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"We are Americans and as Americans we would speak to America." Frederick Douglass

Pollack's Abramson

Acting on a resolution written by Judge Thomas J. S. Waxter and rammed through the Maryland Commission on Interracial problems and Relations by chairman William C. Rogers Sr., Samuel Daniels was required to quit managing the campaign of Harry Cole for the legislature or resign.

Said Judge Waxter: "It is unthinkable that an employee of this commission should engage in politics."

The city's Equal Employment Opportunities Commission headed by Richard Emory is entirely comparable to the interracial commission as a public agency.

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THIS COMMISSION with the strange name of "equal employment opportunities" has refused to appoint a colored person as executive head or as an assistant.

Instead, the appointment of the assistant went to the Pollack forces in the Fourth District.

David Glenn, an Urban League job expert, was bypassed as a candidate and the Pollack nominee was appointed.

Pollack's Murray Abramson was not only permitted to hold down the commission job, but he was also allowed to run for the state legislature while drawing city pay as a member of the commission.

He was elected to the legislature and given a 90-day leave from his commission job to go to Annapolis.

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SO HERE you have it.

A sanctified and holy interracial commission chastises Sam Daniels for managing Cole's campaign on his own time.

But a Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sanctions Mr. Abramson's campaigning for office while holding a Commission job.

Maybe there is some difference between managing a political campaign for another and running for office yourself.

Maybe when you conduct your own campaign that is not supposed to be partisan politics.

This much is clear.

If the treatment of Sam Daniels was correct and proper, then the treatment of Abramson has a bad odor.

Mr. Daniels couldn't hold his job and engage in politics because he was anti-Pollack.

Mr. Abramson can hold his job and engage in politics because he is not anti-Pollack.

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BUT THIS is not all.

News reports leaked out of the commission this week that Mr. Abramson does hardly any work to speak of with the EEOC and a recommendation was made that charges be filed against him.

The Equal Opportunities Commission has only three staff employees to do a tremendous amount of work.

Announcement that one of the staff members is not doing any work should shock the chairman and other members of the commission. We know that members of the EEOC are outstanding citizens and personally are not in the vest pocket of Mr. Pollack or any other political boss.

This commission, however, has already compromised itself by granting Mr. Abramson leave to hold his commission job and serve in the legislature at the same time.

The question is how far will these outstanding citizens allow themselves to be further compromised by Jack Pollack's Murray Abramson?

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WE THINK the charges against Mr. Abramson should not only be formally filed, but that they should be aired in a public hearing.

If Mr. Abramson is drawing a salary of $6,000 a year and the commission has no record of what time he reports for work, how many days a week he comes into the office and what assignments he is given or completes, the able members of the commission in whom the city has confidence should say so and take necessary action.

It is inconceivable that they should be a party to commission proceedings which allow city employees to draw pay for non work performance.

End of an era

Governor Theodore McKeldin stepped down Wednesday after eight remarkable years.

During the McKeldin era embracing the years from 1951 through 1958:

Desegregation was accomplished without incident in the public schools of Baltimore and begun in a majority of the counties;

The Ford and Lyric theatres were persuaded to abandon their restrictive policies;

The Baltimore Transit amended its employment policies to permit the employment of colored bus and trolley operators;

The State of Maryland began hiring colored toll takers and guards on the Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay bridges and the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel;

Reference to race was removed from state employment applications, opening the doors to more jobs for colored Marylanders;

Magistrates were named to Northwestern and the Traffic Court and a Peoples Court judge was put on the bench;

First appointments of colored citizens to county and state boards of education as well as the state welfare board were made;

The National Guard was integrated;

Colored prison guards were hired;

Baltimore hotels eased their restrictive policies;

The first step was taken toward integration of state mental hospitals;

Integration was begun in the Baltimore City Fire Department;

The number of colored policemen in Baltimore was increased; more were promoted; and the first colored state trooper was employed.

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LOOKING BACK over these eight years, it's simply astonishing to note the progress that has been made in Maryland.

This progress is unquestionably the result of the favorable climate created by a governor who has not been afraid to say that he was opposed to segregation.

"I support the Supreme Court as the law of the land," he said in 1954.

"I'm for the equality of all citizens," he boldly stated in 1955.

He goes out in a blaze of glory. One of his final acts as governor was to commute to life death sentences of three prisoners.

To his critics, he had an answer.

". . . I know that no one can ever be sure exactly what justice is, but I do know what mercy is . . . I would rather err on the side of mercy, than to mistake justice."

