"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.*

The hotel resolution

Councilman Walter J. Dixon, who introduced the original hotel resolution last summer had four main points in mind.

He wanted it on record that it was the sense of the council that the hotels be operated on an open policy.

He wanted it generally known that a large number of groups have refused to hold their conventions in Baltimore because of registrive hotel practices.

He felt that no organization, even one as powerful as the Hotel Association, should stand in the way of Baltimore's progress.

And he was confident that once the city council, elected by the people of Baltimore, expressed its opinion on the matter, the hotel operators could no longer hold out.

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THE RESOLUTION was first referred to the interracial commission by the City Council.

It came back from the Commission with a memorandum from the Hotel Association that the time is not ripe to end discrimination.

The resolution is now before the Public Relations committee of the council, which will meet on Monday to vote.

We urge members of this committee as strongly as we can to act favorably on this most important issue.

Evidence of weakness

Bishop Noble C. Powell, who presides over the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, addressing the annual convention at Baltimore last week, said, "We can never solve this problem (of racial integration) . . . Only God can solve it."

Bishop Powell is placing a heavy burden on the Lord.

With due respect to the bishop, it is frequently human nature to avoid responsibility by forcing our own obligations upon the Almighty.

It is an evidence of weakness that ill befits the Episcopal Church.

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IT IS a confession that acceptance of the Golden Rule is too much for those who bear the name of Christians to boast of following in the steps of the Nazarene.

All Bishop Powell and his Maryland Episcopalians need to do is to go 100 miles from here to Philadelphia, or 200 miles to New York or Newark or Pittsburgh, or other areas in 30 states.

There they will find that the solution of the integration problem as it affects the Christian church, isn't left to the Dear God.

And it need not be left in Maryland if the Episcopalians should decide to become genuine Christians.

That man Saud again

The question now arises as to which branch of the government can we believe.

The Department of Defense issued a high-sounding announcement, last week, stating that all forms of racial distinction had been removed from the records of military personnel. From that date on, men would be assigned on the basis of need and qualifications, instead of, race.

From this, it would appear that, at long last, integration has become a reality.

But apparently the U.S. State Department was unaware that the millennium had been reached.

Elsewhere we read that President Eisenhower has been unsuccessful in getting King Saud of Saudi Arabia to relax his ban against stationing servicemen of Jewish extraction at the U.S.-leased Air Base at Dhahran.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a Senate Committee that the United States assigns neither servicemen nor diplomats at Saudi Arabian posts.

This apparently poses a dilemma. If the army renounced all racial designations, how does the army know whether it is sending Jewish servicemen or not?

To send them would break faith with King Saud and to weed them out would break faith with the American people.

We are concerned about this, because it is of vital importance to the fate of our own boys.

If the army can spot its Jews, in spite of their complexion and their Americanized names, how much easier can they spot colored servicemen whose racial identity is readily apparent?

Does this mean that the army, while apparently dropping its obvious racial identifications from records, has some secret code known only to the top brass?

If so, will this not prevent promotions and other advantages from which our soldiers have been excluded because of race?

Has one branch of the government the right to consummate an agreement with a foreign country which negates the avowed policy of another branch?

Are the oil wells of Saudi Arabia so important that we would sacrifice our democratic principles to maintain them?

If Saudi Arabia, a poor, ignorant backward nation existing off of the bounty of American royalties, can call the turn on Jewish patriots, what is to prevent some other poor, ignorant, backward country from barring colored soldiers?

In spreading our air bases around the world, just what are we trying to protect? Surely not democracy. Are we willing to make concessions of this kind to every tinhorn dictator who comes along?

Morgan has a choice

Sooner or later Morgan College must face up to the problem of standards.

All state universities have this problem.

It is under debate at the University of Maryland.

The reason is that a state university is usually required to admit all high school graduates without examination. . . .

Under the present promotion system in high schools, all graduates are not bright enough to complete a four-year college course.

Associations of Colleges have agreed upon a standard entrance examination.

This is required generally in private schools, but not in state schools.

Should the state school admit students who are not up to standard, it has the responsibility to either weed out the unfit in the first or second school year or graduate an inferior product.

The result is that a diploma from some state schools has not the same value as a diploma from a private school where higher standards are required.

