Off The Beaten Path

BY ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

POLITICAL PRATTLE

On the eve of the Democrats' triumphal entry into Annapolis came the most astounding news!

Moving into the 4th and 5th Districts is a mighty powerful new political forge called the New Area Democratic Federation.

Chief executive of the group is Charlie Law of the Ray Haysbert executive director and Willie Adams, chairman of the board of directors.

Righ off the bat the organization announced that it will back the regular Democratic ticket in the Primary.

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NOW HEAR THIS. The latest word is that Jack Pollack will surprize the whole town one day in the future.

Expecting to inherit his 4th District mantle is the Monumental Democratic Council under the leadership of Big Bill Dixon, Lloyal Randolph, U. Theodore Hayes, Calvin Douglass, Sam Stewart and Joe Neal.

Those who have a direct line plugged in say that Judge John T. Tucker will rule Gov. Theodore McKeldin ineligible to run for mayor of Baltimore.

However, they predict that the Court of Appeals will rule him eligible.

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WE KEPT hearing rumblings from those who made the inauguration trip to Annapolis.

And these rumblings say that Gov. McKeldin was down there eight years yet eating places are not open to all people and segregation still grips the whole town.

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SENATOR JONES and the Democratic leaders gathered at the Elks Club in Annapolis Wednesday.

Word is that the group will gather there next Wednesday, January 14, the day of the Tawes inauguration ceremonies.

And, with Joe Henry and Calvin Douglass doing the slicing, the occasion will witness the cutting of the plum pie—for political appointments.

If you don't believe it be on hand at the State House Wednesday and observe the local B'Hoys having conflab with Mr Tawes himself and Senator Jones.

Incidentally, next Wednesday will see a larger delegation present on the scene.

EASTERN SHORE bigwigs will include Charles Cornish, Cambridge, Md., who is known as the governor of the Eastern Shore.

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BIGGEST MOMENT of the inauguration ceremonies January 7 came when Delegates Welcome and Dixon were selected as two of the five women to escort Governor McKeldin into the House of Delegates.

This was a signal honor. Usually, a committee of men escorts the governor on this occasion.

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MRS. J. ALVIN JONES wore a black frock sparkled with sequins for her husband's inauguration ceremonies.

She was escorted by her son, Jerome B. Jones and Miss Elizabeth Conaway.

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SENIORITY determines seating of Senators in the Senate; hence Senator Jones's seat is in the rear of the Senate room.

His office is 5-6 located in the Court Building just from the street from the State House.

In the adjacent office is Senator Charles Sea, a blind legislator from Allegany County.

A familiar figure at the State House, Senator Sea was a victim of an oil boiler explosion in Cumberland, accompanied by severe burns.

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JOHN SIMS, 91, a native of Annapolis, is the familiar figure in the marble corridors of the State House.

Mr. Sims sells papers at his own stand there, is "in the know" about everything that goes on.

A popular and likable person, Mr. Sims has been employed at the State House 76 years!

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CONNIE JOHNSON and "Mouse" Dorsey were present at the swearing in ceremonies Wednesday.

FLASH: The-Powers-That-Be announced Wednesday that they will see to it that Civil Rights, Civil Liberties and Public Accommodations bills are introduced.

Let not your hearts be troubled they state.

The Civil Rights Bill will be introduced sometime during the 90-day session and it will go through. It will pass.

Hardly a word will be said during the first 30 days. That's the period of time the Powers! will take to plan, maneuver and educate those persons who need to be shown that civil rights is painless, won't hurt.

This 30-day period is the time for "walking the middle of the road," they state.

To quote: "We'll make deals all around, alliances and talk to members of the Legislature, feel them out.

"We'll work along with them in all parts of the state."

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ALONG ABOUT the last of February or the first of March they'll trot the Civil Rights Bill out — when they have enough through the gate.

I sense a note of pleading in Joe Henry's "The-work's-over statement.

The entire text of the brief essay is:

"The war is over. We won. Let's close ranks. Let's get together and do something for the people."

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STATE SENATOR JONES'S check included three months salary in advance and was just about $450 or there-abouts.

Another check he received on Wednesday was for the sum of $40.

The Senator says he isn't sure what it's for, but expects it is payment on travel expenses and stamps. (P.S. — It is.)

At $30 a day for 90 days, um-m- let's see, that's $2700 for the 90-Day Session.

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SENATOR JONES is none too happy with his S-6 office in the Court Building across the street from the State House.

He may change it. Says it is not private, has entrances leading to other offices.

Delegate Welcome's flowers were from Dr. Levin and Dr. Taiche, friends of the Welcome family.

Her white orchid stayed fresh all day, was from hubby Dr. Henry Welcome.

