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

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1. *Fair employment practice (FEP) laws and enforcement power. Begin with city, county, state and federal governments.*
2. *100,000 registered voters in Baltimore City.*
3. *A judge on the Supreme Bench and in the Federal District Court.*
4. *Integration in the state's reform schools and penal institutions.*
5. *Public hotels and restaurants open to all well-behaved citizens.*

Pass it without delay

City Councilman Walter T. Dixon's civil rights resolution introduced on October 21, 1957 and referred to the Baltimore Commission on Human Relations for study, was returned this week to the council with a recommendation for its passage.

Since the commission is not a regular committee of city council, we frankly had our misgivings about Council President Leon Abramson's action in placing this legislation in its hands.

Too vivid in our memory is what happened to the resolution establishing the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission after it had passed through the Human Relations Commission mill.

When finally passed, all of its enforcement teeth had been carefully drawn. Our sincere hope is that Mr. Dixon's measure will not meet a similar fate.

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IN RETURNING the proposal to council the commission did suggest deletion of a section in the bill outlawing discrimination in employment on public works projects and in the distribution of public welfare funds.

Doubtless, the commission's suggestion grew out of a wish to avoid possible duplication since the field of equal job opportunity has already been staked out by the EEOC.

We do not share the commission's fears in this regard. The EEOC has been in existence for more than a year, yet has scheduled no hearings, issued no cease and desist orders, made no report and just this week made its first citation of a city bureau for job discrimination.

As we see it, Mr. Dixon's proposal would not conflict with the duties of the EEOC, but complement them.

Making job discrimination a statutory offense would help ease the EEOC's burden in view of the fact that that agency is limited to persuasion and education only in accomplishing its purpose.

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THE DIXON resolution is an urgent matter. Now that it has been referred to the council's Committee on Public Relations, our hope is that it will be passed on promptly and brought without delay to the council floor for action.

This type of legislation is nothing new. It has been studied thoroughly and enacted in a total of 22 states and the District of Columbia.

The only thing city council needs to decide is does it propose to pass it or doesn't it.

Joseph J. Ayd, S.J.

Father Joseph J. Ayd, lovable, devoted, outspoken Irish priest, died suddenly Tuesday, a week after he passed his 76th birthday.

In the first half of this century, Father Ayd endeared himself to his fellow Baltimoreans through his patient service to prisoners at the Maryland Penitentiary where he was chaplain for 30 years.

Father Ayd was also a writer of books on criminology and church music, dean and professor of sociology and psychology at Loyola College, and a charter member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a charity group.

During an illness eight years ago, doctors gave him the choice of giving up his teaching or his work with prisoners. He chose to continue his prison work.

He walked the last mile with 54 men who were executed in the Maryland Penitentiary.

He told the AFRO: "Every hanging is a shock to me. You get to know people when you walk the last mile with them . . . you feel you are losing someone you know."

On the other hand, Father Ayd was outspoken with public officials when he was convinced that innocent persons were punished or guilty ones punished unfairly.

He had no hesitancy in asking newspaper men to investigate cases for 'indisputable proof' that one of his boys was innocent.

"Statements, affidavits are of no avail," he said, "although it seems to me that the dying asseverations of traversors ought to have some weight."

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JUST AFTER Pearl Harbor, Father Ayd confided to the AFRO another argument he used to persuade governors to commute sentences of condemned men.

Said he: "I asked the Governor to save four men, my three and another, by insisting that this is no time to be executing our own when we need them so badly to carry on in this dangerous war.

"Only this morning," he said, "I heard on good authority that the Japs have used only 250,000 of their trained army of 6,000,000 to achieve what they have already done.

"If they ever cut loose on us, there will be hell to pay." Father Ayd added: "Considering that the British are bunglars when it comes to fighting, we are going to be in a very bad way when the JAPS and the NAZIS concentrate on us, BROTHER, and I don't mean maybe"

Baltimoreans who knew this one-time East Baltimore druggist's son as a courageous servant of God, devoted, kind and understanding—are saddened by his death.

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people.

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured.

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody.

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

—JOHN MURPHY SR., 1920.

Will It Now Be Passed?