Morgan College, then, has to make its choice. It must determine whether or not its graduates are equipped to pass standard tests, or if the college itself is to accept an inferior rating.

The decision may not be easy for the college authorities to make; our parents faced it.

But we think the state's judgment will be that it wants Morgan to be a standard college.

SAYING OF THE WEEK

Happiness in this world, when it comes, comes incidentally. Make it the object of pursuit and it leads us a wild goose chase.

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

Yes it's true

By GARFIELD HINTON.

Since this is the week, set side to honor heroes past and present, I would like to call attention to one man, who may rly rank with the Western world's great, Toussaint L'Ouverture.

Toussaint was born a slave, at a time when slavery was an accepted way of life. He grew into manhood in a society governed by a few thousand white blue-bloods, who were able to maintain a fabulously luxurious way of living by virtue of the unpaid labor of thousands of people of African descent, many of African birth.

In between were a few thousand people of mixed blood, who considered themselves above their dark skinned brethren but were never quite accepted by their fair skinned fathers.

The West Indian island of Hispaniola on which Haiti is located, was not too important today, was during the 18th century, one of powerful France's most valuable colonial possessions.

Although born a human chattel on this island sometime near the middle of the 18th century, Toussaint learned to read and write and soon became a valued and respected slave.

TOUSSAINT, THOUGH his lot was not too bad, could not help questioning a social order in which men and women lived, worked and sometimes were killed at the whims of overseers.

Some men were slaves of other men. How could this be justified? Toussaint wondered.

He was just a mature man of 45 and the father of two nearly grown sons, when the French Revolution broke out in 1789. "Liberty! Equality! Fraternity!" uncontrolled French mobs shouted as they roamed the streets of Paris, slushing in human blood, sending to the same Guillotine all who stood in their way.

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LIBERTY! EQUALITY! Fraternity! the words trickled down to the lowliest slave on the island. The big drums began to beat back in the jungles, high on the hills.

"What's happening?" the white masters asked their trusted house slaves. "Nothing," the trusted house slaves sly answered. Then it happened. All hell broke loose. The slaves rebelled.

They marched onto the plantations, with torches blazing in sight. The bravest and smartest of them all was Toussaint, a small, stocky man, dark man, with dancing eyes.

Frenchmen fled; some to the states, some to other islands, some back to France. Toussaint overthrew slavery, but the French backed by Napoleon's armies continued to govern Saint Dominique, as Haiti was known.

Napoleon was afraid of this little man. After tricking Toussaint with talks of peace, Napoleon had Toussaint brought to the French borders and imprisoned in a dark, damp dungeon, where he died months later.

Shortly after Toussaint's death, Napoleon himself suffered severe reverses and recalled his troops to France. The Republic of Haiti was born. Liberty! Equality! Fraternity! had become a reality in a former French colony.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Little Billy, four, went to spend the day with his grandparents. In the group playing with him was a little girl whose face was covered with freckles. Billy liked her very much.

When his mother came for him to go home, he said: "Oh, Momma, please invite Sallie to our house. She is the little girl with the polka dots in her face."

THE SEARCHING LIGHT

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

AFRO was right

Dear AFRO:

Reference is made to wide coverage by A.P., Feb. 6, 1957, indicating Lorenzo Campbell of the Sheriff's Office, Baltimore City is first of his race to become deputy sheriff in Maryland.

This A.P. news item is incorrect.

William Poindexter (D) was sworn in as a deputy sheriff in Prince Georges County, December; 1950; see, picture in AFRO-AMERICAN; December, 26, 1950, or immediately thereafter.

Subsequently on July 1, 1953, Peter Moore of this county was qualified as a deputy sheriff for Prince George County.

In the interest of accurate reporting the A.P. release of Feb. 6, 1957, should be corrected.—W. WAVERLY WEBB.

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Economic plan

Dear AFRO:

We are not giving as much thought to economic planning as we could.

Take this business of jobs for our young people, we could pool our resources and provide more places to work and we could firmly insist that our young people be given the opportunity to work wherever we spend our money.

I am a college student and have found the subject of economics fascinating and helpful. Right now, it would help me.—(Mrs.) MARY CARR

Wants job

Dear AFRO:

I have a suggestion. Efforts should be made to widen employment opportunities for young people and I think this would prevent juvenile delinquency.