Their daughter Mary Sue, age 15, giggled, smiled, laughed and her eyes were full of tears as Delegate Welcome was sworn in.

A pretty little teen-agers, Mary Sue made no effort to hide her excitement.

She was seen clasping her hands, nibbling her fingertips, could hardly sit still in her balcony seat.

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DELEGATE WELCOME carried the smartest hand bag. It has a watch on the outside and was a gift of the Women For Verda Welcome Club.

Her brief case was also a gift of supporters.

Delegate Welcome attended the cocktail party at the Red Wagon and says "Everyone was so wonderful to me."

Although she arrived at 2:30 p.m. for the 12:30 p.m. luncheon at Carvel Hall, Delegate Welcome says Dr. Mildred Otenasek the hostess had saved her a plate. 65 women were present.

And Delegate Welcome spoke to the group upon the invitation of the hostess.

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SENATOR JONES received flowers from the Monumental Democratic Club and Albert Stark and Moe Lipman.

Joe Henry, Cal Douglass, U. Theodore Hayes, Drs. Pitts and Harris have a 10-day plan to exhaust anyone's energy.

As the story goes, they're the ones delegated to do the wheeling and dealing on the civil rights legislation.

If to estimate! They will travel a total of 5,700 miles up and down the road between here and Annapolis.

OYSTERS fishing roads and highways, race track legislation, pay increases, taxes, and farm legislation are high on the list of bills.

And, heavens to Betsy, somebody said there may be one asking that all junk yards be cemented.

Jack Pollack was on every boat that went out down there in Annapolis Wednesday.

Handshaking, receiving congratulations in every room, every corridor, he was.

Left early, made a trip back to Baltimore and returned later the same evening.

Lt Grady Goodman Graham is the 8-G ticket, what is the D'Alesandro-Abramson Manning ticket?

Governor elect Tawes is 64 years old. He will head the administration for four years, which brings us to Gov. Theodore McKeldin steps down January 14.

The mayoralty campaign will flare into full blaze on January 14 with Tawes in D'Alesandro's corner.

PREDICTION: There're going to be some changes made.

CUFF NOTES ON NEWS

School teacher Mrs. Bernice Fuller, Belmont Ave. is luckiest one. Her husband gave her a many-carat diamond for Christmas.

They're still talkin' about the stunning green Hooks Gladys Daniels wore with sun and her hubby Sam Daniels led a group at the Templars' holiday affair.

Take of the day came during the Colt championship game as the John Dorcases of Carlisle Ave. and their friends watched on TV.

All the boxes stopped running full blast in the side. All drivers parked their cars. Romona (Mrs. Dorcas) went to the window, observed the scene and said: "An air raid warning must have been sounded."

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MORE PEOPLE—

Mr. Dorsey Stanley, 2200 Longwood, suffered an injured foot during the holidays but attended many fine affairs anyhow. She's recuperating nicely.

The John H. Murphys Jr., of Carey St. hosted Mrs. Sarah Neely, Philadelphia, a week ago. Present were the George Taliaferros and the D. Arnett Murphys.

A letter from Mrs. Ella Hammond says that she witnessed the happiest day of her life when she was discharged from the hospital.

She's now at home, write her, Box 93, Guilford Rd., Baltimore, Md.

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BEST PLAN I EVER HEARD OF

The Mosher Terrace Improvement Association began its project for the season with a "get acquainted with your neighbor" party.

Most unusual was their plan for Christmas giving. Members of the club got together with the neighborhood grocery stores and saw that all needy families in the area received baskets.

If all neighborhoods did such a fine job, there would be not one family unhappy for Christmas in all Baltimore.

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THE WOMEN'S Progressive League of Patapsco Park, Inc. gave their 13th annual children's treat during the holiday and served 180 children.

As they thought of others, the group gave fruit boxes to elderly women and shut-ins.

Dedicated to doing good, the group plans a Coffee Clutch the first Sunday in February for the benefit of the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind.

Mrs. Anna Taylor is president and Mrs. Laura Brockington is secretary.

Mrs. Taylor writes that the group has been working for 28 years, is well respected in the Patapsco Park area for their work.

She also writes that the 11-year-old Sonders Jr. John Wesley, who is a student at Northern High, is a young man who is well-mannered, respectful and a credit to his parents.

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ALOHA OE and farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grant, who are leaving for Honolulu, Hawaii, where Mr. Grant will be in the insurance business.

Mr. Grant is president of the Northwestern Jaycees and Mrs. Grant is president of the Northwestern Jaycettes.

Mrs. Grant is the former Miss Ruth Ann Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Jones, 1809 Druid Park Lake.