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GOVERNOR J. MILLARD TAWES succeeds Mr. McKeldin in an era in which there is overall good racial relations in the state.

He can insure the continuance of this good feeling if he is personally courageous enough to promote a policy that colored people will be appointed and elected to any office for which they are qualified.

Courtesy for Mikoyan

President Eisenhower was on solid ground when he called on Americans to cease demonstrations against visiting Deputy Soviet Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan during his tour of American cities.

The denunciation stemmed from the demonstrations in a number of cities when mobs threw rocks and eggs at the visitor and yells of "Mikoyan Go Home."

Most of the demonstrators were refugees from Hungary and other Eastern European countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Just a few short months ago some of these same people begged for America's sympathy when they were trying to escape from tyranny at home.

In Cleveland an especially monster campaign was staged by the Metropolitan (foreign-born) groups to find employment for these same refugees.

There we were treated to the sorry spectacle of wealthy club women soliciting pledges from their membership to fire their colored maids, cooks and handymen to "make room" for Hungarian refugees.

Even today it is in the heavily populated foreign sectors of this normally liberal city that colored citizens suffer the worse abuse and danger to life and limb. Hundreds of jobs were lost in this fashion.

Colored workers could, with justification, stage mass protests against them based on the theme "Refugees Stay Home." But they refrained from doing so on the theory that America is a land of opportunity, based on freedom and equality.

The demonstrations against Mikoyan give support to the contention advanced at the time that most of those who were compelled to flee were chronic troublemakers who not only deserved the treatment they received at the hands of their oppressors, but transferred their penchant for mischief making to their new found home.

They not only took advantage of another minority to attain their own ends by appeals to ethnic relationships, but they repay their hosts by staging demonstrations, which hold America up to ridicule and scorn.

America has only itself to blame. These refugees had hardly landed on our shores before they were treated to the mob outbreaks in Little Rock, Charlotte, N. C. and other cities in the South. They might have erroneously gotten the impression that this was the American way of life. If we want immigrants to conduct themselves properly we must start out by setting a good example ourselves.

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper expands because its management believes in God, in the present generation, it must always ask itself —

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

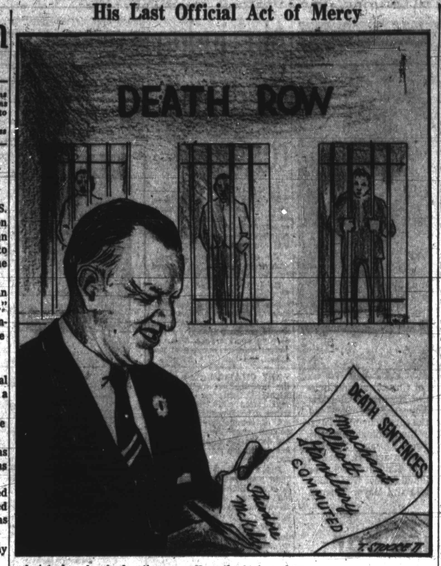
Whether it has set aside pride enough to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of political camps to expose corruption and condemn injustice, even brickbats or ostracism.

—JOHN MURPHY SR., 1920

His Last Official Act of Mercy



Readers Say

Wants speech printed

Dear AFRO:

Dr. Willard W. Allen and the Masonic Order are to be congratulated upon the outstanding speakers they have each year on their Emancipation Program.

It was a definite pleasure last Sunday to hear Dr. Charles Wesley, that pulpiteer, orator, educator and historian of the year, who gave us the history of Africans who came to this country and settled and the background of the culture of Africa.

My only regret is that more of our high school and college students were not present to hear Dr. Wesley for he was truly a great inspiration.

I would appreciate your printing the address so that those who could not attend the meeting could read it and might be able to read that marvelous address.

Mrs. LILLIE M. JACKSON
President of the Balto. NAACP

(ED. NOTE:—The complete text of Dr. Wesley's speech will be published in Tuesday's edition.)

January Christmas

Dear AFRO:

I truly want to thank you all for the wonderful thing you did for the children and me. Thanks to you we had a beautiful Christmas on Jan. 11.

We did not have much at Christmas but last Sunday made up for a lot of Christmases we did not have. We had turkey, cakes, cranberry sauce, candy, apples and oranges.

Our visitors also brought us a big bag of clothes. We had so much I just can't name it all. The children and I really had a great time enjoying all the good food.

The name of the club that sent us these good things is the 21 Charity Club. They even gave my boy two dollars. Another lady sent us two dollars.