Consistent Mr. McKeldin

Governor Theodore McKeldin, speaking in Montreal, said that Arkansas' Governor Faubus had failed to recognize the competence of the United States Supreme Court in the Little Rock school case.

"In the end, he will have to recognize it, or the whole legal system of the country will be fatally weakened; and as that becomes more and more plain to the citizens of Arkansas, I believe that they will demand that the governor withdraw from his position of defiance," Mr. McKeldin predicted.

This isn't the first time the plain-spoken governor of Maryland has expressed himself on the Little Rock situation.

Following the attempted conciliation conference of representatives of the Southern Governors' Conference with the President, Maryland's chief executive was the only governor who said straight-forwardedly, "Faubus double-crossed us."

When the Supreme Court issued its integration decision back in 1954, Governor McKeldin made it clear that it was his sworn duty to uphold and defend the Constitution and that he had no intention of shirking his duty.

And he has constantly repeated this position whenever the occasion warranted it.

Extra precaution

In little more than three weeks seven small children, all 7 years old or younger, have died as a result of fires which swept their homes.

Late in October a 46-year-old matron was the fatal victim of a blaze which also injured four others, including three children.

During these winter months in Baltimore the likelihood that others will die or be hurt in similar fashion is a grim reality.

These victims — the dead and the injured — dramatize the need for strict enforcement of ordinances which provide for fire safety measures. However, it is necessary for all of us to exercise due caution against obvious fire hazards.

With the holiday season approaching many fire hazards in the way of Christmas decorations will appear in the homes. Therefore, it becomes very necessary for parents, guardians and others responsible for the safety of small children to use extra precaution.

Inspector Ford retires

Chief Inspector Fred L. Ford, at his own request retired Thursday from the Baltimore City Police Department after 34 years which saw him serve in every capacity, including that of acting commissioner.

Inspector Ford had been on leave of absence since his return from the International Police Chiefs meeting in Honolulu.

During his years on the force Inspector Ford earned 16 commendations for outstanding police work. His handling of the Southern High School demonstration at the outset of public school integration here was an efficient piece of police work.

On the other hand, in his zeal to be about the business of a policeman Inspector Ford sometimes was prone to make public statements without first getting all of his facts correctly interpreted.

An example of this was his unfortunate pronouncement early last year concerning the "disproportionate rate of crime among colored people."

This statement left him open for severe criticism, and rightly so, by community leaders.

However, even his severest critics could not deny the sincerity of Inspector Ford. The good wishes of the entire community go with him in his retirement.

One step nearer

The Baltimore Colts are one step nearer the National League Championship, Western Division, with their Sunday defeat of the Rams, 31 to 14.

Football fans in the Baltimore area are understandably on the edge of their seats. They will remain so until after Sunday's game with the Forty Niner's.

After that victory (and we're optimistic), there's only one more game with the Rams before the title is ours.

We're predicting, as we did last week, that our Colts can do it. Here's hoping!

Speak Your Piece

Asks rights stand

Dear AFRO:

Several weeks ago Councilman Dixon introduced into the City Council an omnibus civil rights bill. Baltimore committee on Racial Equality, along with the many other organizations and individuals who have been working in the civil rights' field for so many years, welcomed the announcement and hoped for an early passage of so important an ordinance.

We have become alarmed, however, at the apparent lack of organized support of this measure, especially when we recall the failure of last year's attempts to get any civil rights legislation passed in either the City Council or the State Legislature.

Now surely is the time for the many groups concerned with the passage of a effective civil rights bill to work together, first to get Councilman Dixon's ordinance onto the floor of the Council for discussion, and then to get it passed. CORE is one - hundred per cent for this, and stands ready to unite with other organizations in such a joint effort.

(Rev.) H. A. BARON
Chairman, Baltimore CORE

Joint Appeal story

Dear AFRO:

I would like to express my appreciation to you and the AFRO - AMERICAN for the cooperation and support given to the recent Community Chest-Red Cross Joint Appeal.

It was a record campaign to raise the largest goal in our history, and it is my belief it was a record year of telling the public the Joint Appeal story, thanks to you and the newspaper media.