Mr. Grant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grant, 1624 Eutaw Place.

Mrs. Grant's mother, Mrs. Ruth Jones, will make her home with her daughter and son-in-law while they are in the Pacific.

Mrs. Jones is well known in Baltimore and Washington as a member of the Ebony Fashion Fair.

Mrs. Grant is a graduate of Douglass High School and Morgan State College.

Mr. Grant is a graduate of Morgan State College and Wilberforce University.

Mr. Grant is a member of the Air Force Reserve and will be called to active duty in March.

Mrs. Grant's sister, Miss Barbara Jones, will be married to Mr. Lee Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bennett, Sr., of Washington, D. C., in Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 17.

Mrs. Grant's brother, Sherman Jones, Jr., will be married to Miss Ann Marie Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, of Washington, D. C., in Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 24.

Mrs. Grant's brother, Lt. Robert Jones, is stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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MRS. ANNA MAE HUNTER enjoyed the dancing at the Martinique affair which was given for the benefit of her home for the blind.

She was escorted by William Turkey, a Melody Benefit association vice president and vice president of the Hunter Foundation.

For those who did not know Mrs. Hunter has a lovely voice, she will sing in recital at the Pythian Castle, 1432 Pennsylvania Ave., Sunday, January 25.

AFRO is a popular newspaper and wants us to know many readers get both Tuesday and Friday's editions.

Thank you Mrs. Taylor for the invitation to the AFRO to do a feature story on your fine community.

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THE BILL MUMBYS are expecting. Saw them at the Marriniques' Night in Paris affair.

Mrs. Mumby was smart in her maternity cocktail frock.

The stunk coat to end all mink coats is the utter dream Evelyn Demines wore at the Martiniques' party.

Honestly, it's the most beautiful. She and hubby William make a lovely couple.

Dancer Juanita Gomez (Hall) wore white lace with long sleeves and the back cut out to the waist. Beautiful dress.

She's on the stage in New York now.

The Martiniques' affair saw Melinoe Yerrell wearing a fabulous cocktail dress and she looked like a fashion plate.

It's navy, has a floating panel in the back and a red, red rose at the end of the deep cut back.

Mrs. Irene Cooper, a Martinique member really colored her hair green and it looked stunning.

Her frock was blue - green. Her gloves, hat, slippers and hose were green.

Chitterlings Germaine were served by Martinique president Serena Forehand, it's her original recipe.

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PRESENT AT A recent holiday party at the York Rite Masonic Temple, 303 N. Carey St., were these guests. Shown here are Mrs. Martha Boyd, Mrs. Alverta Boyd, Mrs. Addie Brice, George J. Pitts and his son, Barnie, Samuel Spriggs, Henry C. Drumwright, Eugene W. Rhodes, Collie Johnson, Woody M. Gray, worthy master of Prince Edward Lodge No. 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wise. Also, Mrs. Alice Fleming, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Pitts, conductress, Jesthathan, Chapter No.1; rs. Arnette Young, Mrs. Leona Spriggs, treasurer; Mrs. Lucy Woodhouse, assistant conductress; Carlen R. Woodhouse, deputy grandmaster of Maryland; Mrs. Andeah Johnson, worthy matron; Mrs. Shirley Drumwright, assistant matron and Henry Drumwright Jr.

THE GALLERIES of the House of Delegates' chambers were crowded on Wednesday with relatives, friends, officials and other citizens as the Maryland Senate and House met in joint session as the 90-day session began for 142 Democratic and 10 Republican legislators. Three colored legislators from Baltimore's 4th District, including the General Assembly's first two colored women delegates, were among the newcomers. The predominately Democratic Assembly is expected to enjoy smooth sailing this session

Here are candidates seeking March 3 primary victories

Following is a complete listing of candidates seeking nominations in the March 3 Mayoral primary.

The names of 12 colored candidates for City Council seats will go on ballots—one in each of the Second, Third and Sixth Districts, and nine in the Fourth District.

They are:

SECOND DISTRICT Jack er R. Dearing, attorney (Dem.) 900 E. Eden St.

THIRD DISTRICT Paul Cockrell, attorney (Dem.) 1407 N. Mantford Ave.

FOURTH DISTRICT (DEMOCRATS) — Walter Dixon, incumbent, 1913 McCulloh St., Truly Hatchett, 2008 Druid Hill Ave., Ernest G. Young, attorney, 1603 Gwynns Falls Pky., and Wilfrin Roberts, 2016 Walbrook Ave.

(Republicans) Harry Cole, attorney, 1334 Druid Hill Ave., Howard Dixon, 1416 Pennsylvania Ave., Joseph Drumwright, 1711 Gwynns Falls Pky., Raleigh Jones, 1700 Gwynns Falls Pky., and William L. Randall, 2213 Whittier Ave.

