PHOTOS TAKEN at wedding of the Rev. Daniel Ridout and his bride, Miss Frances Jefferson on Saturday in the chapel of Metropolitan Methodist Church. In top photo, bridegroom adjusts the wedding ring as wedding guest looks on. Lower left, closeup of the bride who wore street-length frock of white satin and lace and waist-length tulle veil. Bridesmaids, left to right: bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Sampson, who resides at 1115 Whitelock St., where newlyweds will live; right, Mrs. Lucretia F. Jefferson, Philadelphia, mother of the bride. Center, the Rev. W. G. Brown, Berlin, Md., who married them. Lower left, the Rev. Fletcher J. Bryant, Philadelphia minister and friend of bride's family; and lower right, Mrs. Frank Williams wife of the Metropolitan pastor, who assisted.

Thinking Out Loud

By RALPH MATTHEWS

I was rather amused the other day when my native Baltimore leagues in an earlier edition built a fire of righteous indignation under the diplomatic trousers of trumpeter Louis Armstrong.

Our editorial writers are greatly incensed over the fact that Mr. Armstrong used his great talent to appear in a benefit for the Hungarian refugees in London.

On the other hand the lad seized in the anything-to-get-the-struggle of his own people, his civil rights in the South.

NOW I HOLD NO brief for Satchmo, but I would like to examine the facts. Did anybody actually have a ball, promote a benefit at which he refused to appear?

If this be true, the indictments sticks. But if the charge is simply based on the fact that he did not eventually rush into a controversy under his own steam, then he has a defense.

He was invited in London where all arrangements were made and he graciously accepted.

Now there may be some doubts about Louis's sense of race pride, but there is no doubt about his common sense.

During the last few years he has been flying back and forth across the ocean like a carrier pigeon, going to any country he likes with the blessings of the State Department.

Paul Robeson and Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, who have devoted their lives to the racial struggle, have not been allowed out of their own back yards.

BUT I HAVE seen no great upsurge of the people demanding justice for these fallen champions. Satchmo knows that when you are a big shot the race claims you as its own. But when the whole folks give you the old heave-ho you are left swinging on the limb.

By doing a benefit for the Hungarians, I think Louis proved two things. First he showed that there are members of our group who are both willing and able to help others when they are in trouble, and we are not always on the receiving end.

Second, it is reasonable to expect that a large number of those refugees will wind up in America.

It is a good thing for race relations for them to bring with them the memory that a member of an American minority helped them over the hump.

They will bring with them both loyalty and a deep sense of respect which American prejudices will be unable to erase.

IN NO field of endeavor is the mortality rate quite as high as in the entertainment world.

Because this line of endeavor, by its very nature, transcends racial lines, the burden placed upon the artist in the beginning that any one is called upon to bear. Add to add to the records it becomes a

money versus value throughout the country. If the box office click at the box office, or his popularity begins to wane.

To these people, the blackbird is not a unit of equality between the races, a land of Ex Elucidation, sermonism and oppression.

To them the South is a vast pocketbook to be exploited, which they take into account in their financial calculations.

ANY PERFORMER who because of racial or any other objection, excludes this area from his itinerary becomes a liability to his sponsors.

They quickly devote their energies to building a personality with more flexibility.

That's why white performers can grow big quicker and stay big longer even when they are doing poor imitations of racial art.

Elvis Presley who came up like a hot-house plant while great colored artists cannot get off the ground.

AND JUST why doesn't the colored artist stick his neck out? Simply because, unlike our other professionals, he has no place to go.

The militant preacher can wage his racial battle and continue to preach because the chances of his ever being called to a white church are one in a thousand.

The same applies to the lawyer, the doctor, the candlestick maker.

But the colored performer is twice damned. Until he crashes through and is accepted by the white world, his own people look upon him as so much scum.

He can sing, dance or blow his eyeballs out in his own theatres and clubs and he is just small fry.

But let him make one hit record, appear in the movies, on television and the same people who starved him out clamor for him to throw everything away "for the cause of the race."

But the minute the white world drops him what happens—back to peanuts—only this time he gets only the shells.

WHAT HAPPENED to Robeson, one of the greatest names in the American theatre and on the concert stage? He was the white man's darling so long as he sang "Old Man River."

When he started singing "Let My People Go" white America crucified him, and colored America picked the meat off his bones just to prove how loyal they were.

What happened to Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Ethel Waters and a slew of other great stars?

White America let them die and we have made no effort to bring about their resurrection.

The answer to all this, it seems to me, is first to put a higher value on our own stars because of their talent and not because we think man says they are great.

Then we must create an atmosphere in which they can afford to take a stand for justice without fearing that they are inviting self destruction.

We must be prepared to cushion their fall and help them over the hump, help on their way up and on their way down. Until we can do this, we are taking unfair advantage of the artist when we expect him to make personal sacrifices greater than the combined contribution of his beneficiaries.

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Girl Scout Week—March 10-16 group seeks adult volunteers

Girl Scout Week is March 10 to 16.

Theme of this year's celebration, which marks the 45th birthday of the organization in the United States, "Girl Scouting Is A Family Affair."

Adult members of the Baltimore Area are engaged in an all-out effort to recruit volunteers, both men and women.

