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

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## The Baltimore AFRO's Platform

1. *Fair employment practice (FEP) laws with 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.*

## Miles Washington Connor

Death came in his sleep Sunday night to Miles Washington Connor, educator, scholar, Christian gentleman.

Dr. Connor had his heart in the church and the school. And he served both wisely and well.

For 30 years—from 1926 until his retirement last year—he headed Coppin State Teachers' College, where his erudition, his integrity and his intense devotion to the basic principles of learning, left a definite imprint on hundreds of Baltimore teachers who were fitted for their life's work under his administration.

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**THE ARRIVAL** of Dr. Connor, an experienced and trained educator, marked the beginning of a new era for Coppin.

Never before had this institution, so important to the development of the Baltimore school system, been headed by an experienced educator with earned degrees.

Under his wise direction, not only did the school go forward academically from a two-year normal school to a full-fledged teachers' college, but it was moved to a spacious new location where for the first time it took on the physical appearance of a college.

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**HIS CAPACITY** for leadership was demonstrated in many areas outside the classroom.

He had served with distinction as president of the Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress, as vice president of the Council of Churches of Maryland and Delaware, and for years as superintendent of the Sharon Baptist Sunday School.

In addition to these he found time to lend his counsel and enthusiastic support to the Boy Scouts, the Urban League, the NAACP, the YMCA, the Frontiers, the American Teachers Association, the Alumni chapters of Virginia Union and Howard universities and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

The void created in the community by his untimely death will not be easily filled.

## Good riddance

Thanks to several Baltimore City senators, led by the Fourth District's Harry A. Cole, a promosal to create a municipal court was killed by the State Senate Monday.

The city's representatives in the House of Delegates applied the coup de grace on Wednesday by approving an unfavorable report on the bill.

To all intents and purposes the municipal court bill is now a dead issue in this session of the General Assembly.

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**UNDER THE** proposed bill, all courts in Baltimore would have judges elected on a city-wide basis, with the exception of People's Court, where judges run only against their records in office.

As desirable as it might have been to take steps to take the lower courts out of politics, this bill would have put the courts further in politics.

Reason: The judges to be elected on a city-wide basis would be only those men approved by the Bar Association of Baltimore City, which on its face is discriminatory. The association bars from membership colored persons and women.

The 15 to 5 Senate vote on the Municipal Court bill, and the action of the city delegation in the House, so far as we're concerned, spells good riddance to the measure.

## Note to Com. Hepbron

Police Commissioner Hepbron has said that the police department needs more manpower.

He has asked community organizations to assist him in getting qualified men to apply for jobs on the force.

Last week, he told the AFRO:

"Every unit in the Police Department is open to every qualified applicant. I have passed the word down that we want quality and I don't care where that quality comes from."

We think the police department can encourage qualified men by Demonstrating that there is opportunity for advancement on the force.

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**RIGHT NOW,** not a single colored policeman is assigned to a radio car.

Not a single one is working with the motorcycle unit or the traffic detail.

The Commissioner says that there is no racial reason for this.

This statement does not coincide with the facts.

So far as is known, the only qualification a policeman has to have to be assigned to a patrol car is a white skin and the blessings of his District captain.

As presently constituted, the Baltimore police department alternates its foot patrolmen from street duty to squad cars.

No colored patrolmen are ever alternated to auto duty.

What incentive then, is there for able colored men to join the Baltimore police department

They cannot ride in police cars, except as prisoners, they cannot work with the motorcycle unit, they are not assigned to regular traffic detail.

We'd suggest to Commissioner Hepbron that one way to get more and better policemen, is to open up ALL jobs in the department to all men.

He should insist that his captains and inspectors pass these assignments around to all of their patrolmen regardless of their race or color.

## New resolution needed

Councilman Walter T. Dixon has a resolution in his hip pocket calling on the management of city hotels to open their doors to all travelers.

This resolution, once introduced, was withdrawn when a test showed it would not have sufficient votes.

At that time the hotel resolution appeared to have seven out of 21 Council votes.

That is a substantial strength to be reckoned with if this Council blos wishes to throw its weight around.

The measure represents what is right and lawful and decent.

It should be city policy.

And eventually it will be.

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**WE WOULD LIKE** to suggest, however, to our friendly councilmen that a new resolution be drawn to state that the members of this Council believe, that the city's hotels should open their doors to all travelers.

Such a resolution simply states the opinion and beliefs of the members of the Council.

It calls upon no member of the Baltimore Hotel Association to do anything.

If the Council members so believe, there is no reason why they should refuse to put themselves on record.

## 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

## Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

There is no wrath, regardless of what anyone will tell you, quite like the wrath of a neighborhood group, that feels its neighborhood is not being treated quite right.