I say thanks again because if it had not been for the AFRO we would not have had anything. God bless you.

MRS. E. C.

(ED. NOTE— This was one of the families that the AFRO's Mrs. Santa could not reach in time for Christmas. However, members of the 21 Charity Club contacted Mrs. Santa after the holidays for the name of a family that deserved help and Mrs. C's name was supplied. The club gave her food, clothing, money and plans to help her even further. Our thanks to the 21 Charity Club.)

TB Seal drive

Dear AFRO:

Once again, the Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers have done an outstanding public service by bringing news of our 1959 Christmas Seal Sale to the public.

Only through such willing and dependable cooperation can we tell the facts about tuberculosis to so many people.

Although it is too soon to know the final total received in the Seal Sale, reports are not encouraging.

We know all our future success in fighting tuberculosis will depend to a large degree on the space newspapers give us in reaching those we want to help. We are indeed grateful.

Our best wishes go to the Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers and to all a happy and prosperous and healthful new year.

FRANK T. JONES
Executive Director

To Mrs. Nelson

Dear AFRO:

I want to thank Mrs. Nelson for buying my family all the fixings for a nice Christmas dinner.

I didn't get Mrs. Nelson's address so this is the only way I can thank her.

MRS. T. W.

SIGHTSEEING

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

In recent months the University of Maryland has sent a number of news releases in to the City Desk.

Some of them were very interesting, some were halfway interesting and some of them were downright dull. They ended up in the ever faithful waste basket — a fate they richly deserved.

But this week the public relations office at the school sent in a news release that was a bit strange to say the least, and that's about the best I can say for it.

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ALL THAT it consisted of was one single sheet of blank paper. That's all — one lousy sheet of blank paper.

Now I am plagued with the thought "what was supposed to be on that sheet of paper."

Was it the announcement of some great medical discovery, the uncovering of a spy ring on the college campus, the sudden mass resignation of all the faculty members or the latest tips on how to care for a baby chicken suffering from an acute case of the Mexican measles, which seem to have the chicken-plucking industry.

But alas I guess I will never know unless I write the University of Maryland and ask them point blank.

"What in the so and so was supposed to be on that empty piece of paper you all sent me.

Yours truly,"

Just to get even, I won't even sign my name . . . Now let them figure that one out.

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WHEN THE new State Senator J. Alvin (Micky) Jones finished his little speech before the guests of the Ancient City Lodge of Elks No. 175 in Annapolis Wednesday, he left his audience a bit chilly according to observers.

In essence the senator told his listeners that he did not intend to be pressured into introducing legislation, that he is going to sit still for a bit and when he thinks the time is ripe he will introduce legislation.

His listeners repeatedly made of the opinion that the new senator could have been more positive in tone and could have put forth a concrete program instead of what he did present.

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HAVE YOU ever had the impression that you weren't exactly all there in the upstairs department. Well that's how I felt when my birthday rolled around.

For a number of years I have been celebrating Jan. 14 as my birthday but a number of my friends think Jan. 15 is my birthday, and as you can see this poses quite a problem.

Came Jan. 14 and no "happy birthdays" and I started in to pump out of a window (a first floor one) because I didn't want to overtax the sidewalk because I thought nobody loved me.

Then comes Jan. 15 and I receive flowers, cards and a personal visit from a friend to wish me a Happy Birthday.

Rather than complicate life any further I think I will change my birthday to Jan. 15. But, come to think of it, what am I going to do with my birth certificate, etc. . .

There ought to be a simpler way to celebrate a birthday.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Television fans around the country must have been in seventh heaven last Sunday when that western show Maverick poked fun at that Saturday night institution, Gunsmoke.

To some people any reference to a western might seem juvenile, but you would be surprise if you only knew how many grown up juveniles there are among us.

Why bother to worry though, most women look upon their husbands as grown up little boys anyway.

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I'LL NOT deny that I like westerns. That is why I was right at home when the Maverick people presented "Gun-Shy."

It was pure corn but I like millions of other Americans ate it up.

It was fun watching a lawman who couldn't hit the side of a barn with his six gun.

Funnier still was the bad mood the sheriff found himself in when he couldn't run the little gambler out of town.

I can see nothing wrong in that however. In some of the big cities of today they still can't run the gamblers out of town.

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WHILE ON this entertainment kick I can't overlook the performance of Harry Belafonte on that "Adventures in Music" show the other p.m.

One critic has written that Belafonte stole that show. That he did.