I have been looking for work since I was graduated in June and I have not been able to find anything to do.

All of them tell me to come back or promise to phone. I am 19, and trained as a general clerk.—J. E. J.

School thanks

Dear AFRO:

This comes to thank you for your kindness in having your photographer come to our school and take pictures which appeared in the AFRO dated, Feb. 2.

A number of my teachers, children and others who read the article describing our most recent activity and seeing the picture published were most impressed and happy for having this news made available to them.—GEORGE SIMMS.

Those jobs?

Dear AFRO:

Will you please tell me where are all of these equal opportunities the newspapers keep writing about?

I read all about the fair employment policies for the various government and private employment agencies in the news section, but in the classified pages all I find is porter, maids, waitress, chauffeur and menial jobs for colored.

And one only has to walk enough any street to see that all of the clerks are colored (if any at all) and all of the supervisors and top level employees are white.

In one of the offices they have integrated the staff by putting one or two colored employees among a thousand white workers.

Is this equal opportunity?—M. J.

Hecht policy

Dear AFRO:

May I just read the story about the Hecht Company and the statement made by the manager there.

This is disgraceful in Baltimore and I, for one, shall not go there any more, as of this day.—(Mrs.) MABLE BRUCE

About Hecht Co.

Dear AFRO:

I am greatly surprised to read about the policy at Hecht Co. It comes as a great shock. We have traded there regularly. Now this means that this store goes on our list of stores which will be "off-limits" so to speak, to me.— (Mrs.) JULIA COLLINS

"Daddy" had cash

Dear AFRO:

I am sure Bishop Grace could have raised the cash money that was necessary for the bails of any and all of his "soldiers."

I have seen him collect bushel baskets of folding money for the Lord's work.

Those Dixiecrats were just trying to embarrass Daddy Grace, I think.—(Mrs.) MARY CARR

Democrats respond

I have read with a great deal of interest Bob Watts' column, "Democratic View point," which appeared in a recent issue of the AFRO-AMERICAN, regarding the questionaire which I recently mailed to approximately 4,000 Democratic voters.

The response to this project has been amazing.

As of last week-end I had already received over 400 replies, which in my opinion indicates a real interest on the part of the voters.

I hope to tabulate the returns as quickly as possible so as to obtain the results of this project.—J. MILLARD TAWES.

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The Reporters Report To

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Outside of making apologies, how is an individual supposed to react when it suddenly dawns on him that he has been altogether wrong in a certain situation?

Take for example the motorist who went the wrong way on Lexington St., between Holliday and Gay Sts. recently minutes after traffic czar Henry Barnes had made that section one-way.

Not having seen the new arrows, hidden from view behind a clump of trees off city hall plaza, the motorist wanted to go by way even after an attractive young thing drove up and said, "you're on the wrong side, mister, this is a one-way street."

This individual wanted to say like — I am! That is until he looked around and discovered that he was actually in the wrong.

Believe there me, it's no fun meeting a car head-on, even when an attractive girl is at the wheel of the oncoming car.

Realized later that the traffic bill had been on the City Council agenda and that Mr. Barnes has a reputation for introducing more bills to that body than anyone else.

I HAVE heard practically no talk about that serial now running in a national magazine about Baltimore, a policewoman and upper society.

It's all fictional. That is to the extent that the medical examiner in the story (is called "Dr. Vicker")

The name of Baltimore's real medical examiner is, Dr. Fischer.

Talked Sunday with Mrs. Mary Fossett. She's the 90-old matron who was robbed of over $50 on the steps of her church.

Left her home with the idea that I could listen to her talk all day.

SIZING UP the distinguished senator as an affluent gentleman, the station attendant told the solon it would take four bucks for him to put his grime-stained hands on the tire.

It seemed a little steep to the senator, but after a bit of palaver, the attendant reduced the cost to three bucks.

Kinda high, of course, but the business of the state can't wait for a prosaic thing like a flat tire.

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Moral: Good music, whether jazz or longhair, played by talented performers will be around longer than most critics.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Next time you get a flat tire, you might derive some satisfaction, though this point is debatable, from the certain knowledge that the same thing happens to everybody.

Take Senator Harry A. Cole for example. There he was on his way to Annapolis for an important session of the General Assembly when down went his tire.

It sounds almost too good to be true, but there sat a gas station just a few feet away.