SIXTH DISTRICT William H. Murphy, attorney, (Dem.) 3212 Round Rd.

HERE ARE ALL OF THE candidates:

MAYOR
Democratic
Thomas L. Gatchell, 3 Mosher Place.
Republican
Francis J. McSweeney, 4142 the Alameda.
Republican
Theodore R. McKeldin, 102 Good Luck Road.
Lester R. Miles, 3800 Amland Ave.

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Democratic
Clarence Abrahams, 1101 Wallis Avenue.
Richard Bowen, 111 Malcolm Road.
Robert S. DiPaolo, 309 Walker Avenue.
George V. Goodhues Jr., 106 Hoode Avenue.
Philip F. Gorsuch, 1614 Forest Park Avenue.
George McNamara, 32 South Gorsuch Street.
Republican
Victor Gruenberg, 1614 Forest Park Avenue.
Charles A. Mayer, 1906 Bateman Avenue.

COMPTROLLER
Democratic
Hi Walter Graham, 3107 Green Street.
Joseph L. Manning, 2101 Springdale Road.
Republican
James B. Falconer, 39 Richmond Road.
Joseph A. Haller, 3607 Hoion Avenue.
James B. McCloskey, 1306 Northforest Road.

CITY COUNCIL FIRST DISTRICT
(Three to be nominated)
Democratic
Jacob Becker, 208 South Patterson Park Avenue.
William Bonnett, 30 South Wolf Street.
Philip J. Dabkowski, 3008 Toughkenay Street.
Charles J. Duke, 2201 Eastern Avenue.
Edward W. Dunkowski, 2001 Eastern Avenue.
Leonard Street.
Charles F. Herring, 630 South Bond Street.
Joseph J. Lancaster, 1314 Aliceanna Street.
Edward R. Milanko, 2201 Fleet Street.
Benjamin A. Mountcastle, 601 South Kenwood Avenue.
Albert W. Smith, 2016 Eastern Avenue.
Republican
Joseph Sarro, 1600 South Ann Street.
Republican
Vincent Gruber, 801 Baltimore Avenue.
Walter W. Baker, 1136 West Third Street.
Walter T. Dixon, 1918 Meridian Street.
Thomas M. Frazier Sr., 815 West Lanvale Street.
Fred Hatchett, 2008 Druid Hill Ave.
William Roberts, 2016 Walbrook Ave.
Sidney Sabolo, 815 Lake Drive.
Walter J. Sell Co., 2519 Eutaw Place.
Charles A. Sweigert, 4306 Pall Mall Road.
Raymond Suiter, 2504 Druid Park Drive.
Ernest G. Young, 1603 Gwynns Falls Pky.
Republican
Harry Cole, 1334 Druid Hill Ave.
Howard D. Dixon, 1416 Pennsylvania Avenue.
Joseph Drumwright, 1711 Gwynns Falls Pky.
Raleigh Jones, 1700 Gwynns Falls Pky.
Maria Dunbar, 4000 Park Heights Avenue.
Raleigh Jones, 1700 Gwynns Falls Pky.
Charles Perkins, 4104 Reisterstown Road.
William Wallace, 2211 Whittier Ave.
Fifth District
(Four to be nominated)
Democratic
Harry Alexander, 1001 West Gartner Road.
Alfred Jerome Dorsey, 2001 Barnard Street.
Charles E. Edelman, 4104 North Avenue.
Charles E. Fisher, 3002 Old Frederick Road.
Carl L. Frazier, 1300 Fremont Ave.
Charles A. Friedman, 3019 Vincent Avenue.
Jack Gorsuch, 2022 Rosmont Road.
Ralph N. Goodman, 2211 Whittier Road.
William F. Gossett, 2001 Talbot Road.
Joseph L. Kaiser, 2000 Gwynns Falls Pky.
Richard Kaiser, 2000 Gwynns Falls Pky.
Republican
Ernest Cronin, 1000 Forest Park Avenue.
Abraham J. Nathanson, 2016 Oakford Avenue.
Victor A. Rabinowitz, 3018 Clifton Road.
Max Schaffer, 3001 Barrington Road.
William Donald Schaefer, 4420 Edgewood Street.
Edward Shapiro, 6918 Glen Heights Road.
Robert M. Winegrad, 2414 Oakfield Avenue.
Republican
Samuel Barber, 4400 Liberty Heights Avenue.
Frank J. Flynn, 2210 Roslyn Avenue.
Charles L. Wagandt, M. 421 West Lake Avenue.
Sixth District
(Three to be nominated)
Democratic
Gertrude A. Yarow, 4001 Frederick Avenue.
Edward M. Bohlke, 315 East West Street.
Thomas F. Fallon, 1122 Hull Street.
William L. Hodges, 1225 West Cross Street.
Bernard Kless, 56 Talbot Street.
William C. Lemmert, 1848 West Pratt Street.
Dominic M. Lepore, 630 East Fort Avenue.
Harry James McGuirk, 310 Long Island Avenue.
Michael McHale, 1305 Hulbert Street.
Jack Marshall, 4006 Cedar Garden Road.
Joseph M. Murphy, 2317 Round Road.
August C. Myers, 6005 Third Street.
Charles H. Wheatley, 2016 Eldon Road.
Republican
(to denote incumbent).