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Coming Events

MARCH 8

Barn dance given by the Adult Advisory Committee of the Mt. Winans School No. 156 from 8 p.m. until midnight. At 2401 Harmon Ave. Proceeds for recreational equipment.

MARCH 9

Pre-legislative conference of Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y Clubs throughout Maryland at College Park. Preparing for Model Legislature in Annapolis.

The Quettes sponsor a Baby Contest at Grace Presbyterian Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

MARCH 10

Eva Jessye, and American Concert Ensemble, Enon Baptist Church, 5 p.m.

Blind Association of Baltimore in honor of St. Abraham's Baptist Church, 411 W. Biddle St., 8 p.m.

Club Day at the Star of Bethlehem AME Church at 3 p.m.

MARCH 12

Meeting of the board of directors of the Baltimore Area Girl Scout Council, 10:30 a.m., third floor of the YWCA Building, 128 W. Franklin St.

MARCH 15

Olympic athlete Lee Calhoun will be one of the competitors in the All Eastern Invitational Meet at the Fifth regiment Armory. Time is 8 p.m.

MARCH 17

Annual NAACP Youth Talent Show at Sharp St. memorial Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., 3 p.m.

Youth of Macedonia Baptist Church present the Carver choir in a recital at 3 p.m. Church is at Fremont and Lafayette Ave.

The Eastside Community Singers in recital at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Sts., 3:30 p.m.

Baltimore Singers and the Philharmonic choir with Gertrude Burks Wilson conducting. At the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, 5 p.m.

MARCH 28

Annual father - son banquet at the' Druid Hill Ave. YMCA, 7 p.m.

APRIL 14

"Operation Easiposnt" at the Fifth Regiment Armory. Sponsored by Frontier National Evangelism.

APRIL 28

Eastside Community Singers recital, Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. and McMecken St., 5 p.m.

AT PRESENT, there are 16,867 girls enrolled in the scouts in Baltimore and 5,329 men and women.

A series of Open Houses will be held during the week at the Girl Scout headquarters, 128 W. Franklin St.

Scout leaders and their families will be special guest between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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AMONG SPECIAL activities set by individual troops are the following:

Troop No. 104 of Providence Baptist Church will worship at Ames Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Sts. Sunday March 10 at 3 p.m.

A Juliette Low celebration, honoring the woman who introduced girl scouting to the United States, is set for Wednesday, March 13, 4 to 6 p.m.

It will be held at the Harvey Johnson Community Center on Druid Hill Ave. near Lanvale St., under the auspices of the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA.

ANOTHER SPECIAL event is the fly-up service to be held tonight (Friday) at 8 at the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, Madison Ave. near North.

Members of that church troop will be promoted during the ceremony.

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Urban League dinner meeting

Charm at the 32nd annual dinner party was typified by Mrs. Elizabeth White and Mrs. Ruth Love, left to right, in top photo, above.

In middle right circle at left above: Dr. Regina Goff, new board member; Mrs. Mary Jane Brown, interested citizen, shown at the dinner.

In lower left circle, left to right, are, Mrs. Alverta Mitchell and Mrs. Vicki Thompson.

At right, top picture, is Artist Anne Beadenkopf, who presented a painting of Dr. Templeton to the League, and Mrs. Calvin R. Ashe, chairman of the committee which arranged the dinner, held at the Famous Ballroom.

Right center circle shows Dr. Eli Ginzberg, Columbia University professor of economics, was guest speaker at the dinner.

Bottom right—Seated chiefly at this table are staff members of the League. Shown are Fred Z. Nichols Jr., Mrs. Shirley L. Chambers, H. Robert Hendrickson, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Mr. and Mrs. David C. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fisher, and Mrs. Paul Turner.

The dinner meeting was attended by 350 guests, some of whom are shown at center, top.

A citation from Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro was presented to Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the League. City Councilman Walter T. Dixon is shown making the presentation in lower photo in center.

300 guests attend Urban League dinner

More than 300 guests, sat down to beautifully decorated tables in the Famous Ballroom, Sunday evening, to enjoy the 32nd annual dinner meeting of the Baltimore Urban League.

Tall pink tapers in silver candelabras, multi-colored floral pieces and silver appointments provided the elaborate decor for the affair.

Among the guests were:

DR. AND MRS. E. Cowles Andrus, Messrs. and Mesdames Calvin Ashe, Edward Atkinson, Ernest Berry, Jr., Percy Bond, H. Warren Buckler, Abdella Campbell.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Bard, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carroll, Dr. and Mrs. Garland Chiswell, Messrs. and Mesdames B. Avon Chatman, Torbert Clark, Emory Cole.

Messrs. and Mesdames William A. Cross, Robert Cronin, Philip Darling, Nathaniel Davis, Nimrod Dodson, George Dyke, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Daniels, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Dedmond.

Messrs. and Mesdames Ralph Edwards, H. Lansing Fulford, Herbert Frisby, Drs. and Mesdames Leon Eisenberg, Nick A. Ford, Frank Furstenberg, Bentley Glass.

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Mesdames Frances T. White, Helen Woodland, Alberta Wylie, Robert J. Young, Juanita Young, Pauline Wharton;

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