I'm still humming that "Jump Down Spin Around" number.

I don't know what class you can put this little story in but man what sounds those seven sticks of dynamite would have made if they hadn't been caught when a friend tossed them through a second - story window on W. Fayette St., recently.

While passing the bag of dynamite around like a basketball, the guy told his friends what it contained but they wouldn't believe him.

Thanks for party

Dear AFRO:

I wish to thank you and Mrs. Santa for the wonderful time I had at the AFRO Christmas party at the Regent Theatre. The program was most entertaining.

I also liked the picture of Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin.

I am glad I was one of those who was fortunate enough to be invited to attend.

A. Y.
A pupil at No. 116

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Happy, happy birthday . . .

In every successful business and organization, there is a leader, the head of the group who has the enormous responsibility of making the decisions, doing the planning and the worrying about the setbacks, taxes and other problems.

Even though he may have a board or committee to advise him, it is the head of the group who gets the criticism if things go wrong, but rarely the thanks or praise when all is well.

The key man in the AFRO-AMERICAN Co., for the past 35 years has been Dr. Carl Murphy, president and chairman of the board of directors.

During all these years, it is he who has worked the longest hours, watched the vital details, kept a vigilant eye on business trends, planned ahead for the future, and in fact devoted the majority of his waking hours to such important planning.

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The result is that today, the AFRO - AMERICAN Co. has offices in Baltimore, Washington Philadelphia, Newark and Richmond and publishes 13 editions a week, twice a week in Baltimore and Washington.

Employed are 190 men and women, 28 of us of 20 years or more service.

In the 67 years of the company's history, even in the Depression years, the AFRO has met its payroll promptly.

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Tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 17), the man who has been the key person in leading the AFRO-AMERICAN to the place where it is the largest chain of weekly newspapers in the country try (audited circulation . . . is 164,779 marks his 70th birthday.

Birthdays he himself once wrote, afford an opportunity for thanksgiving . . . thanks for life and good health, for family and friends.

For work, even for the drudgery of it as well as for leisure. For the freedoms we have and for the opportunities to enlarge them . . .

For all the happiness we have had this year and for the sorrows which have sweetened it . . .

For the spirit of tolerance and goodness which exists and continues to grow in our own land, evidences of the goodness of God the Creator;

For our belief in ourselves, in our country and in our God, and in our certain knowledge that evil may be ever present but eventually right will prevail.

AFRO - AMERICAN Co. and their families, and his associates whom he has guided during the past 35 years, this column offers special birthday wishes to our president — Carl Murphy.

Happy, happy birthday.

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More happy birthday greetings: Happy, happy birthday also to William L. (For Lafayette) Fitzgerald, 1208 Druid Hill Ave. He was 87 on January 14.

Oldest active lawyer in the city, Mr. Fitzgerald also has another anniversary this week.

On January 17, he completes 59 years as a practicing attorney.

Back in 1900, "Mr. Fitz" or "Will" or "Bill" as some call him, became the first of his race to pass the written bar exam in the state.

Prior to that time, lawyer candidates only had to take oral exams.

Others know Mr. Fitz as a specialist in real estate and civil law.

Still others know him as the oldtime city councilman (1919-22).

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Oldtimers may remember it was Mr. Fitzgerald who negotiated for the site of the present Morgan State College.

Also, he handled the transaction for the present Druid Hill YMCA and the AFRO building at Eutaw St. and Druid Hill Ave.

A native of Jonesboro, Tenn., Mr. Fitzgerald came to Baltimore in 1897.

During his lifetime he has given devoted service in a number of areas both church and civic life.

Remember when he gave free advice to service men with problems?

Blessed with good health most of his life, Mr. Fitzgerald just recently has had a foot ailment—which confined him to the hospital.

But he was up and out within a week, using an improvised hole in his shoe to make it more comfortable. He was well enough on Sunday to attend the Masons' Emancipation Proclamation celebration.

Mr. Fitzgerald and his wife, the former Lucille Wilson, spent his birthday quietly.

Here from Cincinnati on a visit, is their only child, Mrs. Luther Lemon (Jessie).

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Happy birthday cards by January 20 to Mrs. William K. Clarke (Viola), should be addressed to 530 Sanford Place.

It was a year ago on January 20 that the Edgar S. Cahn (Jean Camper) of Yale University (she's the former Jean Camper of Baltimore), welcomed their first — Jonathan Daniel.

