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"We are Americans and, as Americans, we would 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.*

# Dred Scott: 100 years later

This week, to be specific March 6, marks the 100th anniversary of the infamous Dred Scott decision.

It's a story of an humble slave who reached national prominence by insisting on his freedom.

Dred Scott was born in Northampton, Va., in 1795. He accompanied his owner to free territory in Wisconsin and Minnesota and then back to Missouri.

Then he claimed his freedom under prevailing custom that slaves who had resided in free territory could no longer be held in bondage.

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**FIRST SCOTT** sought to buy his freedom and failed.

Then, aided by his owner who financed his law suits, Scott took his case up to the Supreme Court of the United States.

After 11 years of litigation Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney issued the Supreme Court's decision holding that:

1. Scott was a slave and no slave could file a suit in Federal court;

2. No colored person, even if he were free and fought in the Revolution, could ever become a citizen;

3. Congress did not possess the power to regulate slavery in the territories.

These three points of the decision so outraged the North that civil war became inevitable.

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**NOT ONLY** had the Supreme Court challenged the Constitution, civilization and Christianity, it had conspired with the President of the United States, James Buchanan, to successfully put pressure on one of the justices, who was opposed to the majority ruling.

Moreover, it had violated all precedents, by notifying the President of its ruling before it had been delivered.

The Supreme Court was reversed by a bloody Civil War and the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, but not before Abraham Lincoln had said the decision was erroneous and invalid.

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**AND NOT BEFORE** William Cullen Bryant had thundered the wrong and the letter should replace the stars and stripes in Old Glory and its color changed to black.

And not before the New York Herald Tribune had asserted the decision had as much moral value as a drunken conversation in a Washington barroom.

And not before Frederick Douglass had shouted: "The Supreme Court is not the only power in the world . . . Judge Taney cannot hail out the ocean, annihilate the firm old earth or pluck the silvery stars from the Northern sky."

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**LOOKING AT** the Dred Scott decision after 100 years have passed, there are two considerations of the utmost importance to us.

1. That Dred Scott was a persistent man, who wanted to be free and stubbornly fought for 11 years in the courts for that freedom.

2. That the Supreme Court 100 years ago was composed of men who sacrificed their character and their consciences by handing down a decision they knew to be wrong.

And finally, the Supreme Court today, 100 years after Dred Scott, when faced in existence with the same problem that the high court had to decide in the Dred Scott case, ruled that colored people are citizens of the United States and entitled to all the freedoms of that citizenship.

The 1850 Supreme Court degraded itself and hastened the Civil War.

The Supreme Court ennobled itself and erected the only platform on which there can be established lasting peace.

# A sign of lawlessness

The AFRO prints this week a photo of the Baltimore city jail.

On the doorway is placed a sign announcing separate hours for colored and white visitors.

Jim crow thus begins at the jail entrance and permeates the entire structure.

Following the Supreme Court decision of May, 1954 in which it was declared unconstitutional any state laws discriminating against citizens on the basis of color, two things happened:

1. States like Missouri and West Virginia proceeded promptly to bring their administration of penal and correctional institutions in line with the Supreme Court ruling.

2. Other states ignored the Supreme Court decision as though it never existed.

That's the meaning of the jim crow sign on the entrance to the Baltimore city jail.

**THE EXCUSE** is given that integration will be possible when a new city jail is built.

That's not what the court decision said.

The court requires the city now to make a plan and proceed in its execution with all deliberate speed.

Our city fathers, obligated like all good citizens to respect the law, should take down the sign designating separate visiting hours and end all segregated programs in that institution.

And it should do it now.

# The next step

The decision of the State Board of Education to allow Harford County to continue its gradual plan of school integration is disappointing.

This means that colored children residing in Havre de Grace, Bel Air, Edgewood and Aberdeen must continue to pass schools within a block or two of their homes and travel an average of 16 miles to a so-called all-colored school.

It also means that there will be further delay in providing Harford County children with the equal educational facilities which the Supreme Court guaranteed them when it outlawed segregated schools.

We are glad the NAACP has given notice that it will act promptly to appeal the matter to the Federal Court.

But the State Board of Education could have ended the delay, and admitted the youngsters to the nearest public schools if its members had assumed their responsibility, and not been too taken in by the county's present plan of integrating grades one to three in two schools.