**The case in point is the New Ashburton Improvement Association where the top officers are disturbed by what they consider the too emphatic emphasis on the sale of liquor by some merchants in the area.**

What upsets the group is the plastering of big signs over the fronts of stores advertising everything from unknown "specials" to made in Kentucky bourbon.

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**AS EARL KOGER,** president, expresses the group's attitude: "Anybody who wants something to drink doesn't need a big sign to tell him where to find it. Things like this do not help a neighborhood and it makes a bad impression on children."

**Subscribing to this view is Benjamin Goldberg, a merchant in the area and a member of the Ashburton executive committee. He has moved his beer stock to the rear of his grocery store and taken down the outdoor signs.**

Now Mr. Goldberg reports that the sales have increased and best of all the beer is out of the way of the children who patronize his store.

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**WHILE ON** the subject of alcohol, how about the alcoholic in New York who wants no parts of a $40,000 movie contract that was offered to him.

**All the character wants to do is to just keep on guzzling and a movie contract might slow up his elbow bending. That's what you call real determination. It might not be the best kind of determination, but by cracky it's determination.**

Some wag has dubbed certain sections of the new area as "Mortgage Hill." Seems like most of the homeowners are afflicted with those monthly blues that comes when it's time to meet the notes.

But then again if you don't try, you never get anyplace. As my old gray haired teacher used to say: "A turtle never gets anyplace until he sticks out his neck."

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**FROM THE WAY,** the buildings are being torn down in the Redevelopment Area 12, that section of the city surrounding the Fifth Regiment Armory, there soon won't be anything left standing.

**But just to show that hope never dies some of the buildings scheduled to be demolished still have "apartment for rent" signs.**

Wish somebody would invent a long distance rifle so I can shoot the guy that called me up at 3:30 a.m. Sunday and asked for somebody whose name was obviously "Joe mmm."

After spending some five minutes telling my somewhat irate caller that he had the wrong number, he wanted to know why in the so and so I had answered the phone in the first place.

That's almost as bad as the young lady, obviously unused to life in the big city, who boldly demanded of a poor telephone operator that she return her dime as the party she wanted was not at home. You live and you learn.

### Thanks AFRO

Dear AFRO:

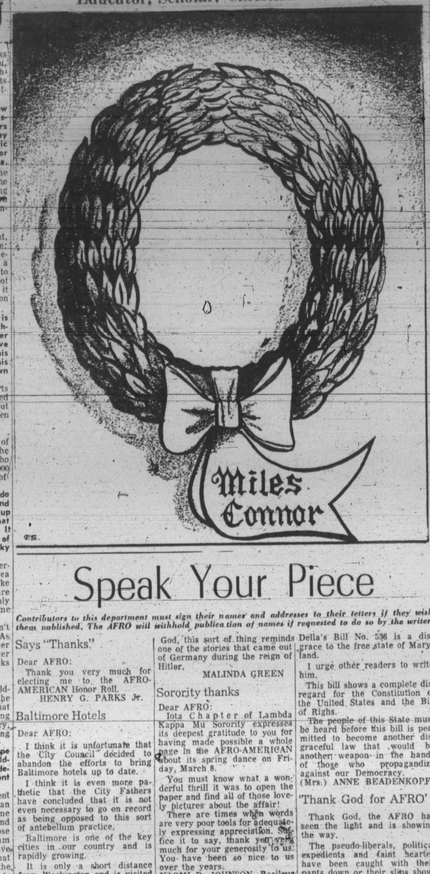
Many thanks for the very fine write-up that was given me in the edition of your paper dated, March 8.

I received a deluge of congratulatory calls, and I can well appreciate what was said, not only as a tribute to me, but to my church as well.

Your words of encouragement will only inspire me to go forward in the spirit of humility, with the determination to do a bigger and better job for God.

ERA SHIRLEY FERRELL
Minister of Music Pro Tem
Emmanuel C.C. Church

## Educator, Scholar, Christian Gentleman




## 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.*

### Says "Thanks"

Dear AFRO:

Thank you very much for electing me to the AFRO-AMERICAN Honor Roll.

HENRY G. PARKS Jr.

### Baltimore Hotels

Dear AFRO:

I think it is unfortunate that the City Council decided to abandon the efforts to bring Baltimore hotels up to date.

I think it is even more pathetic that the City Fathers have concluded that it is not even necessary to go on record as being opposed to this sort of antebellum practice.

Baltimore is one of the key cities in our country and is rapidly growing.

It is only a short distance from Washington and is visited by foreign dignitaries from all over the world.

To say that a man cannot buy shelter because he isn't white in a big city like Baltimore is too sad to be funny.