Hellos by January 24 to Miss Betty Clark, Douglass High School paper editor of 1949 W. Lafayette Ave. She's the youngster who attended institute for high school editors last year under auspices of the AFRO.

Judge's Court Judge E. Everett Lane has a birthday January 20. Address, 2000 N. Santa Fe.

Mrs. Marion Ransom, 2304 Madison Ave., celebrates on January 21.

Belated birthday hellos to Miss Ruth and Shirley Watkins, 2215 Windsor Ave., who celebrated on Jan. 10. Friends feted them a party on Saturday at the home of the David Wrights.

January 10 was also the birthday of their aunt, Mrs. Jane E. Jefferson, 832 Battery Ford Ave., Charlotte, N.C. She was 87, so send her best wishes too.

People, places and things . . .

By Wednesday at 7 p.m., 1,320 persons had passed the bier of Mrs. Helen Gibson Holland.

There had been a steady stream of mourners at the funeral home she conducted all day Tuesday when the body went on view and all day Wednesday, beginning at 7 a.m.

The Holland Funeral chapel was truly a beautiful sight . . . flowers flowers everywhere and Mrs. Holland reposing in a mahogany casket looking as beautiful in death, Charles Lewis, the young Broadway undertaker who helped prepared the body for burial.

Standing around at attention, greeting the visitors were her nieces and nephews and the other young men and women associated with Mrs. Holland in the funeral home which has become a Baltimore institution.

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BY THE BY, here is evidence that undertakers properly believe in honoring their own. Ninety-nine per cent of the funeral directors in the city were in attendance at the Holland Funeral.

They offered their cars, served as pallbearers and were generally helpful and attentive to details—making this one of the best directed of any funeral the city has seen in recent years.

Police cooperated and diverted traffic in the block of Bethel Church so that no cars moved there while the funeral procession was forming for the trip to Arbutus Memorial Park.

Just as the procession left the church at 12:45 p.m., a few drops of rain fell, giving credence to that old adage, "blessed are the dead the rain falls on."

BECAUSE the weather was overcast, police did not provide a motorcycle escort. Rather, a police car escorted the procession.

When the 42-car procession entered Arbutus proper, a county police held up traffic so the funeral cars could pass without incident.

A white-haired blonde lady in black made a sight of the crowd when the four-block long procession passed her at Thomas Ave. and Sulphur Spring Rd., in Arbutus.

At the intersection of Garrett Ave. and Sulphur Spring Rd. a brown-skinned school boy stopped to look in amazement.

AFTER THE funeral, members of the Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of Maryland and Auxiliary, along with out-of-town morticians, went to Wilson's Restaurant, for a dinner meeting and memorial service to Mrs. Holland. This is a traditional affair the group holds when a member dies.

James Martin is president of the Maryland group. Also here: Jeffrey Lowe, president of the Washington group.

In attendance, at the dinner memorial meeting: — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Locks, Mr. and Mrs. Henry James, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilmore, Mrs. Rosa Mebane, Mrs. Margaret McRae, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nutter, Purnell Oden, Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Phillips, Mr. Mrs. William Chatman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Locks, Thomas L. Kelson Jr., Marshall P. Hayes, Oscar A. Johnson; Mrs. George W. Queen, Samuel Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bass, Mrs. Clara Lively;

Also, Mrs. Alethia McCrimmon, Charles Law, Mr. and Mrs. William Marsh, George Kelson, Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, Mr. James Chew;

Mrs. Katie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morton, John Johnson, Mrs. Frances Hemsley, Charles A. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dyett.

From Washington were: Jeffrey Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barbour; Paul H. Simmons, Joseph S. Cornish, Miss Helen Murray, Murphy Robinson, Rufus Horton, Joseph Stewart, Robert L. Plummer.

Also here: Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Sewell, Prince Frederick, Md.

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Lady Lingman, the longtime Pennsylvania Ave. dress shop owner, is critically ill at Sinai Hospital.

His store — Lingman's Dress Shop — at 1824 Pennsylvania (near Robert St.) has been an Ave. institution for 40 years. It served three generations in the same family.

Remember Mr. Lingman kept an original newspaper page of Lincoln's assassination on the wall in his shop!

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Add to newlyweds: Paul J. Harris, postal worker whom friends said was a confirmed bachelor, married Miss Mae Rich of Washington went to the chapel of Everett Memorial Church, (pastored by Paul's father — the Rev. Paul J. Harris) and exchanged vows.

Standing with them: Paul's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams (Elizabeth.)