The Supreme Court decision did not order or suggest that public schools be integrated in grades one to three.

It said all public schools "with all deliberate speed."

Harford County's present one-to-three-grade plan and its long-range program to complete school integration in six years does not, to our minds, constitute "all deliberate speed."

We think the Federal Court, which will have the matter on appeal, will likewise agree.

## 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 condone injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

—JOHN MURPHY SR., 1920

# Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

In the life of every newspaperman there comes a time when he receives a letter from a trusting reader who wants some advice, gratis of course, which in this instance is just about what said advice is worth.

**I've saved up a few of these missives and now seems just about as good a time as any to answer them.**

One comes from a Mr. C. W., who reports the following:

"I lost my job as a pretzel bender three years ago and I haven't been able to find another one because pretzel bending ain't what it used to be.

"My wife left me and took all the furniture and the green stamps we had been saving. Three creditors have me in court and the government is suing me for back taxes.

"It is not that I am exactly discouraged, but tell me, what should I do?"

**MY ANSWER SIR** is very simple—"There's a boat leaving for Borneo at midnight on Sunday. My advice is to be on it. In other words—get lost."

**Then there's the letter from "worried husband."**

"Yesterday I found some ground glass in my oatmeal. This morning I was taking a bath and my wife threw an electric heater into the tub. I tell thee true at gave me quite a shock, in more ways than one.

"Just this afternoon I heard her inquiring over the telephone about the rates for a cheap funeral. My question is do you think I should be a little suspicious?"

**THE ANSWER** is quite simple—"My friend there is no earthly reason why you should be the least bit suspicious. Your ever loving wife probably made a mistake and put ground glass into the oatmeal instead of sugar."

**"As far as the bathtub is concerned all that she was probably doing was trying to heat up the water. And about the funeral, after all what better way for a wife to show she loves her hubby than to see that he gets put away decently?**

"No dear friend, don't be suspicious, but if I were you I wouldn't start reading any long books."

**NOW THAT** I have done my bit towards making the world a better place in which to live, leave us turn to some other matters.

**Passed a downtown bowling alley the other day and there, lying at the foul line was a man. The fellow that plays together stays together."**

Seems like only a few months ago there were signs that said "the family that prays together stays together." I wish somebody would make up their mind, it is very confusing.

A word of cheer to Charles Miller, clerk, in for a checkup at University Hospital.

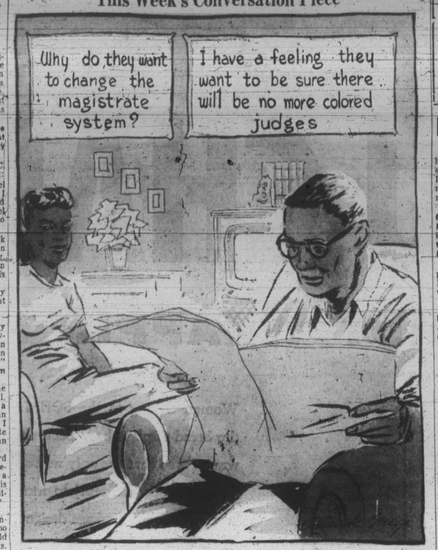
**Fellow called up all hot and bothered Monday night and said he had just killed his wife, with a knife he lent. Said she was unkind to him so he did her in.**

His voice had all the earmarks usually associated with the face on the bar room floor. To this date the body hasn't turned up and I am beginning to believe that the guy wasn't really telling the truth.

**LILACS**

Lilacs came from Asia—
Tibet, their land of birth,
Memories sweet they bring in the
Deep-rooted in the earth.
Lilac, shrubs are vagrants
Transplanted by strange hands,
Bringing one the fragrance
From far off easter lands,
Lilacs in the springtime
Beside my cottage door
A wealth of purple bells in
chime
With caravans of yore,
Drooping in sweet fragrance
Around my rustic stairs
The lilacs swing in candence
With the lama's prayers.
LUCILLE AGNIEL CALMES

## This Week's Conversation Piece




# 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*

### Right will prevail

Dear AFRO:

The Catholic Church is doing all in its power to correct the wrong being done to our colored citizens in South Carolina. In fact, since its inception all people have been free to worship in any Catholic church in America.