And the City Council should not be satisfied until this problem is solved.

(Miss) DORETHA HAWKINS

### Quick results

Dear AFRO:

I was glad to see such quick results in the jail jim crow matter. It was a real public service and visitors to prisoners, attorneys, and all of our citizens who have had the occasion to be shamed by that unnecessary sign should applaud the results.

PHIL JACOBS

### Police brutality

Dear AFRO:

I do not think that the police officers have the right to beat up any citizen simply because he wants to read a traffic ticket before signing the same. My God, this sort of thing reminds one of the stories that came out of Germany during the reign of Hitler.

MALINDA GREEN

### Sorority thanks

Dear AFRO:

Iota Chapter of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority expresses its deepest gratitude to you for having made possible a whole page in the AFRO-AMERICAN about its spring dance on Friday, March 8.

You must know what a wonderful thrill it was to open the paper and find all of those lovely pictures about the affair!

There are times when words are very poor tools for adequately expressing appreciation. Suffice it to say, thank you very much for your generosity to us. You have been so nice to us over the years.

NAOMI D. JOHNSON, Basileus

### T.B. Poem

Dear AFRO:

I am 18 years of age and a patient at Baltimore City Tuberculosis Hospital. I have written a poem about the disease because so many people get the wrong impression about it.

ADDIE JACKSON

**People and T.B.**
**You may think you are healthy**
**And look strong too, you see,**
**But there is always the chance**
**That you can have T.B.**

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**So let's do something**
**That is really smart—**
**Let's attack it and check it**
**Before T.B. gets a start.**

### A disgrace

Dear AFRO:

I have written to Senator Malkus, chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceeding Committee, State Capitol, Annapolis, Md., and advised him that I feel Senator Della's Bill No. 536 is a disgrace to the free state of Maryland.

I urge other readers to write him.

This bill shows a complete disregard for the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

The people of this State must be heard before this bill is permitted to become another disgraceful law that would be another weapon in the hands of those who propagandize against our Democracy.

(Mrs.) ANNE BEADENKOPF

### 'Thank God for AFRO'

Thank God, the AFRO has seen the light and is showing the way.

The pseudo-liberals, political expedients and faint hearted have been caught with their pants down or their slips showing according to the AFRO editorial in your last issue.

They are now beginning to urge "go slow, take it easy, don't shove there's still plenty of time for you to get your rights. We have come this far with you, but don't try to push us the remainder of the way."

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**THESE ARE** the folks who would take over our fight for first-class citizenship and tell us how far we should go. They are not in the same class with the segregationists (or the Communists and the Facists) but just about three steps ahead of them.

They are the folks who are "on our side and know how we feel," although "they have never been in our shoes." They advise us to compromise now with the forces of evil before we lose all.

Don't tile McKeldins and the Dabneys and the Carters and the Ethridges and the Faulkners know we have already lost the battle when we cease to fight?

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**THERE CAN** be no more compromise with second-class citizenship as an individual than there was with second class status as a nation in the five years from 1776 to the present.

We are not seeking, asking, demanding any more than any other persons born in this country. Only we want it now. We don't see any good reason to wait.

IMPATIENT

### 'Refugee' from South

I am happy to see that some publications are giving as much attention to the "Refugees from Dixie" as the majority of the press and radio has been devoting to the "Freedom Fighters from Hungary."

What greater fighters for freedom will you find than the Martin Luther Kings, Oscar Courts, Rosa Parks and Bernice Youngs?

The stories of these modern people should inspire everyone and let the world know that in order to achieve complete freedom one must fight, struggle and pray even in the United States.

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By reputation, the colored man in the North has been the belligerent leader of his people who will not accept inequalities lying down, and the southern colored man has traditionally followed the "Uncle Tom" patter of subservience.

But what have we here in the "New Negro?"

By Jove, methinks I see Uncle Tom coming from the shadows of the river. Richard Dixon of Buffalo, who came to Washington last week to stop march of southern leaders.

It seems now that in the newness of things, we will have to get new compasses, change the position of the North Star and otherwise rearrange the solar system in order to find out from which direction comes the ill-wind. For as matters stand now, South has become north and North is south.

HORACE WASHINGTON

## The Reporters Report To The People

### Yes it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON

March 17 is known as a great day for the Irish. They don their green and the high spirits parade in honor of St. Patrick, the fifth century saint, who, according to legend, drove the snakes from Ireland.

This is also the day in which the press, which specializes in serving America's 17 million colored citizens is honored. March 17, quietly ushers in the week set aside in recognition of this press.