SOUTH BALTIMORE NOTES

Gene Harris elected president of ACE League

By GEORGE W. E. HILL

Gene Harris was elected president of the ACE League at Star of Bethlehem AME Church.

Other officers and members are:

Miss Alberta White, secretary; Miss Shirley Thier, treasurer; Miss Marie Thomas, Miss Rosie White, Miss Eva Mosley, Miss Leavia White, Miss Vivian White, Miss Ann Hunter, Miss Dorothy Mosley, and Mecoy Burell.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Rosa Sydnor and also to the Golden Agers Club for the loss of their member.

The Westport Recreation Center has listed the following games: —

Jan. 21, the Junior Bullets vs the Hawks and the Vikings vs the Westport Rebels; Jan. 28, the Junior Bullets vs. the Westport Rebels and the Vikings vs. the Hawks; Feb. 4, the Tourney League Winner vs. the All Star Team.

All games will be played at the Westport School No. 225 at 7:15 p.m.

Star of Bethlehem AME Church will observe its annual Woman's Day on Sunday, May 10. Mrs. Lelia McQueen, chairman; Mrs. Grace Hill Hines, co-chairman; Mrs. Ami Price, secretary and Mrs. Venie West, treasurer.

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SHILOH C. C. CHURCH has invited the public to attend its senior choir day on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 3 p.m.

The Josiah Diggs Recreation Center's Junior Teens held their first dance of the year.

Taking part were: Olivia Robinson, Rosemary Thomas, Joyce Mitchell, Angela Curry, Lavina Brandford, Mary Chase, Patricia Cook, Linda George, Yvonne Carter, Betty Daniel, Mary Jenifer, Roberta Crosby, Jackie Jenifer, Shirley Hutchinson, Emily Davis, Joyce Coole, Charlotte Gray, Teodora Johnson, Brenadine Dixon, Brenda Powell, Sandra Thomas, Carolyn Howard, Barbara Jackson, Barbara Johnson, Charles Clarke. Also Bruce Kidd, Elmer Dillahay, Benjamin Abraham.

Deborah Jones, Harry Smith, Grady Morton, Charles White, Ronald White, Matthew Watts Roscoe Keating, Darnell Burton, Charles Alexander, and LaMont Bannister.

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MEMBER the following sick and shut-ins.

Mesdames Lucy Stevens, Mary Sorrell, Alice Reese, Sallie Bonapart, Camilla Burton, Annie Bassett, Sadie Correll, Geneva Kennedy, Laura Johnson, Mary Natlaw, Mary White, Annetta Johnson, Mamie Watson, Blanche Laster, and Lucille Knox.

Also Freddie Smith, Burnett Hutcherson and William Reaves.

Choir praised

ORANGE, N.J. — Plaudits continue to be received by the choirs of the Union Baptist Church concerning their 11th annual performance of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah."

Directed by Albert L. Tillery, the choirs presented the oratorio in the church sanctuary during the holidays. The Rev. J. Vance McIver is pastor.

Soloists on the program were Mrs. Lois C. McPherson, soprano; Mrs. Gertrude Graf, contralto; John Brinkley, tenor, and Daniel L. Rideout Jr., bass.

The Rev. Julius A. Carroll, pastor of the Radall Methodist Church of Washington, D.C., was guest organist and Olidia R. Bomar, served as pianist.

EMERGENCIES THEIR BUSINESS — This group of ladies, photographed recently at their annual tea, are members of the Emergency Club of the Fairs Road AME Church. The club was organized in May of 1946 under leadership of the Rev. John H. Cox, now presiding elder of the Baltimore District, and continues to function under the leadership of the present minister, the Rev. J. H. Cashen. The annual tea is held at the Madison Avenue YWCA. Members seen here, from left, are: Mesdames Maude Jones, sinking fund treasurer; Marie Cashen, honorary member; Beatrice Kennedy, business manager; Beulah Scott, chaplain; Sadie Turner, vice president; Bettie Ringgold, president; and Edithe Merritt, financial secretary. Members not shown are Mesdames Blanche Garey, treasurer; and Louise Scott, recording secretary.

Bishop Wright inspects fire damage

PHILADELPHIA

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., AME prelate of the California and far - west area was in Philadelphia, his hometown, last Friday and Saturday.

He came from his Episcopal headquarters in Los Angeles, to "attend to personal, legal business" in New York and to "look after matters incidental to a fire" that damaged his Philadelphia home at 854 N. 58th St., Saturday night, Dec. 19.

