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

Sen. Jones bows in

Shortly after he was sworn in as the new senator from Baltimore's Fourth District, J. Alvin Jones appeared before the Ancient Lodge of Elks in Annapolis.

In well chosen words, reportedly so plain that there was no doubt as to where he stood, Senator Jones was quoted as saying he planned to be quiet for the first part of the current legislative session and not introduce any legislation.

Carrying his plans for the future one step further, he told his listeners he would not be "pressured" by any group or individual into introducing or voting for legislation.

Then as his conclusion he said as a party man he would be guided mainly by the wishes of the party.

His remarks indicate Mr. Jones has a great deal to learn in the next four years.

If Mr. Jones was any other state senator his remarks could be ignored.

But whether he likes it or not, Mr. Jones is not just another state senator. He is the only colored senator in the General Assembly. He represents a district where 54.5 per cent of the registered voters are colored.

As such, it is not unreasonable to expect him to take a more positive approach toward questions and problems affecting voters in his district.

A senator from Somerset County would be expected to look out for the interests of the oystermen, just as a senator from St. Marys would be expected to have the best interest of the farmers close to his heart.

Why then should Mr. Jones not be expected to be interested in the welfare of all the people who reside in his district?

The answer is that he should be interested in their problems and should use every means at his disposal to serve them.

Instead of playing a "wait and see game" Mr. Jones might better outline a concrete program of what he will attempt to do about such things as the municipal court bill, a state equal opportunities law, integration in state agencies and training schools, appropriations for the Department of Welfare and mental institutions.

When Mr. Jones speaks of being a party man, there is the implication that the party will come first.

We hope this is not true.

The Hepbron charges

Baltimore city members of the State Legislature, led by Jerome Robinson (4th) have called for an investigation to determine whether Police Commissioner James Hepbron has made "mistake after mistake in judgment" since he was appointed by Governor McKeldin in 1955. His six-year term expires in June, 1961.

To support the case against Commissioner Hepbron, Delegate Robinson has outlined a half dozen charges including:

No. 1, Mr. Hepbron wore a yachting cap and rode to the inauguration on a police boat;

No. 2, two years ago, it required great pressure to investigate the police department.

Mr. Hepbron has been commissioner three years. Like any chief of a department or organization he may have made some mistakes. In many instances, he has had to overcome longtime practices in the department before he could put his own program in effect.

But the fact remains that he has been the first commissioner who dared brook the old theory that a policeman could do no wrong.

He has dismissed from the force officers who violated regulations or were involved in shady dealings.

He has shifted policemen and officers around so that they no longer are set for life in certain areas where they can ignore the known criminals and/or close their eyes to law violations.

He has insisted that policemen eliminate racial designations in their reports to grand juries and he has ordered the appointment and assignment of colored members to the force without regard to color.

To be sure, there is much to be gained in this area of full integration of the police department. There are still few colored radio car officers, no traffic officers, no motorcycle or communications men, but there is reason to believe these appointments will come during Commissioner Hepbron's term.

Such errors in judgment as Commissioner Hepbron has made, if there are such errors, are not of such significance, we think, to merit the kind of investigation proposed by the city legislators.

The Commissioner himself has said he will welcome an invitation to appear before the legislators and answer any questions.

We think he will come off well in that meeting.

P.S. We suspect the real trouble is Commissioner Hepbron's term runs until 1961. He has directed his own department and refused to accept such direction from the politicians.

Fellowship's anniversary

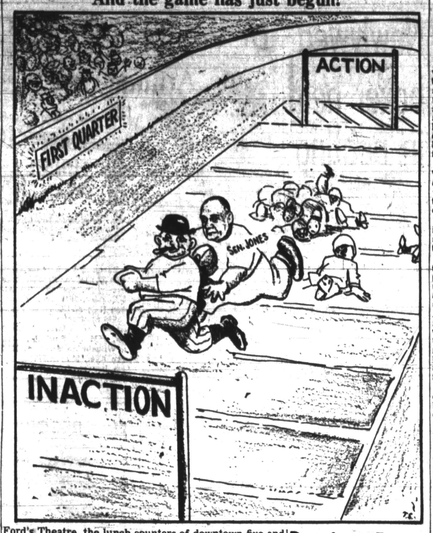
On Sunday, Baltimore Fellowship will mark its 20th anniversary with a dinner at a downtown hotel.