**It was March 17, 1827, exactly 130 years ago that John B. Russwurm and Samuel Cornish, in New York City, launched "Freedom's Journal," the first newspaper in America published by colored people. The bold little newspaper immediately became a part of the anti-slavery crusade.**

Frederick Douglass' influential "North Star," was published 20 years later. These and many other small weeklies fought unceasingly for the abolition of human slavery.

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**THIS MINORITY** press has been dubbed a "protest press" because since its beginning, it has loudly or quietly protested the sore of segregation and discrimination that has as its basis, the simple incident, of the color of a man's skin.

Today, there are approximately 180 weeklies serving the colored population. This includes a couple of dailies and several newspapers published in a variety of editions.

**These newspapers, the big ones and the little ones, together have a circulation of nearly two million each week, and a considerably higher readership, since most newspapers entering a home are read by several members of that family.**

Freedom of the press is one of the rights guaranteed all citizens by the Constitution of the United States.

### Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Things have reached a sad state of affairs when a dog is no longer man's best friend.

**I'm talking about the showing that's being made by members of the police department's new canine corps.**

For the first time, this week one pup trotted into Criminal Court to help put the finger, or rather paw, on a couple of tough guys.

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**ON THE** eastside last week, another canine cop brought about the arrest of a couple of heavy drinkers who were dead set against accompanying an officer to the police call box.

**The huge animal bared his fangs only slightly and those brothers were only too happy to go along.**

Chimps painting, dogs talking, horses writing and pups playing cops and robbers. It's unbelievable.

**IF SOMEONE** in the 600 block of S. Greene St. will change this sign, I'll buy the paint to do the job.

**It reads: "Taylering and alternation of all kind while you wait."**

Ever run into a type of guy who habitually starts a dispute between two people then pulls the cover to the sideline to gleefully watch the action when the going gets rough?

**He likeable fellow out in Catonsville did just that not long ago.**

While visiting a married couple he asked on purpose, "who's the boss of the house"?

One thing led to another and the once happily married couple have not spoken to each other since.

Without a free press, the many gains the colored American has achieved in his ever upward struggle for human dignity and first-class citizenship are almost inconceivable.

**The pen, in deed, is mightier than the sword.**

### Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

John Kasper, whose name has become synonymous with recent racial upheavels in Clinton, Tenn., and other points south of the M D (maturity in democracy) Line, had cause not long ago to rue the day that he didn't take his dancing lessons from Arthur Murray.

**Ole Kasper was appearing at a Florida hearing into the activities of the NAACP and the Ku Klux Klan when his ballroom antics caused him to squirm.**

Had he or hadn't he, an inquirer wanted to know, danced with a colored girl during his Greenwich Village days in New York City?

**TO A TRUE** blue, simon pure, rabble rousing segregationist the answer would have been an unequivocal "no" with a derciptive four-letter word in front.

But there was ole Kasper, hemming and hawing and hedging in his hot seat.

**After evading the question and having to be reminded that he was under oath to tell the truth if it hurts, John came forth with a weak and qualifying "yes."**

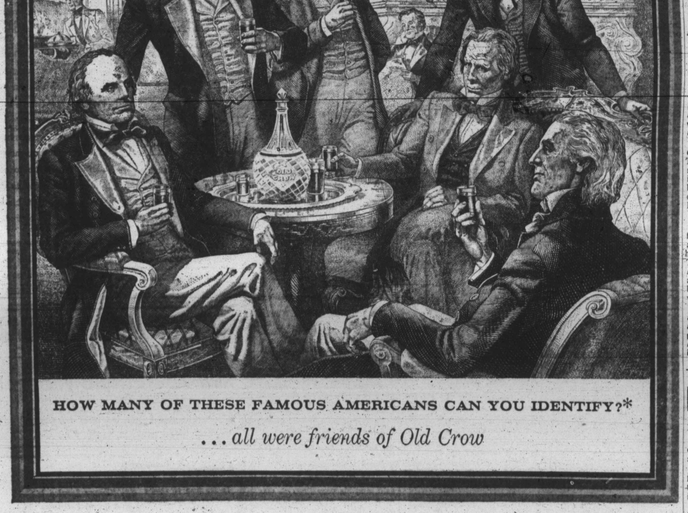
Imagine the stock in the Seaboard White Citizens Council took a nosedive on the wings of that confession.

**One remorseful southerner was quoted as saying Brother Kasper should fold his tent and silently steal away from Florida.**

I understand that's the Southerner's position. It's like putting honey on the nose of a horse who in a crucial race turns out to be the previous property of a milkman.

Don't get me wrong. This is not a condemnation of the terpsichorean art.