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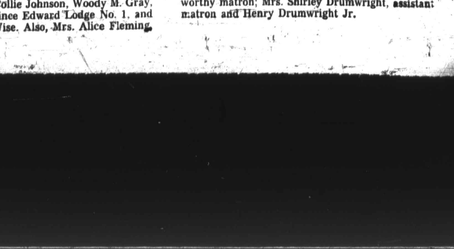

VISITORS in Baltimore last week were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Overton Coleman of Brooklyn, N.Y., who were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Felton. Mr. Overton is president of the New York Branch NAACP and business agent of the Retail Wholesale Grocery Clerks Local No. 338. Mr. Felton and Mr. Overton are both natives of Edenton, N.C.

Ike's appointments 'fail to impress'

By LOUIS LAUTIER
For the NNPA News Service

The Republican National Committee has sought to make political capital out of the appointments the Eisenhower Administration has given to colored persons, but such appointments have not been sufficient in either number or caliber to impress the colored voter.

The Administration has done comparatively well. But previous Administrations, both Democratic and Republican have been niggardly in rewarding the colored voter.

The outstanding appointments of the Eisenhower Administration have been those of J. Ernest Wilkins as Assistant Secretary of Labor, Scovel Richardson as judge of the United States Customs Court, Walter A. Gordon as judge of the United States Court for the Virgin Islands, Richard L. Jones as Ambassador to Liberia, Clifton R. Wharton as Minister to Rumania, and George C. Hayes as chairman of the District of Columbia Public Utilities Commission.

Austin L. Fickling also was appointed to the District of Columbia Municipal Court.

These seven appointments represent all of the full - time Presidential appointments, requiring Senate confirmation, made of colored persons.

MR. WILKINS no longer fills his post in the Labor Department. There is a number of colored appointees who fill lesser ministerial appointments of colored persons to offices which carry no salary, or carry a per diem when the appointee is actually on duty, or carry expenses only.

These include Dr. Felton G. Clark, president of Southern University, member of the Board of Foreign Scholarships; Mrs. Marion Anderson, alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly; and Mr. Malcolm Sharpe, member of the Civil Rights Commission.

The other appointments made by the Administration, some of them are nice jobs, are not satisfactory, possibly requiring nomination by the President and confirmation by the Senate.

Among the better jobs in this category are those of E. Frederic Morrow, as Administrative Officer on the White House staff, George W. Reed of Detroit, director of the United States Operations Mission in Liberia; Miss Roberta Church, Minority Groups Consultant, Labor Department.

Mrs. Julia P. Cooper, a State Department attorney, Carmel Carrington Marr, a member of the staff of Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., at the United States Mission to the United Nations, and Joseph H. Douglass, program coordination officer, Health, Education and Welfare Department.

THERE MAY be a few other jobs in these categories, but, measuring them in their entirety, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that colored people have not received a fair share of the political pie.

It may be in bad taste to discuss political appointments in connection with politics, but politics is a major consideration in the appointment of Federal judges. If it were not, the Supreme Court would not have its present composition.

Chief Justice Earl Warren was the governor of California and a contender for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1948 and 1952. Justice Hugo L. Black was a United States Senator. Justice Felix Frankfurter, a former Harvard Law School professor, is a Jew.

Aside from political considerations President Eisenhower has looked for judicial experience in his appointees. He promoted Justice John M. Harlan from the bench of the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals; Justice William J. Brennan from the New Jersey Supreme Court, and Justice Charles E. Whittaker from the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis.

ALL OF these are excellent appointments and round out a court which will go down as one of the greatest in the judicial history of the country.

In making future appointments to the Federal judiciary, including the Supreme Court, however, consideration should be given to colored lawyers who possess the necessary qualifications.

One such is Justice William H. Hastie of the United States Court of Appeals at Philadelphia. His opinions are among the best written by any judge. His character is beyond reproach. He would be a popular choice for the his position on that bench.