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A 50 TO 60 acre site is being eyed out in Herring Run Park as the home for the city's new wholesale market.

Our only comment is that we hope the market people don't run into the same type of hornet's nest into which the state military department placed its foot when it started looking around for a site for its new armory.

With its head rather battered but still unbowed, the **military keeps looking for a home for that armory despite some recent reverses.**

Said one of the officers, who will be using that armory, if it ever gets built: —

"It looks like nobody wants us."

The People Along the way

By STEVE DUNCAN

A longhair composer was quoted this week as saying, "There is no future for jazz."

The longhair, Henry Mancini, Joio, made his off-key blast at America's greatest contribution to Western culture during a panel discussion at the Peabody Conservatory.

It came in the midst of a discourse on "The Future of American Composition."

The blast might have gone unchallenged by this corner if Mr. dello Joio hadn't lamented that he once earned his bread and butter playing a hot jazz piano.

Could it be that our critic simply does not have the X-plus factor necessary to play the hot or cool variety of jazz with a feeling?

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IT ISN'T everybody, you know, who can extract from the 88-keys such beautiful and melodic sounds as, say, Don Shirley, Erroll Garner, Nat Cole and the late Art Tatum, to name a few.

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If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things...

Baltimore-born Harry J. Hunt died last month in Somerset, England, a victim of suffocation, not heart attack, as previously reported.

It seems that because of the gas shortage, he was using a coke stove to keep warm. A friend found him dead in his quarters.

Remains are due here next week for burial in National Cemetery. He was a veteran of both world wars, and served with distinction.

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Good News: Dr. Earl C. Jackson, formerly on the staff at Morgan State College, is principal of the integrated Bancroft Junior High School in Wilmington, Del.

The citywide program of integration, from kindergarten through post high school, is working splendidly there.

Thomas John D. Parry, 243 Second St., Hackensack, is heading the pastoral selection committee.

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If you live in a town all your life, and you're in the newspaper game, you pride yourself on knowing most of the new business people who come along. Got a surprise this week when I met youthful and pleasant Mr. Charles H. Johnson.

He is a practicing dentist with offices here at 2415 Reisterstown Rd.

He tells me he set up shop two years ago after a stint in the Army and graduate study in physiology and anatomy.

Dr. Johnson is a native of Baltimore, son of the late Thomas Johnsons (remember when the family lived at 2112 Division St.—his father was a longtime cutlerist — made knives—for Phiffer and Sons).

He is a product of local schools: 1942 grad of Douglass High; 1948 grad of Morgan; was staff sergeant in the CBI theatre during World War II, and taught physiology at Morgan.

Later, he studied physiology at the University of Michigan and received his dental degree at Howard in 1954.

Beforh he settled here in his native Baltimore, he did a year's interne work at the state sanitorium in Westfield, Mass.

He is married to the former Theresa Wood, also a Baltimore native. The family attends Fulton Baptist.

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The William (Billy) Russells are in the fabulous new home they built on Longwood St. It is a dream.

The Henry Hornsteins' only son, Bruce, is attending post his veterinary medical work at the University of Georgia. Is due to graduate in June.

His dad, you know, heads the Regent Theatre chain. And even though doctors have cautioned him to slow down his pace, his pal, senior Mr. Hornstein is doing more than he should.

Right now, his buttons are popping because the Regent has their great movie, "Ten Commandments" scheduled for an early March showing (March 7).

More people and things...

Coming up: Grand Master Willard W. Allen looks forward to enlarging the Masons Temple at Mosher and McCulloh Sts., to care for its growing membership.

Proposed improvements will cost approximately $125,000.

St. James PE Church choir girls and acolytes make their annual pilgrimage to New York City on the weekend of February 22.

Among Baltimoreans who still retain newspaper souvenirs announcing the death of Abraham Lincoln is Louis Liephian, the Pennsylvania Ave. merchant.

He has a copy of an April 15, 1865 newspaper, displayed in the wall at his shop at 1824 Pennsylvania Ave.

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I was impressed this week by the sad look in the eyes of Mrs. Elizabeth Hill.

She lives at 3019 Southland Rd., (Cherry Hill).

She came to ask this newspaper to run an advertisement asking her only daughter, Annette, to come home. (The daughter, a former Dunbar student, 17, and has been missing for three months!)