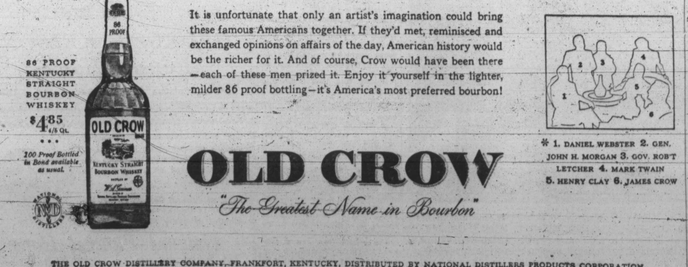
HOW MANY OF THESE FAMOUS AMERICANS CAN YOU IDENTIFY?*



*... all were friends of Old Crow*

Enjoy the famous whiskey of famous men

It is unfortunate that only an artist's imagination could bring these famous Americans together. If they'd met, reminisced and exchanged opinions on affairs of the day, American history would be the richer for it. And of course, Crow would have been there—each of these men prized it. Enjoy it yourself in the lighter, milder 86 proof bottling—it's America's most preferred bourbon!



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## If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

### People, places and things...

Yes, the world is getting smaller every day. Breakfast in Seattle, Washington, and lunch in Baltimore.

Coast to coast in just 3 hours and 48 minutes later!

**That's the record the Boeing 707 Jet set March 11.**

The thought of flying 613 miles per hour may cause some ground lovers to shudder, but look what a waste of time the airplane saves!

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**The recent death** of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, USN retired, recalls a letter (Sept. 5, 1956), received by Herbert M. Frisby.

Mr. Frisby is the Douglass High science teacher, and a member of the Afro-American Afro-American correspondent for the AFRO who realized a lifelong ambition to visit the North Pole last year.

**Rear Admiral Byrd, who was the first man to fly over the North and South Poles, died on March 11 at the age of 67.**

He wrote Mr. Frisby: "I consider it an honor that you have addressed souvenir cards to me and also placed one of them in the box which you deposited at the North Pole on your Sunday, August 12, 1956, in order to perpetuate Mr. Henson's association with the Arctic.

"Since Admiral Peary and his companion were the first to reach the North Pole, there is no doubt that the name of Matthew Henson will go down in history as a great explorer and a member of Peary's expedition."

Matthew Henson, who died in 1954, was a native of Maryland, and accompanied Admiral Peary on his history-making trip April 6, 1909.

**Mrs. Anne Beadenkopf,** the artist, who conducts her own private NAACP campaign day in and day out, has given dozens of youngsters their first NAACP membership card.

She created the NAACP from the cradle to the grave slogan.

**Latest members enrolled by her in the Baltimore branch: Thurgood Marshall Jr., six month-old infant son of the association's chief counsel;**

Also, Anita Rose Stewart, three-week-old daughter of Helen and Hallie Stewart of 810 Chauncey Ave.

Dr. and Mrs. Emerson Walden are h-a-p-p-y! Their third baby arrived Saturday at 7:32 a.m., and it's a girl!

**They have named her Celonia (for Mrs. Walden) Arguette.**

She weighed in at six pounds, 13¼ ounces. The two Walden boys are happy too.

Oh, happy day. Newspaper city desks rarely get a call soon after the paper is off the press in which the caller says thanks.

**But last Friday, soon after the AFRO was out, Mrs. Theresa Hill, called to say thanks.**

She says she didn't know until the AFRO reached her that her nine-year-old daughter, Patricia, had been hit by a car on Monday. The photo appeared on page 32.

Patricia lives at St. Elizabeth's Home. She's recovered now, and doing fine.

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**Provident Hospital** has a new pathologist joining its staff soon.

He is Dr. Hsiang Lee Tseng, a native of China, now residing in Washington.

**And Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., is the new president of the Provident staff. He succeeds the late Dr. Berkley Butler.**

Dr. N. Louise Young is acting physician in charge of obstetrics, filling the vacancy caused by Dr. Butler's untimely death.

She will serve until a full-time obstetrician can be found to fill the spot.

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**And,** more Provident news: Beginning in July, the hospital will have three American-born interns, marking the first time it has been able to attract local lads for some five or six years.

Most of the present interns are foreign born youths who will receive their honorariums when they finish their training.

**At the funeral** for Dr. Cleveland J. Franks this week, I was struck by how much Dr. Howard Cornish looked like a famous Dr. Howard Thurman.

**Invited on the lectern, and recited moving lines from the Bible and poets, in the smooth manner Dr. Thurman does.**

He paused in the right places and used his hands much in the same manner as Dr. Thurman.

In Dr. Cornish, Morgan has a real "Thurman."

The Morgan octette's beautiful rendition of "Here Is A Man Who Dared" took me back to the days when the Howard University choir sang it under the direction of Miss Childress.

**More beautiful** singing heard this week: Miss Barbara Dungee's recording of "Somewhere" at the Thursday funeral for Dr. Miles Connor.