The West Philadelphia dwelling is one of the oldest in that section and was hon...stead of the late M a j o r R. R. Wright, Sr., father of the bishop and founder of the Citizens-Southern Bank.

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BEFORE LEAVING the city, by air, last Saturday to preach on Sunday in St. Louis, Mo., Bishop Wright said that plans for entertainment of the AME General Conference, May 3-15, in Los Angeles are "going forward rapidly."

Contract has been signed for use of the famed Hollywood Rose Bowl, for a "Sunrise Prayer Meeting," preceding opening of the General Conference sessions in the Shrine Exposition Hall.

Use of the Exposition Hall will enable the conference to save of $20,000 for which a deposit of $4,000 has been made by the local entertainment committee.

Under leadership of Dr. C. Baker Pearlie, president elder of the Saint Louis, Mo. District, a Prayer Meeting committee is comprised of 2,378 of the 5th district communicants with an anticipated goal of 3,000 before the next week ends.

Bishop Wright will hold a series of meetings, this week, with ministers and laymen from of his district. He will return to Los Angeles, from Missouri and Kansas, next Saturday, and will preach Sunday, Jan. 25, in Grant Church at 11 a.m., the Rev. H. W. Murphy, host pastor.

• A BRIEF recess in the General Conference planning will be taken the bishop said, when he and the Fifth District delegation, attend the mid-winter session of the Bishops' and Connectional Councils in Avery Chapel, Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 18 - 20, inclusive.

"We will get right back to work on our plans because the entertainment of the General Conference in such a setting is a stupendous task," he said.

LANGSTON HUGHES, renown author, uses autographs book for the Rev. William Robinson of Psalmist Baptist Church, and Daniel Moore, 8, 1905 Thomas Ave., during an autograph party held at a new bookstore which opened in Baltimore last week with Mr. Hughes as special guest.

Services Saturday for Rev. Harrison

WASHINGTON

Funeral services for the Rev. John McKenzie Harrison, 73, retired African Methodist Episcopal minister, will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in Hemingway Temple AME Church.

The body will be on view at the Hemingway Temple, Fifth and P Sts., NW, Washington, after 5 p.m. today (Friday). Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Baltimore, Md.

The Rev. A. J. Felix, presiding elder of the AME Potomac District will officiate at the final rites.

The Rev. Mr. Harrison, who served seven different churches in the Washington-Baltimore area, died suddenly Monday, Jan. 12, at his home, 18 Sixteenth St., SE, Washington.

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ALTHOUGH retired from active duty as a pastor, the Rev. Mr. Harrison was active in the executive work of the church in the Washington area. He was a member of the Executive Board of the Fraternal Council of Churches, treasurer of the Interdenominational Ministers' Union and treasurer of the Methodist Union of Washington and Vicinity.

He was a charter member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

He also was a member of the D. D. Bowser No. 8824 Lodge of Odd Fellows; a 32rd degree Mason; member of the Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15, Prince Hall Masons; the Jonathan Davis Court No. 1, Hiram Consistory, and the Prince Hall Lodge No. 5, Royal Arch Masons.

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HE RETIRED four years ago from the pastorate of the Embry AME Church in College Park, Md. Prior to that he had served as minister in four Washington churches over a 32-year period.

He served the Embry pastorate for 2 years. Previously the Rev. Mr. Harrison had served four other churches in Washington — Allen Garfield, five years; St. Paul, five years; Pilgrim and Ebenezer AME, the latter in Georgetown, five years each.

He came to Washington in 1933, having previously served for 10 years in the pulpits of two churches in Baltimore. He served at the Waymon AME in South Baltimore and the Star of Bethlehem Church in Mt. Winans.

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HIS SON IN-LAW, the Rev. John M. Cox, presiding elder of the AME Baltimore district, estimated that the Rev. Mr. Harrison had enrolled more than 1,000 persons into church membership during the period he served in this area.

The Rev. Mr. Harrison was a native of Sumter, S.C. and a graduate of South Carolina State College at Orangeburg, S.C. He had resided at the Sixteenth St. address in recent years.

His wife, Mrs. Ellen Louise Harrison, who served as president of the Missionary Society of the AME Conference, died in 1949.

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The Rev. Mr. Harrison is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Mildred H. Cox, of the home address, a teacher in Baltimore city schools; Mrs. Mamie H. Watson, wife of the Rev. Gilbert E. Watson, 1331 Emerald St. NE, Washington; Mrs. Mae H. Maddox, social worker of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Mable Lucas, teacher of Philadelphia, Pa.