Do you know Annette? Have you seen her? If so, please tell her her mother is very, very unhappy. She would love to have her back home!

Among out-of-towners here for the funeral on Wednesday of Mrs. Martha Smith, 77, of 2201 N. Lexington St., were her cousins:

Miss Catherine Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Connor and son, Donald Jr., all of Pontiac, Mich;

Also, Griffith Smith, Boston; and Mrs. Ada Robinson, Philadelphia.

Lovely Mrs. Smith was the mother of Mrs. Gertrude Brooks, the funeral usher. She made her home with them.

Before her last illness, she attended Morning Star Baptist Church regularly.

The services were conducted in the Sullivan Funeral Home on Druid Hill.

The Rev. Mrs. Ira Ferrell, acting pastor of Emmanuel Christian Community Church, officiated.

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Mentioning the Rev. Mrs. Ferrell reminds me that "associates and members who should know say she is doing a first-rate job at that busy church.

She has been acting pastor since the death last year of the church's beloved founder, the Rev. Wilbur Walters.

They have paid off $70,000 of the $130,000 mortgage in the past three years; there is still $60,000 unpaid. Not to mention $22,000 interest.

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Union Baptist's debt...

MEMBERS OF venerable Union Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. near Lanvale, woke up recently to discover they were burdened to the hilt with debt on account of that $130,000 community center they constructed adjacent to the church.

Not all of the 1,800-odd members were in favor of building the center because they remembered a provision in the will of the longtime pastor (1872-1923) the Rev. Harvey Johnson. It was that under no circumstances would the church proper be mortgaged.

If you're old enough, you will remember that Union Baptist is a church which was built from the ground up under Rev. Harvey Johnson's administration. Construction date was 1900.

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BUT, FAR-SEEING members, knowing the importance of a community center, went ahead with the program.

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Mrs. Sowell died of hypertension at Hopkins Hospital the Friday before. She was a member of the choir and the chorus at First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Friends and relatives occupied 18 cars to the cemetery.

But Mrs. Sowell died before she saw her fondest wish, and that was to have a reunion with her two sisters whom she had not seen for 43 years.

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SHE AND her sisters, Elizabeth and Lara Jane, all children of George Frank and Harriet Taylor of Wattsville, Va., were separated when their mother died in 1913.

Two of the girls were reared by an aunt, Mrs. Susie Hayes of 352 N. Bruce St., here in Baltimore. A third remained with the father.

Two weeks ago, when relatives found Mrs. Sowell was ill, they wrote to the AFRO Missing Persons Column to ask readers' help in finding one sister.

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Poet's Nook

SILENT GREETINGS

(For Alexander Hamilton)

This is the day
They chose for him
After the bullet
Tore the breath
From his body.

Here,
In Trinity Churchyard,
He sleeps
In silent greatness.

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When he fell down
The earth screamed
And trembled.

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When life ran out
The wind and the rain
Played a requiem.

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Patriot, soldier,
Statesman of the world
Sleeping
In dusty magnificence
For always.

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This is the place
They chose for him
After he fell.

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For A Spiritual Blessing
Come To The Church Of Your Choice
HYMN OF THE MONTH:
"MY SOUL, BE ON THY GUARD"

In Our Churches

The 12th. Anniversary of the Evangelist and Local Preachers Day will be celebrated at St. Matthews Church, E. 23rd St., near Greenmount Ave., Sunday, February 17, Service at 11 a.m. Speaker, the Rev. Mrs. Agnes Austin of Bilmore Community Church.

There will be a 3 p.m. platform service. Choirs of various churches will participate. Mrs. Ruth Larkins and company of Washington, will be at the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services.

At 8 p.m., the Rev. W. M. Williams of Mucklen will appear with his choir and congregation.

An all night prayer service will also be held Saturday, February 16, at St. Matthews Church. Evangelist Marietta Steward is program chairman; the Rev. Irvin Lockman, pastor and Dr. E. E. Williams, District Superintendent. All are welcome.

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THE REV. Vernon Dobson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Durlas, will be the guest speaker Sunday, February 17 at the 11 a.m. service of the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1200 block W. Saratoga St.

In the afternoon, the Rev. Luke G. Reynolds, pastor, will conduct the communion service.