Sharon Baptist Church, where the funeral was held, was half-filled at 12 noon on Thursday, an hour before the rites were scheduled to begin.

**The body was rolled into the church for public review at about 10 a.m., and from that time until the funeral there was a stream of mourners who came to pay respects.**

At 12:10, members of the Coppin faculty were seated at the left front. About 12:15, the Coppin singers arrived.

During all this time, members of the Frontiers Club alternated as honor guards.

Surrounding the steel grey casket were three dozen beautiful floral pieces.

At the head of the casket was a large bleeding heart made of red and white carnations from the widow.

At the foot of the casket was a large red and white crescent, also of carnations, from the Sharon Church Sunday School where Dr. Connor served as superintendent and advisor for so many years.

### More people and things...

**Prettiest speaking** voice this reporter has heard in years: That of 20-year-old Veronica Tyler.

**She is the talented Peabody Conservatory voice student, who was recently awarded an AFRO scholarship.**

She hopes some day to become a concert or opera star.

Musical talent runs in the family since her aunt, Theresa Green, the concert star, and Dorothy Green Clair, the organist and singer, are well known in their fields.

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**Qu-Ettes,** the women's auxiliary to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, staged a baby contest last Saturday at Grace Presbyterian to raise [illegible].

They will use proceeds to buy an NAACP life membership among other charities.

**Jackie Hawkins, who top $10 prize; $5 second award went to Jocelyn Head, and Charlene and Charlene Davis, twins, won the third prize—$2.50.**

Each of the babies in the contest was given a silver dollar.

Cordelia Johnson and Vernice Wynn were chairmen of the contest.

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**Mrs. Bessie W. Cassidy** hosted members and friends of the Junius Gray Council of the Order of St. Luke at her Lansdale St. home a Saturday ago.

**The occasion was their annual everybody's birthday party.**

Gifts for the best performances went to Mrs. Aileen Sydnor, Corethea Miller and Early Young.

Guests included: Mrs. Helen Anderson, NYC; Mrs. Erma Waynes, Washington.

Mrs. Alverta Henson is worthy chief and Mrs. Fannie P. Rollins is secretary of the Council.

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**Maryland's senators** (Butler and Beall) and Congressmen (Devereux and Hyde) have introduced legislation in Congress which will permit the American flag to fly 24 hours a day at "Terra Rubra."

This is the Carroll County estate on which Francis Scott Key, author of the Star-Spangled Banner, was born.

**Coming and going: Mr. and Mrs. Noah Poole of 2311 Harlem Ave. are visiting relatives in his brother, Henry Pools in Cape Charles, Va., last week.**

And Mrs. Cornelia G. Poole and her daughter, Ardelia E. Galmore, were in Pittsburgh last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Poole's brother, Garrett Anderson.

Mrs. Gladys Carroll of 3106 Clifton Ave., was in with a cold last week.

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**And,** the Rev. Robert T. Newbold, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, is out after a brief illness.

**Belated birthday greetings: March 19 to Edward L. Gordon, 1612 N. Pulaski St., and March 22 to Frisby Lindsey, 2001 Bryant Ave.**

Miss Gwendolyn Biddie, the popular dance teacher, is home from Provident where she underwent an operation.

She reminds me that a whole year has passed since her devoted mother died.

**Dr. Clifton Perkins, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, is recovering from a cancer operation, is expected back at his post soon.**

One of the first job facing him upon his return will be to help find a replacement for Dr. Ralph Ming, superintendent of Crownsville State Hospital, who has asked to be relieved of his duties.

Seems it was only yesterday when Dr. Ming succeeded Dr. Arnold Eichert — in fact it was just about a year ago.

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**We hear** so much these days about artists who refuse to give their services to worthy organizations, it is refreshing to note the lovely gesture Mahalia Jackson pulled last week.

She was in Annapolis to sing at Bates High School.

**Some Crownsville staff members heard she was in the area and prevailed upon her to stop at the mental institution and entertain the patients.**

The patients were more than grateful. They crowded the auditorium and widely applauded on every song, especially those gospel numbers for which she is famed.

Orchids and more orchids to Mahalia!

Methodist ministers are in retreat at Morgan Christian Center on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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**Impressive:** This poem Mrs. Arizona C. Stemons gave at the end of her talk at the Morgan Women's dinner on Saturday:

**She said she recommended it for women and men too who live in this atomic and jet-propelled age when everything is being done in a hurry:**

Take time to work, it is the price of success.
Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.
Take time to dream, it is hitching your wagon to a star
Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to love and be loved, it is a God-given privilege.