CLIFFORD C. JAMES

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

For centuries poets and writers, some good and some bad, have chanted the praises of the beauty to be found in a snow fall.

While I have no intention of getting into an useless argument with the poets over letters, I doubt very much if they had first hand contact with the aggrieved motorist after the first bloom of beauty had worn off.

I doubt that they ever had to grunt, groan, sweat and strain to clear their sidewalks of snow or if they ever learned the hard way that an automobile has an annoying habit of not being able to move forward in a straight line when the streets are covered with snow and the tires are minus chains.

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USUALLY the first casualties of a snow fall are the automobiles which always pick the worse possible weather to act up in. At times like this you often wish for a good old fashioned horse, but where can you find a horse?

In addition to bothering motorists, snow is also the bane of many homeowners who are faced with the necessity of cleaning off their pavements.

There are ways and there are ways to get this job done, and each individual has his own particular method.

One method is to wait until your neighbors on both sides of you have cleaned off their pavements.

It's very unlikely that they will stop at the exact point where their pavements end so that they usually clean off a few feet of snow on your property.

Eventually your neighbors will begin to get wise and start using a yardstick when they clean their pavements, but until then you've got it made.

Another way to get this unwelcome chore done is to wait until the passersby trample the snow into a hard packed mass and then throw out a few ashes.

Of course you might have to go to a little trouble to find the ashes at most homes seem to have oil heat these days. But if you look in the right places, and we suggest a dark alley, you can borrow enough to do the job.

And if anyone says anything about your taking the ashes you can always say you're working overtime for the city.

The only trouble with this method is that it makes the darndest mess when the snow begins to melt, but then you can't have everything.

A third method is just to leave the snow there, ignore harsh glances of your neighbors and just hope that nobody falls and breaks something, before the sun melts the snow.

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UNDER THE heading of remarks that let a person know what is coming next are these four gems gleaned from long years of experience.

"Actually the car isn't in bad shape for the shape it's in. But the brakes aren't much good, the motor needs an overhauling the clutch is shot. What I would suggest

"You are one of the best employees we have but due to the state of business . . . ."

"Poker, what's poker? Never played before but I sure would like to. Shall we say $20 table stakes?"

"I've used all the influence I have, and I've got plenty, to get that ticket fixed but you know they are having a police probe . . . ."

"I understand you people, why some of my best friends are . . . ."

"Daddy, you know that vase you just bought and put in the hall, well there I was and guess what?

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things...

Talk of the town: That holiday poker game in which a truly lawyer found out for himself that his fellow Guardsman — a Baltimore physician, is just a very lucky guy.

Seems as though the lawyer hit aces up on fourth street and—bet—his entire bankroll, of $263 cash!

The Baltimore doc held a deuce, trey, four and five, and called the bet.

You guessed it: the doc made the straight on fifth street, and pulled in a $900 pot!

That broke up the game. They're still shaking their heads about the lucky doc but remember Billy Holliday's tune —Them that has gets more —and God bless the child who has his own."

P.S. — That Baltimore school principal who was dealing nearly suffered a heart attack.

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And, in other circles, the talk is about what they call the 'prettiest' house in the Walbrook section.

It is a $100,000 Sequoia Ave. residence which will soon be the new home of a church leader residing on Carlisle Ave.

Understand he paid over $70,000 for it.

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First Christmas card received ten days ago: Sends Noel greetings from Dr. and Mrs. Everett Knox (Clementine), formerly of Baltimore and Washington.

They are now in Paris where Dr. Knox is on a State Department assignment. Your Christmas greetings will reach them at NATO Defense College, Care of SHAPE, APO 55, New York.

And speaking of Christmas—the AFRO's Miss Sheila is loaded with mail from you and you and you who want Santa to help needy persons at Christmas.

Nicest gesture: A Boy Scout troop representative who read about one of the needy families has already advised it will take care of all the family's needs — food, clothing and toys — this Christmas season.

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Orchids to them!

And, while we're on the subject of Christmas giving, the following note received in the mail is worthy of printing. It comes from a reader who is steamed up about people who want 'credit' for doing a good turn.