Of course, the only lawyer can gain judicial experience is by serving as a judge. If no colored lawyer can be appointed to a Federal judgeship for lack of judicial experience then the colored lawyer is in a vicious circle.

WITH THE educational background and legal experience that many of them have, there are now many who are equipped to serve in the Federal judiciary. It is time that the Justice Department studied the qualifications of some of these lawyers and submitted their names to the President for appointment to the Federal judiciary.

There is no better place to make a start than in the District of Columbia. Three colored judges, Almond W. Scott, Andrew J. Howard and Austin L. Fickling—are members of the District of Columbia Municipal Court, and it would be no novelty to have a colored judge in the District Court here.

A number of other cities in the North, East and West also have colored judges on various municipal, county and state courts. Many of them possess the necessary qualifications.

It would be smart politics for the politicians who are concerned with making recommendations to fill Federal jobs to consider qualified colored lawyers for judicial appointments.

4TH DISTRICT LEGISLATORS—This group of House of Delegates members represents Baltimore's Fourth Legislative District in the General Assembly. Taking oath of office here, left to right, are: Richard T. Rombro, Murray Abramson, Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, Sol J. Friedman, Mrs. Verda F. Welcome and Jerome Robinson, who administered the oath of office, as House speaker pro tem. All are Democrats.

Assembly boosts its own rates

ANNAPOLIS — One of the first things the in-coming 1959 House of Delegates members did after taking oath of office here Wednesday was t ote themselves a $10-a-day raise in expense allowance.

The Senate was not quite as hasty in its action on the expense-raise.

They took a couple of trial votes which indicated diminishing disfavor, then decided to take formal action Monday evening.

The General Assembly members (152 in all) were receiving $20 daily expense. The $10 raise for all of them will cost taxpayers an additonal $136,800 for the current 90-day session.

The legislators will benefit by pocketing $2,700 instead of $1,800 in expense money for this session along with $1,800 annual pay.

While all of this was going on Governor elect J. Millard Tawes was across the street in a state building trying to balance the 1959 Maryland budget.

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SENATOR'S WIFE—Mrs. Clara Jones, second from right, is shown here with a son and friends in Annapolis Wednesday, after her husband, Senator J. Alvin Jones, took oath of office. Left to right are: Aubrey A. Briscoe, Miss Elizabeth Conaway, Mrs. Jones and son, Jerome Jones. Another son, J. Alvin Jones Jr., is not shown.

McKeldin cites state gains to new Assembly

ANNAPOLIS — "Throughout the period (1950-58) the executive branch of the state government has been in the hands of one major party the legislative branch in the hands of the other.

"In theory, this could have created stalemate and the suspension of progress. It did not; on the contrary, ours has been a steady advance.

"If you wish to know what we have been doing in the past eight years, look around you."

Out-going Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, a Republican, laid this reminder and challenge before the new 1959 General Assembly, in a partine address here Wednesday afternoon.

The in-coming General Assembly is almost solidly Democratic (142 D. — 10 R.), and will be working with a Democrat governor — J. Millard Tawes.

AS CUSTOMARY, Gov. McKeldin delivered his swan song speech before a joint session in the House of Delegates chamber.

Mrs. Verda Welcome and Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, (both Fourth Dist., Balto.) were in an honorary delegation selected to escort Gov. McKeldin to the rostrum.

The governor, after reminding that the political setup at Annapolis was not a partisan matter under his administration, he went on to cite some accomplishments during the past eight years.

"Look at the road system."

he said, "Not merely the great expressways on which the Federal Government shared in the cost, but especially the lateral and secondary roads which were the state's exclusive work.

"Look at the expanded hospitals.

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"LOOK AT the state office buildings in Annapolis, and at the group of magnificent new buildings in Baltimore, which are indeed ornaments to the city, but which are most worthwhile because they will contribute to the ease and convenience of all who have business with the State Department."

Gov. McKeldin then continued with:

"Look at the University of Maryland, Morgan State College, St. Mary's Seminary Junior College, and the various state teachers' colleges.

"I look at the modernization of the prisons, and especially at the great new Patuxent Institution for defective delinquents.

"He then returned to the subject of Maryland highways and said:

"This was the first state to file with the authorities at Washington an acceptable plan for a complete system of highways that would tie in with the interstate system.

"We were ready because we had done a great deal of hard thinking and careful planning in advance.

"Therefore, we were able to seize the opportunity and through prompt action to secure an allotment of something over $56,000,000 while others were still scrambling to prepare figures and surveys."