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## P.O. worker will not be suspended

Contary to reports, William Fax, the 25-year-old postal employee, of 2'10 North Ave., arrested following an alleged minor traffic violation in Northeast Baltimore and charged with assault and kicking two patrolmen and disorderly conduct, will not be suspended from his job, pending the outcome of the trial, Acting Postmaster William F. Laukaitis has said.

**Mr. Fax said that he had been beaten by a policeman when he refused to sign his name to a traffic ticket without first reading it, on March 10.**

Released under $2,100 bail March 11, at Northeastern Police Station on the assault and kicking an officer and disorderly conduct charge, he was rearrested by Officers Bernard Thanner and Charles Marr.

Taken to Central Police Station, Mr. Fax was released on the charge of refusing to sign a traffic ticket, after posting $100 additional.

A Traffic Court hearing is set for April 4.

**$50 A WEEK for news tips and photos. Be on the alert. Call in your tips to the AFRO City Desk; Phones: MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 or, 1813. Say "I've got a Newstip." If no answer call LA. 3-2811.**

## What you should know about traffic tickets

Does a citizen involved in a traffic violation have to sign the ticket given him by the traffic

"No," says Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron. However, the Commissioner pointed out that if a citizen refuses to sign the ticket, the law requires him to appear in court to answer the summons.

Actually, the so-called "ticket" is a summons to traffic court for some violation which is specified thereon by the officer.

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**CAN THE** citizen lawfully ask to read the traffic ticket before he signs it?

**"Of course he can, and he has a right to do so," Commissioner Hepbron said.**

"But it should be made clear that signing a traffic summons does not decide the case in question. The citizen is not implying that the violations are correct.

Bear at a designated place so that the charges can be presented before competent authorities."

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**AS A GENERAL** rule, citizens who are involved in an accident must stand trial, but there are some violations for which fines are payable without the appearance in traffic court.

**Prohibited parking in certain downtown areas is a good example.**

But back to the "ticket" — it is a traffic court summons and nothing more than that!

These questions were put to the police commissioner because of the recent arrest of a postal clerk, William Fax, who said he was arrested when he refused to sign a traffic ticket.

An AFRO reader, who was disturbed by the story asked that the AFRO determine from Hepbron what a lawful citizen is expected to do.

## Senate kills Cole's race track bill

ANNAPOLIS—A bill by Baltimore's State Sen. Harry A. Cole (Rep.-4th Dist.) that would have prohibited discrimination in any public facility on any race track in the state was axed here Wednesday.

**The action came in the Senate when the legislators voted to adopt an unfavorable report from the Judicial Proceedings Committee.**

This unit had approved the unfavorable report by 6-4 vote and despite Senator Cole's efforts to turn the tide, the Senate went along with the Committee. And the bill died without actually ever coming to a vote.

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**DESPITE THE** setback, however, Senator Cole did see one of his measures pass through the Senate this week and that was the bill that would raise the salary of the Baltimore police commissioner from $12,500

**NEW PATROLMEN** — 49 probationary patrolmen were sworn into the Police Department yesterday (Thursday). The group will be sent to the Police Academy for three months of training before being assigned to districts in Baltimore. (AFRO Photo by Otha Mackey)

## 49 new patrolmen sworn in yesterday

Seven probationary patrolmen were among the 49 new patrolmen sworn into the Police Department at 10 a.m. yesterday (Thursday) morning.

**The group will fill existing vacancies caused by retirements and resignations and bring the department's total strength up to 2,149 men.**

Fifty-two new men had been certified to be sworn in but three men decided not to enter the department after passing all of the formal requirements.

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**POLICE** Commissioner James M. Hepbron has been given authority to add 150 men to the force this year.

Recruits sworn in this week will be sent to the Police Academy for three months of schooling before being assigned to districts, according to Thomas L. Miller, department personnel director.

A patrolman earns $4,000 the first year, $4,200 the second year, and $4,500 thereafter until promoted.

**Another examination for patrolmen will be held March 30 at the Maryland Institute Buildings at Market Place and Baltimore St. Men and women 21 to 35-years old are eligible.**

The seven new probationary patrolmen are: Earl Joseph Brown, 4210 Clifton Ave.; William Edward Butler, 4210 Clifton Ave.; Gilbert Sylvester Cole, 612 Poplar Grove St., and Lee Roy Oliver, 611 Rosedale St.

Also, William E. Stanley, 463 Cummings Court; Jerome Edward Tilghman, 851 N. Bentalou St., and Melvin Eugene Whalen, 3106 Gwynns Falls Parkway.

"He is simply agreeing to ap-

## Pedestrians find going rough on city streets

Traffic accidents sent three pedestrians to hospitals for treatment of their injuries recently.