I know you have a tough fight with those southern morons but I am sure right will prevail in the end.

Getting rid of slavery was also a tough assignment, but it came about.

As a white man, I wish you success.

FRANK HOEN

### Says 'thanks'

Dear AFRO:

On February 16, we participated with you in celebrating National Brotherhood Week with our advertisement on the back page of the AFRO magazine section, and we sincerely hope that our message reached a large number of the people of Baltimore.

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**MORE IMPORTANT** to us was the excellent article and pictures on page 15, captioned "Veteran Workers at Davison," telling the story of some of our long service employees. We believe this story speaks for itself and expresses a point in fact that Davison is a good place to work.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your fine article highlighting the Veteran Davis employees.

W. E. McGUIRK Jr.
Chairman,
Christians Concerned

### For Teacher's Bill

Dear AFRO:

As we know, the Maryland Legislature is presently concerned with bills proposing to increase the minimum salary to $3600 for Maryland teachers.

The adoption of "The Teacher's Salary Bill" (S.B. 307 and H.B. 253) is essential to the development of an effective school system.

There are two major problems confronting the bill: public apathy and financial ability.

The second is related to the first. Most Americans are reluctant to tax themselves for education. Few legislators are willing to risk the ire of their constituents by proposing a new tax in order to finance even the most vital program. Education is most vital.

We recommend the adoption of the Teacher's Salary Bill as an important step in the development of a more adequate public education program. It is vital to our children and to our growing society.

N. ELLSWORTH BUNCE Jr.
Chairman,
Christians Concerned

### Expresses gratitude

Dear AFRO:

This is to express our gratitude to you for honoring our daughter Marguerite in the AFRO's 1957 Honor Roll.

We also wish to thank you for the many paragraphs of news coverage concerning our other children in the past, and the general news and editorials which we never miss.

Please believe us, we're very grateful.

THOMAS S. Sr. and
ANNA G. BARLAND

### Orchids to AFRO

Dear AFRO:

We wish to express our appreciation and our sincere thanks for the splendid work your classified advertising department has been doing. We have been in business for one year and are now celebrating our first anniversary.

You have helped us get off to a wonderful start by helpful suggestions from your advertising department.

ANTHONY PICCININI
Leader Realty Co.

### Calypso credit

Dear AFRO:

I read where Harry Belafonte said he did not sing calypso. I am from Trinidad, B.W.I. and I know better.

His latest song is "Mama Look a Boobob." Now, this song was composed and sung by Lord Melody of Trinidad. It is one of his latest songs.

How does Mr. Belafonte get these songs and sing them as though he composed them himself?

He gets all the credit while the real composer gets nothing.

LUDNA SELBY

**Editor's note: Check again. Mr. Belafonte's new song is "Mama Look at Boo."**

### McKeldin, psuedo liberal

Dear AFRO:

In his address at Howard University, the Governor of Maryland seemed to be willing to stop the clock on the movement for civil equality in the U.S.

As Abraham of Biblical history, he seems to be satisfied that a partial journey to the promised land is enough.

As a matter of fact, Beale Street in Memphis is better than the bayous of Louisiana, but that thoroughfare slops short of the task set before us.

**I CANNOT** help thinking therefore that Mr. McKeldin is beginning to fall into the stupor of satisfaction which characterizes most Republican Leaders once they have gained a partial victory.

The morale of the workers at the precinct level has received a jolt here in Baltimore city. And unless some restitution are made, I fear that the party of the Governor and his contemporary in the United States Senate is going to be without a trade-mark in the coming election.

Senator Butler probably knows his way out and doesn't give a kitty who knows it too. But Ted McKeldin is in for some tough sledding, for a person who aspires to public office for the appointments of two or three magistrates is not going to appease the colored voters of Baltimore. And the Grand Old Party in its national perspective will do well to reconcile itself to this fact, also.

JOHN W. NICHOLAS

### 'Superior' Mr. Pressley

Dear AFRO:

I remember how several columnists for the weekly press started a campaign to persuade members of the race not to buy records by Nat King Cole after the singer was quoted as stating he did not desire membership in the NAACP.

The campaigns were dropped like hot potatoes when Nat rectified his mistake by taking out membership.