Looking back over the last two decades, it is entirely fitting that we pause and pay tribute to this interracial and intercultural organization.

During the early 40s, Fellowship set up the Baltimore Art Center with a mixed faculty and student body, long years before the Supreme Court decision on school integration.

It participated in the successful campaigns to open Ford's Theatre, the lunch counters of downtown five and ten cent stores and Read's.

And the game has just begun!



In 1954 it brought Miss Marian Anderson to Baltimore to appear on the stage of the Lyric Theatre, the first time in history a colored professional artist had appeared on the Lyric stage.

With its discussion groups, its exhibits and other activities, Fellowship has been preaching the doctrine of brotherhood for lo these 20 years.

Often without publicity, it has gone along in its quiet way, trying to help people understand one another so there might be a better world.

Baltimore today is a vastly different city than what it was when Fellowship began, and part of the credit belongs to the organization.

So on this, the 20th anniversary of Fellowship, we extend congratulations and a wish for a future even brighter than the past.

Service for non-voters

Printed elsewhere in this edition is a list of mobile registration points where non-voters may become voters in less than five minutes.

The Supervisors of Elections are due a vote of thanks for setting up these mobile registration booths which make it possible for residents all over the city to register without going downtown to the main office at Fayette and Gay Sts.

Regardless of where a person lives, he may register at any of the mobile points which are open daily and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Non-voters have until Jan. 31 to register. Unless a person is registered he can take no hand in nominating candidates for mayor, comptroller and city council in the March 3rd primary.

In registering, it is wise to remember that unless you affiliate with one of the two major parties, you can not vote in the primary, only in the general.

The mobile registration points have been set up for the convenience of Baltimore residents.

Let's use them.

Let's have the facts

An illustration of the damage internal dissension can do to a governmental agency operating in a highly sensitive field is to be found, unfortunately, in the current discussions over the city's Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

Arrayed on one side is the executive secretary, Phillip Camponeschi, and on the other side is his number one assistant, Murray Abramson, who also holds a Fourth District seat in the House of Delegates.

Mr. Camponeschi has made the charge that Mr. Abramson is doing hardly any work at all for the EEOC and Mr. Abramson has answered with a denial.

During last year's political campaign Mr. Abramson ran for office while drawing his $6,000 a year salary from the EEOC.

To top this off, he was granted a 90-day leave of absence to attend the current session of the General Assembly.

The EEOC has only three staff members — Mr. Camponeschi, Mr. Abramson and a secretary.

With Mr. Abramson away from his desk to engage in partisan politics, the agency can not help but suffer.

We think the time has come for a hearing to get at the facts.

How many days is the EEOC office open? Where are the time cards to show how many hours staff members work? At what time do they report?

Where is the weekly report of interviews, cases handled, visits made?

The public is entitled to have these facts about a public agency.

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper records 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 dimmed;

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

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condone injustice, race prejudice or cowardice.

—JOHN MURPHY Sr., 1929

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

On Wednesday night television proved it can offer something more substantial than the night of pop-singing crooners trying to kill everybody in sight, sloppily sentimental shows about brave dogs and loyal horses, or late late movies so old that most of the actors have been dead and in their graves for years.

The program was a study of Virginia's massive resistance activities and the actors, if you want to call them that, were the men, women and children of Norfolk.

These were real people, taking part in a grim real life struggle between the forces of tolerance and intolerance.

The program was not designed to solve the Norfolk school problem and in the final summary the narrator, Edward R. Murrow, brought the situation up to date and left it there.

As a well-balanced program giving equal time to those who will accept integration and those who will not, the program walked the thin line between the two viewpoints with a skill worthy of a circus performer.

For that, Mr. Murrow is to be congratulated for it would have been easy to err on one side or the other.