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IN CONTINUING, the governor stated:

"I could speak with equal enthusiasm about many other items of progress that we have made together — improvements in our treatment of juvenile delinquency, the creation of a modern parole system, the establishment of understandable budget procedures, a central payroll bureau and closer checks on purchases, to mention only a few.

"But I do not wish to weary you with things accomplished when your primary concern is with things to be done.

"The primary concern of this body is and ought to be the best interest of the State of Maryland.

"But as you serve that interest faithfully and intelligently, I feel that you will serve more than Maryland.

"In a peculiar sense, this city of Annapolis is close to the heart of American democracy.

"The great city of Washington and the small city of Annapolis, lying only a few miles apart, represent to the world the structure of our Federal Republic."

Gov. McKeldin, prohibited by law from running for a third term, leaves office on Wednesday.

He is now a candidate for the Republican nomination for mayor of Baltimore, in the March 3 primary.

State Senator and Delegates take oath amid good fellowship

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A fine fellowship filled the marble halls of the State House Wednesday as Democratic supporters gathered to witness swearing - in ceremonies for State Senator J. Alvin Jones and House Delegates Irma Dixon and Verda Welcome, who were among new legislators to report for the ninety - day session.

Hundreds of well - wishers journeyed here by car and by bus, arrived fully two hours before the inauguration ceremonies and filled balcony seats in both the Senate and the House of Delegates.

Others remained standing in the main corridor between the House assembly room and the Senate chambers.

Still others gathered in the Senate lounge adjoining the Senate chambers.

Many of those present were invited guests of the three legislators who were taking their places in the Senate and the House of Delegates for the first time.

STATE SENATOR Jones, dressed in dark blue, arrived driving his own car shortly after 10 a.m., deposited his top coat and hat in the Senate lounge and was seen extending greetings and shaking hands in every corridor of the building.

It was obvious that he was one of the most popular men in the Senate.

Although no other Senator had floral tributes of congratulation, Senator Jones received a large baskets of flowers.

Present were members of his family, Mrs. Clara B. Jones, his wife, and Jerome B. Jones, his son.

Although expected momentarily throughout the day, his son, J. Alvin Jones Jr., Wash ington, did not arrive.

Mrs. Jones and Jerome sat in the Senate lounge until time for the ceremonies and then they climbed the stairs to the balcony.

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SETTING THE stage for the display of fellowship and good will was high-ranking Democratic leader Josiah B. Hess Jr., local attorney who told the AFRO:

"The war is over! We're getting together to see if we can't get something done for all the people."

Senator Jones also noted that Goodwill was the keyword. He told the AFRO: "I am in a position which I feel by association with the regular Democratic organization, I can do lots of good for the minority group as well as all people."

MR. JONES added: "I am with the majority party and I am pleased with the manner in which I have been received by my colleagues.

"I feel that they are going to help me accomplish my objectives."

The new - born Senator insisted however, "I am the representative of all the people—no special group.

"I am going to do all in my power to live up to the high traditions and standards established by my 4th District Democratic predecessors."

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DELEGATES Welcome and Dixon were also greeted by members of their families and scores of friends.

Mrs. Welcome was dressed in a forest green suit trimmed in mink. She wore a small mink hat.

Pinned to her lapel was a large white orchid from her husband, Dr. Henry C. Welcome, who was present with their daughter, 15-year-old Mary Sue Welcome, a 10th grade student at the Park School.

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MRS. DIXON was dressed in a conservative navy blue frock. Her hat was a mass of white flower petals while her long-toed slippers were navy blue.

She wore a large violet colored orchid from her husband, William B. Dixon who was present along with her Aunts, Mesdames Lillie Butler and Elizabeth Bass.

Both Delegates Dixon and Welcome were seated in the 4th District row of desks in the House. They were sworn in along with 4th District Delegates Murray Abramson, Sol Friedman and Richard Rombro.

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AT 3:45 P.M. Delegates Welcome and Dixon were among the five women who escorted Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin to speak.

Into the House assembly room Other escorts were Delegates Frances Hobbs, Marian Cook and Peggy Schreinhaut.

Delegate Welcome attended a 4:30 p.m. cocktail party at the Red Wagon Hotel.

She was also present at the Carvel Hall luncheon given by Mrs. Mildred Otenasek, Democratic National Committeewoman.

AMONG THOSE seen during the day were these members of Baltimore Democratic high command: Messrs. Henry Dixon, Calvin Douglass, Lloyal Randolph, U. Theodore Hayes, **Joseph Neal, Sam Stewart, S. Edward Smith, Carlton Douglass, Dave Mason, Archie Williams, George Williams, and Drs. Bernard Harris, Robert L. Jackson and Thomas Pitts.**

Also present were The Revs. A. J. Pasteur, Hiram Smith and J. Logan Kearse. Messrs. Charles "Mouse" Dorsey, Truly Hatchett, Aubrey Briscoe, Kenneth Bass, J. Gene Payne, Noah Thompson, Connie Johnson and Mrs. Elizabeth Conaway.