It said in part: "Please publish this letter. I think people should have enough Christmas spirit and goodwill not to want their pictures in the paper and a big write-up every time they give to a worthy cause.

"If they give $500 to the NAACP on some other worthy endeavor or if they equip a room at a hospital or spend a substantial sum to install needed equipment, they should get what they call 'credit,' but I'll be darned if I think every time a person gives a $3 basket or a $2 gift to a needy family they merit publicity.

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"Why can't people give for the joy of the giving? Their 'credit' or satisfaction should be in knowing they have done something to make others happy. Why is it people are starvingly want 'credit'? — Mrs. G. N."

Since this reader asked — maybe other readers have an answer. I don't, except this . . .

Maybe in this age of pay while you learn a job, this 'credit' Mrs. G. N. refers to is something people think the world owes them, but don't ask me why!!

About this and that...

Many thanks to Mrs. T. T. who writes to remind us that Mrs. Hattie Ball Carter, 2131 N. Howard St., was 82 years old last week, and do drop her a card. Here's why:

Mrs. Carter has been an AFRO reader for 52 years. Even though she has been confined to bed this month, she never misses her AFRO and she is alert as ever and keeps her sense of humor.

"She is a fine Christian mother, citizen and friend. Readers' cards will cheer her," adds Mrs. T. T.

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December 9th birthday hellos to Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, 2307 N. Monroe St.

And birthday greetings December 13 to Mrs. Ruth Burgess, 2400 Montebello Terrace.

Belle day greetings to John Hampton, the attorney, of 1227 W. Lafayette Ave.

Send get-well cheer to: Buddy Smith, 606 Whitmore Ave. He was stricken with a heart attack while at his post at the Park Heights Elementary School, is now resting at home.

And your cards will reach Effie Liggins Scott of 2006 Baker St. On Thayer 1 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital where she has been since Friday undergoing a series of tests. She's a teacher at School No. 131.

Belated congratulatory cards to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Jones (Romaine) who marked their 29th wedding anniversary on November 24.

And, send get well cheer to Mrs. Harry Gail (Berine), AFRO bookkeeper, who entered Hopkins Hospital for an operation on Thursday. She's in Weman's Clinic.

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Among the traditional Thanksgiving Day family gatherings hereabouts was that at the pretty Rosedale St. home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Shaw Jr. (Hiawatha).

With them for dinner were his father, Methodist Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of Los Angeles; and Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson of Philadelphia, and children, Mr. and Mrs. William Finley and Willene, Dr. David Thompson and their aunt, Mrs. Griffin.

More people and things...

Remember back in February when Union Baptist Church members under the direction of the pastor, Dr. Baxter Matthews and Dr. Houston R. Jackson, launched a drive to raise that $50,000 needed to pay off the mortgage on their new community center?

Remember the 'told-you-so' who said it couldn't be done . . . it was a bad investment . . . etc.

Well, this is to report that as of now, just nine months later, they have raised an average of $1,000 a week, and already have on hand $39,000 cash. So there!

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And, in his Sunday morning remarks, Dr. Matthews, who is looking fit and is back to his normal full - time routine, let his members know he was aware during his recent illness that there was some talk that he would not be able to pull through . . . but he added . . . he just needed a rest and thanks to God, he has gotten his rest and is back on his feet.

He said further that he is heartened by the wonderful response members of the church and the community have given to the campaign and now let's keep on the job and get the rest of the money. So there!

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Speaking of churches: Over at St. Katherine PE Church last week they held their first harvest home supper under the new vicar — the Rev. William Frank Christian, S.T.M.

Co-chairmen were Miss Selbey Lewis and Mrs. Leila Bur-

Next year, the family will gather at the Glen Ernie home of the Bernard C. and Miss Elaine Shaw.

In addition to immediate relatives, others about at the Shaws were the Walter Browns and their children, and Mrs. Shaw's relatives, Lt. and Mrs. Joseph Banton, Miss Lillian Ragsdale and Sharon, all of Roswell, New Mexico.

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PATROLMAN Avon E. Cooper, a veteran of 11 years on the force, resigned this week to go into business. He is opening an insurance, investment, real estate and bail bond office.

