Maryland beauticians were among the 450 persons to receive their diplomas at the graduation exercises in Detroit, Mich., recently.

The commencement was one of the highlights of the convention of the National Beauty Culturists' League and the National Institute of Cosmetology.

Guest speaker at the exercises was Congressman Charles Diggs.

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AMONG THE graduates, who are members of the Zeta Chapter of the Theta Nu Sigma National Sorority, were:

Sorors Geneva Villa, Blanche White, Mary Stafford, Blanche Terry, Earleen Thomas, Everett Hodge, Dorothy Tross, Florence White, Eunice Gross, Christine Anderson, Maryvene Reddick, Jeannetta Wilson;

Sorors Ernestine Harden, Virgie Waters, Sarah Sterling, Sarah Hudson, Eula Brooks, Nannie Jackson, Rosetta Tilghman, Bessie Holly, Constella Carter, Litha Moffett, Ethel Felder, Marie Lassiter, Mary Francis, Hattie Powell, Annie Stewart, Alleaner Wallace, Rose Davis, Mamie Barnes;

Sorors Ivory Powell, Cordelia Johnson, Mayme Tilghman and the Misses Peral Dupree, Janie Saunders, Emma Russell, Beatrice Watson and Evelyn Frisby.

Wheelchair - bound Y backer says, I'm not complaining'

"I'm not complaining."

When you are confined to a wheelchair and your world has shrunken in size to just about the area embraced by your four walls, it takes something special to be able to smile and say:

"I'm not complaining."

Mrs. Gladys E. Coates, 311 Dolphin St., is one of these persons with something special. She says these words everytime someone begins to fret and worry over her - and she means them.

For two years she has been confined to a wheel chair but this has not prevented her from maintaining a disposition that for want of a better word can be called sunny, and it has not prevented her from being one of the hardest working members in the YMCA Mother's Club.

Just recently she obtained over $100 in memberships for boys and this she accomplished without leaving her room.

Her contacts were made through the telephone and the results were obtained through her sincere sales talk.

"I WOULD CALL UP the people and tell them how important the Y is to boys. If they couldn't give a full membership, I would ask them to give something. Sometimes when a parent did not have the money, I would give them a dollar toward the membership, provided they added the rest."

With a 20-year-old son of her own, Willard T. Coates Jr. fresh out a the Marines, Mrs. Coates knows the problems faced by today's youths and to her way of thinking, one of the best ways of solving these problems is through the YMCA.

"I enjoy working with the Y and doing something for the young people. It's a good experience for them and, I want to do all I can to see that as many as possible have that experience," she says.

Mrs. Coates' husband, Willard Sr., a postal employee for 30 years, died in 1954, leaving her with their son, and a daughter, Patricia. In spite of her handicap, Mrs. Coates continued the job of rearing the children and last semester Patricia was one of the graduates at the St. Francis Academy.

She has also found time to help in the rearing of several boys and to inspire, through her example, the other members of the YMCA Mothers Club.

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AS MRS. MARTINA W. JONES, president of the club, states the matter:

"She has been an inspiration to us all."

"All" would include the other members of the club: Mesdames Alma Chatman, vice president; Sophia Wright, secretary; Rosetta Marshall, treasurer; Pearl Butler, Susie Reid, Ethel Taylor, Cordia Siler, Ruth Blake, Marguerite Saunders, Elizabeth Rhodes, Myrtle Cole, and Louise Dorsey.

As far as Mrs. Coates is concerned, she intends to go right on working for the club because she says:

"I enjoy it."

Recently, Mrs. Coates was accidently burned on her back by a hot pipe. She has been confined to bed and the injury pains her constantly. But even with these, her smile has not faded and when anyone starts feeling sorry for her, she tells them:

"I'm not complaining."

THIS LADY KNOWS—For 20 years Mrs. (Mahalia) Ann Flair has been a beautician and the experience plus a number of post graduate courses in the field have made her a creative hair stylist who keeps abreast of the latest styles. She has two beauty salons, one at 1355 W. North Ave., and the other at 1807 Harford Ave.