Friday, February 15, the Youth Fellowship will present an achievement program, Mrs. Olga Savage in charge.

The John Wesley Methodist Chorus will present a musical program at St. James Methodist Church at Lexington and Monroe Sts., February 24, at 3:30 p.m., the Rev. S. H. Hammond, pastor.

A meeting of the Ladies Guild of the Perkins Square Baptist Church was held Monday, February 11, 1957 at 8:30 p.m. Plans were made for Women's Day, May 26. Attending were: Mrs. Inez Jones, Mrs. Thelma Lewis; Mrs. Madeline Taylor; Mrs. Maddress F. Long; Mrs. Florence Johnson; Mrs. Julia Moore; Mrs. Lucy Teacher; Mrs. Elizabeth Henry; Mrs Rene Venable; Mrs. Ella Bell.

Others were: Mrs. Havannah Bell; Mrs. Jerrie Wilkes; Mrs. Theresa Murphy; Mrs. Bessie Carnish; Mrs. Ruth Gaskill; Mrs. Patsy Branch and Mrs. Jackie Coley; the Rev. Edward D. Yerby, pastor.

more to come

The Eastside Community Singers were very well received by some 300 enthusiasts at the Trinity AME Church last Sunday evening.

The occasion was the annual "Pink Tea" given by the women of Trinity, preparatory to their Women's Day, to be held soon.

John Miller, instructor of the Singers, had nothing but praise for this first year group.

Solos were sung by—Miss Evangeline Armstrong, Oscar Arter, Mrs. Mabel Watts, Mrs. Thelma D. Raye, Leon Dickerson and Joseph Jones.

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THIS RECITAL served as a "prep" and a test for the Eastside Community Singers future engagement, that is, the 13th Annual Blue Ribbon Tea, Sunday, March 3rd, at the Dunbar High School.

Mrs. Gladys Gunther, served as a head-hostess, both at the recital in the main auditorium and downstairs at the "Pink Tea Party."

Dr. G. James Fleming, associate professor of political science at Morgan State College, will be guest speaker at the Emmanuel Christian Community Church when the Men's Advisory Council celebrate the ninth anniversary Sunday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m.

Philip Timberlake is chairman, John E. Hill Jr., president and Rev. Era S. Terrell, minister.

The pastors of the Hagerstown district of the AME Church met Monday night at Allen AME Church with the presiding elder, the Rev. T. C. Freeman, to arrange the programs for the district conference and Sunday school convention.

The Rev. W. N. Edwards, pastor of the Union Bethel AME Church, Randallstown, Mrs. Ruth Larkins and company of Washington, will be at the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services.

A similar service will be held at Campfield AME Church, Howardsville, Md., at 7 p.m.

The Rev. W. N. Edwards participated at the funeral services for the Rev. Mr. Arnold, a retired minister of the Delaware conference. The Rev. Mr. Dickerson, pastor, of the Johnsville Methodist Church, was in charge.

Douglas Memorial Community Church will celebrate the 32nd Founder's Day on Sunday, Feb. 17.

The Rev. Marion C. Bascom, pastor, will preach at the morning service, and the Rev. Arthur J. Payne will preach in the afternoon.

John Lindsay is chairman of program and Miss Edna Walker is publicity chairman.

The Rev. Hodges Harris will be the guest speaker at Progressive Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. The Rev. W. T. Norman is pastor.

Funeral held for Julius Pennington, 74

"He became ill suddenly about two weeks before his passing. He was suffering from high blood pressure and he died at home."

This was the way Mrs. Ethelda Pennington explained the death of her husband to the AFRO.

Julius Pennington, 74, of 476 Mance Court, died on Sunday. He had been a resident of Baltimore for fifty years and worked at the Smith Bakery, where he had been employed for seven years.

Prior to going on this job, Mr. Pennington had been a custodian at Good Hope Hall for twenty years.

Mr. Pennington, a native of Charlotte, N.C., had been a member of the St. John's AME Church for 35 years at the time of his death.

HE IS survived by his wife, Mrs. Pennington, and two children, a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Costen, and a son, Louis Pennington.

Funeral services were held Thursday from St. John's AME Church and burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Dr. Rhetta estate estimated at $130,000

Close to $130,000 in real estate, bonds and cash were held jointly by Dr. B. M. Rhetta Sr., and his wife, son and daughter, records in Orphans Court showed.