And, to think, the police department kept him a patrolman all these years when he was trained as a fingerprint expert and photographer.

For nine of the eleven years, he was assigned to the Northwest Police Boys' Club and before that he was a foot patrolman in both Northwestern and Northeastern.

He tells me he will continue to work with Boy Scouts and with youngsters in the Shrine juvenile group.

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But what I can't understand about our police department is why a man like Office. Cooper wasn't used in the fingerprinter identification bureau where he was trained.

During World War 2, Cooper was a sergeant - major in the Marine Corps where he worked in personnel and started the identification bureau— but yet after 11 years on the Baltimore police force, he could get no better than patrolman. Ho hum!

Speaking of soldiers: Baltimoreans assigned to the Pentomic Marne Division at Fort Benning, Ga., include Rudolph J. Horried, son of Mrs. Evelyn Bolin of 220 Culver St., and Edward A. Pitts, son of Leslie Pitts, 3410 Woodbrook Ave.

New homes: Mrs. Fannie Howard — long a resident of the Belview - Manchester is in her new home at 2304 Monticello Rd., in Windsor Hills.

And the George Hardings (Madeline) are at 2013 Carlisle Ave.

Reporters Report

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

The Robert Van Horn murder case in Towson has already attracted the biggest audience in the history of the Baltimore County Circuit Court.

On the first two days of the trial, practically everyone wanted to know what connection a well dressed matron sitting on the sidelines had to do with the case.

It didn't take long to find that out when the state disclosed that the late Mrs. Bernice Van Horn had left her maid $60 a month for the rest of her life.

The maid, Mrs. Helen Gaither, kept her Bible handy throughout, and while on the stand expressed her love for the accused socialite and his wife, Man, that's loyalty.

THE CIRCUIT Court bailiff at Towson swears that the following incident happened in court a couple of months back.

A young man, while on the stand testifying in a low voice and facing the audience, was told to "speak to the judge."

It is said that the fellow turned toward the bench, nodded his head and politely said, "good morning judge."

Ever noticed how well you are greeted at the door when you enter some night clubs. It's said that all hostesses are not that way.

For example, the official greeter in a club just off W. Franklin St., in my opinion, has the meanest disposition of any woman I have ever met.

At least that's the impression she gave last Friday night.

We all have good and bad days but gee, what a grouch she was.

Maybe the thing that set her off was the fact that another patron reminded her that she wasn't on the job as she should have been.

AT THE same night spot met one gent, who denied that I had ever seen him or the bar maid in court at Southwestern.

Went along with his denial but I don't understand why he was so upset.

I never said that he was charged with anything. After all, he was only a courtroom spectator.

Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

There is high price tag on freedom, and rightly so. Nothing really worthwhile comes to us on a silver platter. We must be prepared to meet the responsibility which goes along with the privilege of liberty.

Thus, I was very pleased when I received my 1958 membership card from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Being a man of modest means, I cannot afford to spend great sums of lucre fighting willy - nilly the many injustices which raise their ugly heads in this country.

SO, I surmised that the best way to do the job would be to band together with a militant organization operating within the framework of the Constitution towards a goal in accord with my own philosophical out-look — first-class citizenship for all peoples in America.

The NAACP is such an organization.

There was a time, prior to 1954, when the initials NAACP meant little to the average person in this country. Those were the years before the Supreme Court decision outlawed public school segregation.

Many colored persons in the early years only learned of the organization after suffering a great wrong, and in their frustration had no place else to turn.

TODAY, the NAACP is hated and feared by the bigots of this country who would rather see the Constitution than to extend to darker brothers the full rights guaranteed by this masterpiece of democratic government.

On the other hand, however, lovers of liberty are in accord with the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

I am proud to be a card carrying member.

When that beautiful Danish vessel dropped anchor at Pier 4 on, Pratt St., last weekend, thousands of persons swarmed aboard.

A lot of people who should have been there never showed.

Good business to eliminate discrimination, EEOC told

By MAX JOHNSON

"It is not only morally right, but it is good business to eliminate all the vestiges of discrimination."

With this statement, John Rossevelt, son of the President Franklin D. Roosevelt, set the tone of his pep talk Tuesday, as guest speaker during a luncheon meeting of the city's Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, at the Park Plaza, Charles and Madison Sts.