Now comes Elvis Pressley, quoted as saying the only thing a colored person can do for him is buy his records and shine his shoes.

If a colored man shines Mr. Pressley's shoes, I'm certain the singer will pay for the service, and the bootblack is measuring nothing but an honest living.

But if we buy Mr. Pressley's records, we are helping a man to prosper who expresses the belief that he is a superior being. Let's be certain that when Mr. Pressley swaggers, he isn't doing it with any money we spent for his records.

NATALIE HENDERSON

### Southland, awake!

Southland, awake; from your tremulous stupor
Let wisdom prevail—not ignorance endure.
Desegregate, and live—in the open
Feel the pure freedom; like other states do
You all will gain a better understanding
Of human liberties and freedom of life
Where, one side remains abusive and demanding,
There will always be ignorance
MOSES R. HICKS, 3rd
"Happy Days"

# Reporters' Report To The People

## Yes, it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON

In his speech at the Urban League dinner, Sunday, Dr. Eli Ginzberg of Columbia University called for a strengthening of the marriage institution."

The implication seemed to be that colored family life is very weak. This is a criticism that is often met when colored-white relations are discussed. Often the colored male is accused of not measuring up to his responsibilities as head of a household.

**Gunnar Myrdal in his book, "American Dilemma," made some shrewd observations. One is that colored family life was interrupted for centuries and it was interrupted by people who had no respect for it.**

The colored male has grown up with America, but America has referred to him more often as "boy," than as "man." He has had to close his eyes to many things that hurt, including the frustration of trying to rear a family on wages that just will not stretch.

**IS IT** a wonder that sometimes a guy goes for a loaf of bread and is never again seen by his family?

Of course, that is not what should be done; of course family life should be strengthened, but the large society, so quick to criticize, might examine its own conscience for the past 300 years, that is.

**A high school teacher in a Northern** city was shocked to chance upon a former star pupil of his, a colored youth, a few years after graduation, happily working as a porter. He walked away convinced that the chap was lazy, utterly lacking in ambition.

It never occurred to the teacher that the brown-skinned lad wanted to be a pilot. Yes, he was a happy porter. He had to be happy to keep his sanity.

## Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

If prizes were handed out for the tough luck story of the week at least one person I know would certainly be running in the money.

He is the Eastside chap who got into a scuffle with a couple of ex-friends in a Rutland Ave. bar on Sunday and yelled for the cops.

**After trotting along meekly to the station house with the rest of the pack, he was eager to be searched, that is until he remembered that he had forgotten to remove from his pocket a familiar pad with numbers scrawled all over it.**

The police charged him with lottery and proved to the little fellow that he had bitten off more than he could chew.

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**A SIGN** no one can ignore is the one posted in the window of a grocery store at 33rd St., and Keswick Rd., which says:

"Give your jaws a workout. Try our tough steaks."

**At Edmondson and Ashburton there was a sign this week in front of a house advertising a room for rent.**

Apparently as an afterthought, the owner had painted in the word "white."

Since he is living in a predominantly colored neighborhood I imagine he wanted to make sure that only the right people knocked at his door.

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**IF YOU** are ever unfortunate enough to appear in traffic court, you need never worry about the audience behind your back listening in on your conversation with the magistrate.

**The PA system in both traffic courts is that bad.**

The equipment is there, amplifiers, speakers and the rest, but the network hasn't worked properly in ages.

## Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

March 6, 1957, is a significant date to remember in the colored man's constant quest for full freedom. It marks a slave's heartbreak and a peoples' dream come true.

**On that date, a century ago, the Dred Scott decision which held that a colored person "had no rights which a white man was bound to respect" was handed down by a pro-Southern Supreme Court.**

**Some historians hold that this decision was the blow which eventually led this country into a destructive civil war.**

The Civil War a few years later overruled the Dred Scott decision.

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**THIS WEEK** on the 100th anniversary of that infamous decree a new nation, in Africa, Ghana, is celebrating it's birth.

The celebration transforming the Gold Coast colony into an independent nation with equal dominion status in the British Commonwealth dramatizes the dream of teeming millions of Africans whose thirst for liberty matches that of the American slave who dared sue for freedom.