The 72-year-old Baltimore physician died here on Oct. 2, after practicing for 47 years.

Court records also indicated that all of the assets of the estate are held jointly in his name and that of his wife, Mrs. Clara Broyn Rhetta; except:

1. A $10,40 bank account in the name of Mrs. Clara Rhetta and his daughter, Dr. Helen L. Rhetta of Chicago;

2. Property at 3230 Carlisle Ave., listed in the name of Dr. and Mrs. Barnett M. Rhetta Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. Barnett Rhetta Sr.;

3. Property at 1215 Mansion Ave., listed in the name of Mrs. Rhetta Sr., Dr. Rhetta Jr., and Mrs. Mary Thomas.

The will which was dated August 10, 1947, gave the entire estate to Mrs. Rhetta.

However, Mrs. Rhetta re-

Union Baptist's debt...

MEMBERS OF venerable Union Baptist Church, Druid Hill Ave. near Lanvale, woke up recently to discover they were burdened to the hilt with debt on account of that $130,000 community center they constructed adjacent to the church.

Not all of the 1,800-odd members were in favor of building the center because they remembered a provision in the will of the longtime pastor (1872-1923) the Rev. Harvey Johnson. It was that under no circumstances would the church proper be mortgaged.

If you're old enough, you will remember that Union Baptist is a church which was built from the ground up under Rev. Harvey Johnson's administration. Construction date was 1900.

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BUT, FAR-SEEING members, knowing the importance of a community center, went ahead with the program.

Recently, however, it dawned on them that while they have paid off $70,000 of the $130,000 mortgage in the past three years, there is still $60,000 unpaid. Not to mention $22,000 interest.

And, it is taxing members at the rate of $700 a month.

Pastor Walters' widow, Matthews picked Dr. Houston Jackson, the church's faithful music director (he has missed but 7 Sundays in 26 years, despite his duties as school superintendent), to head a money-raising drive.

A GROUP of over 80 campaign leaders met Wednesday evening at the church, agreed to head teams which will raise $1,000 each.

Most of the 80 odd captains themselves pledged from $100 to $200 apiece, and a total of $4,850 was taken in at the kickoff meeting, $250 of it in cash!

It is hoped that the members will raise the money in short order.

Some members report that if they get out from this burden it will not happen again!

More people and things...

ONE OF the largest funerals here this week was one conducted at the Arlington Phillips Funeral Home on Monday for Mrs. Margaret Sowell of 1823 E. Eagle St.

Mrs. Sowell died of hypertension at Hopkins Hospital the Friday before. She was a member of the choir and the chorus at First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Friends and relatives occupied 18 cars to the cemetery.

But Mrs. Sowell died before she saw her fondest wish, and that was to have a reunion with her two sisters whom she had not seen for 43 years.

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SHE AND her sisters, Elizabeth and Lara Jane, all children of George Frank and Harriet Taylor of Wattsville, Va., were separated when their mother died in 1913.

Two of the girls were reared by an aunt, Mrs. Susie Hayes of 352 N. Bruce St., here in Baltimore. A third remained with the father.

Two weeks ago, when relatives found Mrs. Sowell was ill, they wrote to the AFRO Missing Persons Column to ask readers' help in finding one sister.

This week, the following

M. Serio presents JOHN V. BIBLE BLESSING —BETTER PEOPLE MOVEMENT
Gal. 6:7
Coin, 1st man by conscient. 2. Rebellion, 1st murder, before the redemption. Promise Gen. 2:16, 3:1-7.
Rev. J. Gwynn, A.M.E. (B.)
1805 N. BROADWAY, LOCAL

THE ARENA PLAYERS will present "THE GLASS MENAGERIE"
A PLAY BY TENNESSEE WILLIAMS
FEB. 15-16-17 at the Playhouse
1708 WARWICK
Left to right, Jim Campbell, director and one of the principals; Leroy Taylor, Mary Carter, and June Butler Thorne.
TICKETS $1.10

AMES MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Carey & Baker Streets
"The Gospel Choir Day"
Ninth Anniversary
Sunday, February 17-1957
Morning Service: 11 A.M.—Sermon by Rev. L. A. Dyson, pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church, Pomonkey, Md. Choir and Congregation will be present.
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