He is also survived by a brother, Benjamin Harrison, of New York City, and a sister, the Rev. Mrs. Mary M. Wilson, associate pastor, Bethel AME Church, Baltimore, Md.; and six grandchildren.

Cites responsibilities of good citizenship

WASHINGTON

By EDITH A. ALIEVINE

The Rev. E. Franklin Jackson, local NAACP president, was the guest speaker at the Pleasant Plains Civic Association's "kick-off" drive for 1,000 members, Friday, at Monroe School, Georgia and Shermen Aves., N.W.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson cited the need for greater participation in civic work. He pointed out the importance of group representation on issues affecting our welfare.

He stated "it is the responsibility and duty of every citizen to solve community problems. This can be done most effectively through giving support to the Civic Association— because in unity there is strength.

All people are an active part of society and are either assisting in solving problems or helping to create them— if only by the lack of support to the organizations working toward their adjustment," he added.

THE REV. MR. JACKSON outlined methods for recruiting a large membership into the organization and stressed the fact that personal contact will be necessary for many inactive, etc. but non-participating citizens.

A recent development is evidence of the effect of group representation referred to by the speaker.

Directed by Albert Thomas, Nelson C. Roots, president of the Pleasant Plains Civic Association, representing the Federation of Civic Associations, testified at a public hearing for plans to construct the "inner loop freeway."

He reminded the Commissioners their prime concern should be what happens to people displaced by the new roads.

He called for a central relocation service that would guarantee each displaced family a decent new home and urged "a dynamic program" beyond public housing to provide thousands of new homes to care for displacees.

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THE FOLLOWING Saturday, Brig. Gen. A.C. Welling, Engineer Commissioner, stated —A central relocation service for District residents displaced by highway projects was under active consideration.

After his appearance on the radio program, "Report to the People," Welling added, "A committee in the District Office of Urban Renewal was studying the need for a home placement service."

This is an example of the work of the civic organization and the need to enlarge the membership to strengthen the programs that can help to make the necessary adjustments in our daily living.

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9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL—Mrs. M. White, Supt.
10:00 A.M.—TESTIMONIAL SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. Subject: "THE GREAT OUTLAW."
1:00 P.M.—BUSES LEAVE FOR HOMECOMING SERVICES AT BROADNECK, MD. MT. ZION CHOIRS and PASTOR RENDERING SERVICE.
8:00 P.M.—M. Y. P., JERALDINE FIELDS, President
WE WELCOME YOU
REV. O. ST. CLAIR FRANKLIN, Pastor

SHARP ST. MEM. METH. CHURCH
DOLPHIN AND ETTING STREETS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1959
8:00 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP. SERMON BY THE PASTOR. SUBJ. "SELLING YOUR OWN SOUL"
2:00 P.M.—MARCH TO ZION
3:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP. SUBJ. "HE THAT BULETH HIS OWN SOUL"
ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US
REV. EDWARD G. CARROLL, Pastor

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
CAROLINE AND PRESTON STREETS
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M.—PRAYER AND PRAY SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—SERMON BY THE PASTOR. SUBJECT: "ALMOST A CHRISTIAN"
3:30 P.M.—PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S CHORUS
8:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL
REV. C. E. BROWN, Pastor

ORCHARD STREET METHODIST CHURCH
Orchard St. Near Druid Hill Ave.
9:45 A.M.—Church School.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship.
3:00 P.M.—Bench Rally—sponsored by W.S.C.S., speaker, Rev. Mrs. Viola Cannon.
8:00 P.M.—Evening Worship.
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL
REV. V. T. KEY, Pastor

Ames Memorial Methodist Church
GARRY AND BAKER STREETS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1959
ANNIVERSARY OF WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Morning Service 11 A.M.—Sermon by the pastor, Theme: "Rekindling The Gift." Music by The Youth Choir.
Vesper Hour 6 P.M.—M.Y.F. Program. Adult Bible Class.
Evening Service 8 P.M.—Evangelistic Hour. Sermon by the pastor. Music—The Gospel Choir.
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Identical Services 8:30 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.
"THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL"
Reverend Bascom, Preaching
MUSIC
CHANCEL CHOIR
"He Hideth My Soul"—Kirkpatrick
"When We All Get To Heaven" — Wilson
"Trust In Him"—Hamblin
SANCTUARY CHOIR
"Bless The Lord"—Ivanov
"Gonna Journey Away" — Ryder
"Rise Up O Man Of God"—York
REV. MARION C. BASCOM, Minister