**The guiding light of the new African nation is Kwame Nkrumah, prime minister of Ghana, who studied in this country at Lincoln (Pa.) University and the University of Pennsylvania.**

It is not inconceivable that Nkrumah is well aware of Dred Scott's victory. It could be that this leader was inspired by it.

Long live Ghana, Britain's first attempt at giving full status to some of its African subjects.

Hail to the memory of Dred Scott, who made a liar out of bigots.

# If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

## People, Places and Things

State Senator Harry A. Cole has scholarships to can award students residing in the Fourth District if they are in need and meet the scholastic requirements.

**There are awards available for these colleges: Washington, Hood, St. Mary's Seminary Junior, Peabody, Maryland Institute and the University of Maryland.**

To qualify, a student must pass an examination which the Md. State Board of Education will hold on March 30.

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**Southern Life Insurance Co. building at Pennsylvania Ave. and Robert St., is getting a new dress.**

Several buildings which once adjoined the AFRO office are now gone. Area will soon be a parking lot for AFRO customers.

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Delta Sigma Theta women are raffling a mink stole at the YWCA on March 31. Proceeds are for their scholarship fund.

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**Falcon Rod** and Gun Club elected James T. Dorsey president. He's the gas station owner when they met at his home last week.

He succeeds Dr. Louis Johnson.

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**It's the law here in Baltimore —if you're convicted of jay walking, you can be fined $1.25 in Traffic Court.**

Don't believe this, try it and see.

And, if you exceed the 35 mile per hour limit, the fine is now $15.25!

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**Energetic Mrs. Mary Hawkins is busy completing plans for a March 14th sacrificial dinner at Union Memorial Methodist Church which will benefit missions.**

And, on April 28, she is helping to hold a special celebration for pioneer grandmothers.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Lassiter of the 9-10 age group in the Jack and Jill is working up a week long class in conversational French for the youngsters.

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Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Walker, the School No. 142 teacher, is up in Harrisburg, Pa., cooperating at the home of her brother, Rev. Garnet Lee.

It due back at her post within eight weeks.

MR. AND MRS. WEAVER

Happiest couple in Baltimore: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Weaver (Ada.) who are anticipating the arrival of their first heir. She's a teacher and he's manager of Gilmor Homes.

**Make's no difference whether it is a boy or girl. She is the former Miss Ada Hacker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hackett. He's the dentist, who is presently a patient at Veterans' Hospital.**

Ada and Warren were married 13½ years ago. The baby due this fall will be the first grandchild of Dr. and Mrs. Hackett.

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**Charlas and Effietee** Payne of 2013 Wheeler Ave., are aloofing on air. She's the doctor of physical education at Morgan, he's the General Vocational teacher.

**Cause of their happiness is the two-year-old boy who joined their household a week back.**

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**Forgot** to mention, several editions back that when Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Winckler of 616 N. Fulton Ave., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Perkins Square Baptist Church, over 200 guests were on hand to wish them well.

**They renewed their vows with the Rev. Ward D. Yerby officiating. There was music by Mrs. Florence Palmer and John Young with Joseph W. Saunders at the piano. Mrs. Edna Scott presided.**

Mrs. Winckler wore white satin for the event. She had 40 maids in attendance with Mrs. Patsy Branch as matron of honor. Roland Hardy was best man.

**Hometown gentleman making good in his hometown:** Mr. Walter E. Fleming, who is a wholesale and retail dealer in paints and wallpaper.

He has a large stock in both commodities. His business is at 249 S. Broadway.

## More People, Places

When Mrs. Flossie Dedmond entertained the Philomathian Club on Saturday evening at the YWCA, members and guests were treated to a fashion show.

**Clothes were from the Vogue Shop, at 2920 Edmondson Ave. models were from the Fashion Academy and Models' Guild at 609 W. North Ave., which specializes in health courses to keep trim and proper posture at at to wear clothes well.**

Among the stylish models, Mrs. Alener Walker, beautician of 709 N. Gilmor St.; Last April, she weighed 187 pounds and wore 20½ clothes.

Today she is a svelte 156 pounds and wears a size 16!

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**Birthday greetings** March 16 to Samuel B. Torsell, Veteran AFRO Catonsville writer.