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AMONG THOSE present in the Dixon delegation were Mesdames Butler and Bess, Wilhelmina Garner, Flora Nooks, Anna Gibson, A. Jones, Alice Moran, Geneva P. Johnson, Hazel Washington.

Mesdames Clarice Tarter, Virginia James, Ramona Ridgley, Jackie Corbin, Mary Hudson, Anita Pleasant, Geneva Hilton, Inez Lee, Helen Roy and Gladys Barbour.

Also Misses Delores Taylor, Angela Paige, Jeanette Mebane, Edith Dennis, Sandra Jones, Patty and Wilhelma Garner.

Messrs. Dixon, James Charles, New York, Percy Parker, Baltimore, A. Vincent, Bob Goodloe, Calvin Roach Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Seay.

THE WELCOME delegation included Dr. Welcome and Miss Welcome, Floyd G. Peters;

Mesdames Estelle Simpson, Alverta Bowie, Nellie Bowie, Hilda Holmes, Elizabeth Thornton, Estelle Henry, Anna Newbold, Edith Hill, Madie Mitchell, Maggie Quillen.

Myrtle Brown, Catherine Torrence, Jeanette Holmes, Maggie Flacks, Elizabeth Boston, Christine Anderson and Misses Joanne Allen and Beatrice Falukner.

Masons give help at holiday

The Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, A. F. and A.M. completed it's holiday festivities by entertaining 125 elderly people at a dinner reception.

The program was held at the Masonic Temple, 1203-05 N. Eutaw Place, Sunday. Mr. Fannie Wycoff was chairlady.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Sidney Daniels, pastor of Emanuel Christian Community Church.

The Jurisdiction also entertained 200 children at the annual Christmas party under the supervision of the charity committee headed by Samuel N. Bunn.

One-hundred Christmas baskets were also issued to needy families.

Grand Master Clarence Wycoff is the leader of the promnent organization.

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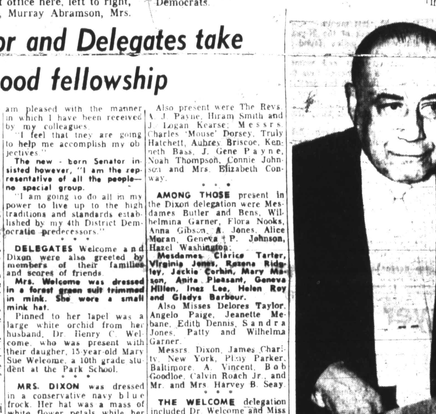
publicans, as compared to 98 Democrats and 25 Republicans from 1954-58.

The new colored members of the General Assembly form the second group of legislators of their race to sit in Annapolis in Maryland history.

The 1954-58 General Assembly had Harry A. Cole, Republican, as State Senator and Truly Hatchett, Democrat, and Emery R. Cole, Republican, as House of Delegates members, all representing the Fourth District in Baltimore. Mr. Hatchett was among the spectators at the General Assembly opening on Wednesday.

He lost his bid for re-election in the past May primary, when the Fourth District Democratic machine failed to support him.

Sue member Senator Cole and Mr. Cole were defeated, as Republican Coalition ticket members in the Democratic vote tide that swept the general election the past November.



POLITICAL BOSS—James H. (Jack)-Pollack, Baltimore's Fourth District Democrat political leader, is shown here, third from right, with "lieutenants" and friends, at the opening of the General Assembly in Annapolis on Wednesday. Beginning second from left are: U. Theodore Hayes, Calvin Douglass, Kenneth Bass, Mr. Pollack, William B. Dixon, (husband of Mrs. Irma G. Dixon). The two women on either ends are unidentified spectators.

Jones, Welcome, Dixon give legislative views

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland's three colored General Assembly members, all new to office and representing Baltimore's Fourth District, had varied views on their legislative plans, after they were sworn in for four-year terms here Wednesday.

The three — State Senator J. Alvin Jones and Mrs. Verda F. Welcome and Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, House of Delegates members — had these comments on matters of prime interest to them:

SENATOR JONES — "I don't want to commit myself at this time, because I want to get my feet firmly on the ground here first.

"But, I am interested in juvenile delinquency, recreation, employment and civil liberties."

MRS. WELCOME — "I am particularly interested in getting all teachers' colleges accredited.

"I am interested, too, in getting some kind of legislation passed to protect the unskilled working women, to improve their working conditions