This was the first general public appearance of EEOC since it was established more than a year ago. Mr. Roosevelt had been imported to aid the group's bid for public support, chiefly because he heads the President's Committee on Government Contracts, which among other things, works against racial employment discrimination among those firms awarded such contracts.

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MR. ROOSEVELT took several minutes to explain the operations of his committee, and some of the persuasive methods the members use to break down bars which would maintain discrimination.

"Colored citizens have advanced further in the last 15 years than in all the years since the Emancipation," Mr. Roosevelt stated. "They have a 17-billion dollar purchasing power, four - and - a - half of what it was in 1940.

"We realize that no company can do a complete about-face, all we ask is that a start be made.

"We have found that where management states a policy on non - discrimination and the reason for it, we usually find that management's fears evaporate before they get started."

Mr. Roosevelt continued in this vein for some 20 minutes, and then sat down to his dessert of apple pie, a dash of yellow cheese and coffee.

A total of 98 guests, out of an expected 110, applauded some, but sat quietly as Richard W. Emory, head of EEOC, asked if anyone wished to question Mr. Roosevelt.

Among the guests were Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president; Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, attorney; Dr. Furman L. Templeton, head of the local Urban League; Fred Nichols and David Glenn, Urban League staff members; J. Alvin Jones, Park Board Member and minorities placement specialist with the Maryland State Employment Security Division, and Dr. G. James Fleming, political science professor at Morgan State College, and EEOC board member.

Mr. Emory then asked if anyone had questions were put to Mr. Roosevelt after a period of several minutes, Solomon Liss, Fourth District City Councilman, arose to explain why he and a majority of the Councilmen had passed Ordinance 379, which led to the establishment of EEOC.

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MR. LISS said they felt that non - discrimination in employment should, as a matter of principle, be made a law, and that a commission should be established responsible for its implementation.

"We believe," Mr. Liss said, "that public opinion in Baltimore, will support this legal measure."

Mr. Emory then pointed out that EEOC has no "punitive powers but must depend on persuasive to effect its goals. He said the commission has all of which have reached a satisfactory conclusion. He did not designate the firms involved.

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EEOC WAS authorized in April, 1956, but no committee members were appointed until October. Then, following a dispute over the method of selecting the head of the commission, the group did not start functioning with a head until the past June.

Fourth District City Councilman Walter T. Dixon has long had a resolution before the Council and passed on to EEOC requesting that this Commission report to the City Council on its work and activities.

Since early June, when Mr. Dixon presented this resolution and it was placed before the EEOC, no official report has yet reached the City Council.

Warning fails, tries 10 days

"You warned him to stay away from me but it hasn't done any good."

Mrs. Geraldine Robinson, 1700 block W. Lanvale St., included that comment in her complaint against Andrew Jo. Quickley, 35, of 2300 block Clifton Ave., made Tuesday in Northwestern Police Court before Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr.

Mr. Quickley said there was something which needed to be "untangled" and he had gone to Mrs. Robinson's home to see about some insurance papers he said needed his signature.

"I went over; rang the doorbell, then knocked on the door and that's all I did," Mr. Quickley testified.

Judge Koger sentenced him to 10 days in jail with the advice that he let a lawyer "untangle" the situation.

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—That white stuff

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snow tires was about as easy as trying to find a Republican in the Kremlin.

One motorist managed to inch his way into the city from Catonsville to the corner of Gwynns Falls Parkway and Auchentoroly Terrace where he tried to make a right hand turn.

His car complied by sliding into the curb and he spent the next hour fuming and saying naughty words before he could coax the vehicle around the corner where he promptly got stuck again.

If words could have moved that car, it would have moved.

Many drivers believed that discretion is the better part of valor, gave up the battle against the snow and left their cars parked in some of the strangest places.

One motorist ended up on the grass plot on Gwynns Falls Parkway with his car nestled snugly between two trees. How he managed to get himself in such a condition without hitting one of the innocent trees, is alas a question that must go unanswered.