**March 15th greetings to Charles Jacoby, director of public relations at Md. State same day (March 15) hellos to James T. Dorsey, the Cities Service Station owner.**

Also, March 10th greetings to Northwestern Police Court Magistrate Linwood Koger Sr.

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And, Mrs. Louise Kerr Hines also marks a birthday on March 15. She reminds me that in September 1940 when she was an AFRO reporter, the now Prime Minister Nkrumah of Ghana visited the AFRO plant.

**Sure enough,** in the AFRO visitors' book for September 14, 1940, was found this signature:

Note that at the time Nkrumah was attending Lincoln University, Pa., and gave that as his address. Also, in those days, he spelled his first name as, 'Nwiakofi.' He now calls himself 'Kwame.'

His birthday, by the way, is September 21.

## Take time to notice....

The February 1957 issue of the Methodist Church's Central Christian Advocate, has an interesting article entitled "Take Time to Notice," by Roy Smith.

Here are some excerpts from it; what the writer describes as "a little lesson in spiritual efficiency."

Has life become routine to you, and do you suffer from jaded senses?

**Do you suffer from the fact that you no longer seem to hold anything in reverence?**

Then why not take time to notice the masterpieces about you that have gone unnoticed for years?

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**SPEND** A little time with a faded leaf, or a newly born blade of grass.

**Examine it closely, and let the miracle and wonder of it seep in upon your soul.**

Only a God like ours could make anything so wonderful.

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Sit where you can watch the expressive face of a lovely woman.

Watch the transformations that come when she smiles, when she bends her head to listen, when she becomes thoughtful and meditative.

**Even though her features may be plain, her smile makes her beautiful.**

Consider the miracle of her changing expressions.

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**TRY NOTICING,** just for one day, how many people speak kindly to you, smile back at you, respond graciously, apologize for accidental carelessness, or extend to you an unexpected courtesy.

**Make a note of the pollite things that are done as a matter of habit.**

Observe the number of people who go a little out of their way to accommodate other people in the course of an average day.

Take time to notice and your faith in God and man will show a decided increase, your own heart will be made merry and your worst day will be redeemed.

**Drop a card** of condolence to the family of Harriet Hayes Mosby at 727 N. Second St. in Richmond.

**Harriett died suddenly last week. Remember her as the** personified Queen Alexander in her teen age days?

Remember, she was well known in her adult days for her work as a funeral director. She was associated with her father, J. Hayes Hayes and as a leader in the community, church and mother, and her husband, Cecil Mosby, survive.

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**Ten Men,** in a recent session, elected Edward L. Gordon, president, to succeed Frank Veney, who was named chairman of the board.

Norman Edwards is the new vice president, Earl Campbell is secretary, James T. Dorsey was reelected treasurer. Other members are Walter Eaton, James Jones, Frank Phillips and Otha L. Davis.

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**Send a hello to Mrs. Ella Johnson Powell, who underwent an operation at Provident Hospital, is now at home.**

Miss Anita Williams, who was confined to the same hospital a week ago, is now at home.

Ditto, Dr. George Adams, the physician.

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**And, the AFRO's Clean Block Lady,** Miss Frances L. Murphy, is looking forward to her first trip outdoors since she was taken ill last November.

Her doctor says she can go to church at Easter time.

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**Charlie Robinson, the Carver High wrestling coach, was pretty smashed in his accident last month.**

He is still confined to Provident Hospital with internal injuries.

Coming up: The Great Hymns Choir appears in concert Sunday at 5 p.m. at Sharp Street Methodist Church. The senior choir of the church is sponsoring the event.

**SCHEDULED TO DEPART**—This familiar landmark is the York Hotel at Madison Ave. and Dolphin St., is scheduled to be demolished as part of the Area 12 Redevelopment Program.

# Area 12 redevelopment is picture of war on slums

By S. F. YETTE

Dislodged piles of bricks and heaps of aged lumber strewn helter - skelter along the 1900 and 1100 block of Madison Ave. easily give the impression that the area has been wrecked by a destructive war.

**What is seen there truly represents a war but unlike the wars that blot out life and leave a path of dismal ruin, the upheaval along Madison Ave. and several nearby streets is evidence of the war declared against the blight and slums of Baltimore City.**

These shabby ruins will one day be replaced by new buildings and open spaces as evidence of man's creative abilities.