**On Saturday, Roland Baker, 5, of 2802 Brighton st. sustained bruises on the forehead when struck by a car at Poplar Grove and Brighton Sts.**

The boy was treated at Lutheran Hospital and released.

The driver, William Lloyd Johnson, 32, of 2938 W. Mosher St., was charged with reckless driving.

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**ON TUESDAY** morning, Lawrence Thomas Jr., 7, of 1002 Warner St., was admitted to South Baltimore General Hospital with a scalp injury after he was struck by an automobile at Hamburg and Hanover Sts.

In connection with that accident, Mrs. Helen L. Stack, 20, of Gambrills, Md., was charged with reckless driving.

**MRS. MARTHA SHELTON,** 66, of 1622 Madison Ave., sustained a thigh injury Monday while crossing at Druid Hill Ave., and Robert St.

**Mrs. Shelton was treated at Provident Hospital and released.**

Ernest Lee Knight, 19, of 810 McMechen St., was charged with reckless driving in connection with the accident.

## Teenagers held for robbery of newsboys, others, $14,000 bail

"In talking to these boys, they have all been rather truthful. Joseph Held and William Randolph said they have been responsible for robbing at least 40 newsboys and several drunks."

**Sgt. Robert Cohen was testifying Monday in Northwestern Police Court before Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., about four teen-age youths, charged with a series of petty robberies. A fifth youth, a juvenile, was turned over to juvenile authorities.**

The boys: Joseph Holt, 17, 1400 block Myrtle Ave., William Randolph, 17, 600 block N. Lanvale St., Clarence Wilson, 17, 1600 block Riggs Ave., and Alexander P. Robinson, 18, 1600 block Riggs Ave. were held for grand jury action in a total of $14,000 bail.

## Free vaccine available

The number of polio vaccine inoculations reported last week was 18,654, which made a total of 32,439 doses given in Baltimore since the first of the year.

Free vaccine is available for persons three months to 20-years of age and for expectant mothers at the following clinics:

914 W. 36th St., Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

620 N. Caroline St., Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.

2812 Oakley Ave., Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

3411 Bank St., Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

1211 Wall St., Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

University Hospital (Lombard and Greene St.) Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

1313 Druid Hill Ave., Druid Health Center, Tuesdays at 19 noon.

## Suicide in bathtub tip wins top award

A NEWSTIP this week resulted in a front page streamer story which dealt with an unusual case of suicide in the community.

**The reporter who called in this information received the top award of $5. Other Newstips which paid off and their amounts are:**

The $2,000 claim against the estate of Dr. Marion Wilson Sr. The funeral directors who stayed in a Baltimore hotel during the recent meeting held here last week—$2; and The death of an inmate at Maryland Penitentiary $2.

**TIPS WHICH** receive checks for $1 apiece are: Child hit by st Hamburgh St. Elderly lady hit by car on Madison Ave.; Transit driver involved in crash; A boy hit by a car at Brighton and Poplar Grove Sts.; and the body of the baby found at Calvert and Lowe Sts.

**This week and every week, a total of $25 is set aside for alert Newspipers who telephone their news in to the AFRO City Desk. Another $25 is set aside for News Photos.**

Newstips (numbers) to call are: MU. 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-2811.

## DEAR HARRIET HICKS

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

"I am 17, and am attending evening school to complete my senior year in high school.

"I have very few friends in this city. I have tried very hard to make friends, but it seems impossible.

**"I have made some friends in evening school, but the majority of them are married.**

"I would like to know how to go about making friends.

I would also like to have some young women and young men of my age write me, because I am very lonely.

MISS LONESOME

Dear Miss Lonesome:

Perhaps you are being too shy about exhibiting your willingness to make friendships. Remember you must be a friend to win a friend.

Now as to how to go about creating friendships.

**At evening school be sure to participate in the extra activities. That is, if a program is being planned or a project arranged, ask your instructor to let you take a part.**

"You come to know persons much better in small groups than in large ones, such as a whole class.

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**JOIN THE** Young Women's Christian Association.

The YW has many clubs and classes that are for recreation as well as education.

Many of them are co-ed, too. So you will meet young men, also.

**One of the best places to meet nice young men is at your church. If you have not joined a church, do so at once.**

And when you have joined, volunteer to work with the young people's groups, or sing in the young people's choir.

I do not conduct a correspondence service through this column. But the AFRO has one such column, the Lonesome Hearts, at this same address.

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## Dr. Board to speak at Corinthian Baptist

WASHINGTON

Dr. Dakin W. Board, founder and chancellor of Northwestern College of this city will serve as the guest speaker at the Corinthian Baptist Church, 44 T St. NW, Sun., March 24, 11 a.m. The Rev. R. P. Gainey, pastor.

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