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BUT ONE thing you have to say about the snow, it didn't draw any class lines. It stalled Fords and Plymouths just as it stalled Cadillacs and Lincolns.

Some of the most independent gentlemen to be found on Wednesday were the filing station operators who did a rushing business putting on chains usually at a buck a car.

Long lines of cars filled the driveways of the stations and many fellows were bruised when the mechanics told motorists that they couldn't take any more customers.

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AS USUAL, THE Baltimore Transit Company was the target of a number of pointed remarks delivered for the most part by prospective customers waiting on street corners for a bus, a streetcar, or anything that could get them where they were going.

A seaman at Madison Ave. and Mulberry St. was also critical of the BTC service as well as the unhospitable weather. The reason for this was quite apparent.

He didn't have a coat, hat or gloves — in fact he didn't have much of anything. He was on his way to the union hall to see if he couldn't hail a ship to California, where they never have snow, or at least that's what the man said.

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HENRY BARNES, director of transit and traffic, also had a few things to say about the transit system during the storm. The gist of his remarks was that the BTC had, to coin a word, "goofed."

His principal complaint was that the buses had no snow tires and were tying up traffic.

"Who do they (the BTC) think they are?" he wanted to know.

The president of the BTC, however, laid the blame on private cars. Be that as it may, there was no doubt that traffic was a mess. One driver took 45 minutes to get from Eutaw and Druid Hill to Biddle and McCulloh Sts.

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AMONG THE few lucky drivers was AFRO art director Frank Phillips who recently traded his car for a jeep. He was able to make good time on snarled streets and was frequently called on to help pull or push stranded co-workers.

Answering the emergency, school officials dismissed **school as late as 5 p.m. The classes early.**

Eastern High School pupils, 150 of them, according to an AFRO newspaper reporter still in reason was simple. They couldn't get home.

One stranded school pupil who fared well is Lawrence Walker, 1126 N. Fulton Ave., a pupil at Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130.

The Rev. and Mrs. Marion C. Bascom, who live opposite the school, saw her standing outside as late as 5 p.m. and took her in their home where she spent the night.

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ALSO A victim of the storm was the telephone company, which received an unprecedented amount of calls which delayed service so that dial tones came minutes after the receivers were lifted.

It took some of Baltimore's residents several hours to reach their homes from the downtown area because of the slippery streets and the cars that had been abandoned.

All in all it was quite a storm and late Thursday the city was still recovering. Schools were shut down and snow plows were busy cleaning off the streets.

Even Pimlico shut down, and when horse players decided the weather is too bad to let the ponies run, brother, it's bad.

I remember the good ole winters . . .

This week's snowstorm brought back nostalgic memories to AFRO business manager, H. H. Murphy, who writes:

I remember Baltimore's good ole winters, when . . .

The street cleaning departments started cleaning the snow from the main thoroughfares as soon as the first snow appeared.

Despite the great increase in school population, you don't see many kids sleigh-riding today.

During the old snow storms, the shutters were closed to help keep out the cold.

Today, you stand in front of a picture window and observe the beautiful snow scene.

In the good ole days, we huddled around the Latrobe stoves and admired the fire through the insinglass.

fireplace which has come back

Today, we sit in front of the into vogue.

When? are the men and boys who used to come by and ring your doorbell to see if you wanted your snow cleaned from the side walk?

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WE USED to walk long distances to and from school and thought nothing of it. Today, the kids complain if they have to walk a distance in the snow.

Incidentally, we stayed out and played in the snow before we got home.

Today, the kids complain because they miss their favorite television show.

The long black-ribbed stockings are coming back into style as well as knitted stocking caps and mittens.

And how about the homemade plum pudding and cookies, especially the thick ginger cookies.

Even the visit to "Grandmother's House" is waning. (Or are there anymore "Grandmothers?)

Editor's Note: What do you remember about the good ole days? Write your thoughts to J. I remember City Desk, AFRO, Baltimore 1, Md.)

Snow trips sarge

Sgt. Emil Kozlowski, of the Northwestern Police District, suffered a sprained ankle while walking in the snow in the 500 block of Dolphin St. Wednesday.

Capt. Julian I. Forrest said he did not know when the sergeant would be able to return to duty.

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