For this is the city's redevelopment Area 12, a program under the Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

**WHEN THE** redevelopment has been completed, a new state office center, new apartments, playgrounds to serve community schools, new office buildings and shopping centers will replace the substandard facilities now and formerly located in the area.

**Also, major traffic streets will be widened, while narrow and inefficient streets will be closed to reduce traffic hazards.**

The area is now bounded by the McCulloh Housing Project and McCulloh St. on the west, Dolphin St. on the north, Park Ave. and Mount Royal Station on the east, and Biddle St. on the south.

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**ALREADY** in the relocation shuffle, such landmarks as Club 1017 and the old bottling plant that stood at the corner of Madison Ave. and Preston St. have gone.

Others such as the York Hotel at Madison and Dolphin St. are scheduled to go.

The Armory, the Western Maryland Dairy and certain other buildings will remain.

**THERE HAVE** been some complaints from tenants who were required to leave the area and find new homes but at least one family has greeted the change with open arms.

**"I like the relocation program fine. I'll be glad when I get moved into my new home—it's much nicer than this one."**

Mrs. James Selby was in the process of moving from her second floor apartment at 1017 Dolphin St. to her new apartment at 1311 Tiffany Court in McCulloh Homes, when she made the statement Tuesday.

**MR. AND MRS. SELBY** had lived in the Dolphin St. apartment for five years, but Mrs. Selby said that they had hoped to move, even if relocation demands had not been made by the area office.

"It is a nice home, and I think this is it," she said, referring to the project.

In the Dolphin St. home, she recalled that she and her husband were required to furnish the heating facilities and this presented a problem which she would not face in her new home.

**She said that she and her husband, a self - employed general painter, had paid seven dollars weekly for the rent of the Dolphin St. apartment, and would be required to pay $56 monthly for the McCulloh Homes apartment.**

Unemployed herself, Mrs. Selby admitted that the rent for the new apartment would be twice the amount they formerly paid, but she said that they were "quite willing" to pay more "because I'm getting a better place."

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**MRS. SELBY** said that she was given notice several weeks ago that she must be relocated within 90 days, by O. P. Pinkett manager of the relocation office at 1111 Madison Ave.

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**IN LINE** with the program of planning by the office, Mr. Pinkett and his assistants helped the Selby family find new housing that would be desirable to them.

This procedure has been followed with other families forced to move.

**Mrs. Selby said that she and her husband were offered a home in Cherry Hill, but they chose the low - rent housing in McCulloh Homes because it would be closer to relatives and friends in the area.**

Inside her McCulloh Homes apartment, Mrs. Selby admired her newly painted walls (done at the expense of the agency) and the heating facilities.

She left no doubt that she strongly favored the relocation program.

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**ALREADY** A total of 518 families have been relocated leaving 460 families still to be placed in other housing.

**OF THE** families already gone from the area; those buying homes moved further to the west and the northwest into the Mondawmin and Walbrook areas, Mr. Pinkett said.

**Those who chose to rent homes after moving were helped by the relocation office to find homes in two patterns on the perimeter of the redevelopment site and (most of them) in units north of the site around North Ave., Eutaw, Brookfield Callow and scattered throughout the Walbrook area.**

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**MR. PINKETT** said that most of the large renting families moved to Cherry Hill and East Baltimore into new units built for large families.

**Those needing smaller units went to the Poe and Gilmor homes, he said, adding that the McCulloh Homes is the first choice to those being relocated because of its closeness to the redevelopment area.**

Gilmor and Poe homes are next in preference, respectively, he said.

**THOSE LEAVING** the redevelopment area will be able to return to the area after its completion if they meet the following conditions:

**1. If the dwelling units are the size for the needs of the family;**

**2. If vacancies exist at the time the family desires to return; and**

**3. If the family is able to pay the new rent prices.**

There will be no low - rent housing in the area when it is completed, and officials say that no estimate can be given at this time as to the rent prices. The new homes will not be for sale.

It is not easy to predict when the redevelopment of Area 12 will be completed because of the tendency to expand the area originally planned," said the manager of the area, Mr. Pinkett.

He said that the area has been expanded once since the area office opened, April 1, 1954.

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**AREA 12** is one of 10 areas designated for redevelopment by the City Planning Commission and approved by the City Council.

**The commission originally asked the council to approve 12 relocation and redevelopment areas, but only eight were finally approved in addition to the Harlem Park and Mount Royal Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.**

The council rejected for redevelopment areas 5, 6, 8, and 10.

Already redeveloped are the Waverly and Broadway areas, and sites on Pratt, Lafayette and Fremont Sts., by the Housing Authority.

The interviewers are Mrs. Ruth Morton, center, of 2306 Guilford, and Mrs. Teresa Goodman of 2038 Northeast Ave. They interview persons to be relocated to help them find suitable housing elsewhere and make way for the redevelopment project.

**LOOKING OVER HOUSING PLANS**—O. P. Pinkett of 3508 Wabash Ave., an employee of the Housing Authority for 15 years, and currently manager of the Area 12 Relocation Office at 1111 Madison Ave., looks over housing plans with two of his office interviewers.

# Frozen Lady operated on Monday, 'doing fine'

Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, No. 1 Jones Ave., Catonsville, who suffered frozen legs and feet during a January cold spell, was operated on at Johns Hopkins Hospital Monday.

According to hospital officials, the operation was not amputation, but was what is called "debridement," or a clearing away of dead tissue.

**Mrs. Burton also had skin grafts in the injured area of her feet and legs.**

A local anesthesia was used. At presstime, 30-year-old Mrs. Burton's condition was reported "excellent."

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**HOSPITAL OFFICIALS** also stated that during the past six weeks while confined to Halstead Clinic there, Mrs. Burton, who responded miraculously to treatment, lost part of her two big toes.

Only stumps remain.

**This was a normal process and did not come about as the result of an operation, officials stated.**

Upon recovery, Mrs. Burton, who is without any means of support, will not return to her Catonsville home.

She will spend a period of recuperation at a nursing home selected by Hopkins social service agency, the hospital official stated.

# Difference between one and nine worth $25 fine

"There's a big difference between one and nine."

That is what Magistrate Rebecca Richardson told Edward Mason of the 300 block E. Lafayette St. in Traffic Court Monday night.

Charged with reckless driving after backing his truck into a parked car, Mr. Mason entered a plea of not guilty.

**ROBERT WILKES** Jr., of the 200 block S. Stricker St., was fined $15 and costs for running into an automobile owned by Mrs. Louise W. Fennell of 2097 Baker St.

**Wilkes** testified that his brakes wouldn't hold when he smashed into the rear of Mrs. Fennel's 1957 Buick at Greene and Redwood Sts.

Mrs. Fennell testified that her car was damage to the extent of $300.

# 'I owe my life to that man,' matron

"I owe my life to that man. "If I had the money I would buy him a medal.

"I'll never forget him."

**Mrs. Sarah Brown, 75, of 2337 Guilford Ave., spoke these words in praise of a Northern District patrolman who saved her from almost certain death early Wednesday.**

The elderly matron was rescued from her third-floor bedroom by Patrolman William Saddler when fire damaged the home she occupies with the Rev. Mrs. Emma J. Swann, pastor of the Bazil A.M.E. Church in Cockeysville.

"He carried me downstairs like a baby. I thought once we wouldn't make it because the smoke was so bad" Mrs. Brown declared.

"I was sleeping when the fire started. The policeman called me and then came into the room. I never would have been able to get out of there but for him," Mrs. Brown added.

**AMONG THOSE** in the house with Mrs. Brown when the fire started were the Rev. Mrs. Swann, her husband Maurice, and two children, Brett Washington 3, and Edward Davis 4.

Officer Saddler said that he and Patrolman Julius Sax, also of the Northern District, were passing the house around 12:30 a.m. when they saw smoke pouring from a window.

Patrolman Saddler entered the building and ran up to the third floor while Officer Sax went to turn in an alarm.

**After Mrs. Brown was rescued the officers went through the block arousing neighbors...**

Firemen said the cause of the fire could not be determined.

The Rev Mrs. Swann said: "I was awake when it started in a second floor bedroom.

"There was a sound like a gun. All the windows rattled and flames shot out everywhere. "We were lucky that we got out!"

"My second floor bedroom was ruined completely but the rest of my things were only damaged by smoke" Mrs. Swann said.

*In this week's Post!*

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