By presenting the facts as they were the program created sympathy for the children who are without schools to attend because of the gross narrow-mindedness of their elders.

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GOV. LINDSAY ALMOND ordered the Norfolk high schools closed when the courts ordered them integrated.

In effect he deprived 10,000 children of an education just so that would not be integrated with the staggering number of 17 colored children.

The producers of the program could have editorialized but they let the facts speak for themselves and the facts were something to behold.

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TAKE THE sight of empty school classrooms just sitting there while the students who should be using them are cramped into small rooms trying to get an education under private tutors.

Or take the colored teacher who stood before the 17 children who caused all the ruckus and told them in a calm voice of how they should act when they entered the University of white schools and reminded them that "your light will shine."

Then take the supporter of segregation who blamed everything on the Communists and the white Norfolk teacher, almost close to tears, who said she had asked her teachers wanted to resume teaching the young in a public school system.

And you could also compare the high school pupil who said that colored students could not measure up to white students with the children from the Norfolk Catholic High School who said integration had worked well in their school since 1954.

Not everyone liked the program, but then when you deal with a controversial question everyone can't be expected to be in accord.

The mere fact that the program was presented at all is an indication that there is still hope for TV.

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RECIEVED IN the mail this week was a hot tirade directed against TV repairmen in general, and one TV company in particular.

The writer didn't sign his or her name, and after reading the letter I can understand why.

After giving the repairmen a real going over, the writer concluded with what might in time become a classic statement:

"I would not trust them with the fleas off my dog's back."

Somehow I get the impression that the writer hates TV repairmen.

Readers Say

Blind home thanks

Dear AFRO:

It is with deep appreciation that we acknowledge the recent contributions of money and materials by our interested fellow citizens.

This comes to offer assurance that the contributions will be used to give the greatest amount of benefit and enjoyment to the blind people for whom they were intended. —

ANNA MAE HUNTER,
HUNTER FOUNDATION FOR BLIND

Mr. Reckling writes

Dear AFRO:

The incident of being favorably remembered after years in public service is happily sustaining. I am very grateful to the AFRO-AMERICAN for the allotment of space within its full and widely read pages afforded by you for expression about me.

The kindness of your mission as it extends to others in your contemplative series is certain to serve for them as it has for me the years ahead.

Believe me, you have my best wishes for lasting success with a coterie of the leading newspapers of our country.

RALPH W. RECKLING.

(Editor's Note: The writer refers to a series on retired people currently appearing in this newspaper. He was the subject of the series which opened on Jan. 17, 1959.)

Dedicated to son

Dear AFRO:

As I began to read the AFRO here at this institution, tears came to my eyes. I came upon the story I had asked your staff to print.

I would like to extend to you and your staff my thanks. I am an inmate at the Maryland House of Correction. I give my permission to use my name, Johnnie Smith, so that my son may know I wrote the story.

I wanted him to know I love him and very soon we shall be united.

JOHNNIE SMITH

(Ed. Note — The story the author has reference is yon last Friday's edition. He wrote it as a Christmas present to his son since he had nothing else to give.)

Together we stand

Dear AFRO:

After reading very carefully the two recent articles written by Ralph Matthews, relative to the delegation of the Omega Psi Phi convention which was recently held in Cleveland, that did not, as I understand, recognize, patronize, or accept the invitation of a reception extended by the Hotel Majestic, I too, believe it was unfair, and bad philosophy.

If we, as a race, do not support our own businesses we are not gaining in this transition period as fast as it may seem. Since colored business, to a large degree, must depend on colored support, it seems to me that we ought to try to improve it by spending our money, at least, where we are employed.—To me, too, Mr. Matthews, that is just good horse sense.

What I gather from these articles, the writer is saying that we, as colored people, should spend our money where we can earn it. My hat is off to him. I fully concur.

If the educators, the leaders, do not set the right example what do they expect the followers to do? What incentive will youth have to aid them in preparing themselves for business when we do not support our business?

I do not believe in segregation, but when we support any business where we cannot work indiscriminately and share in some of its profits, we are segregating ourselves, and that is just what we don't want to do. (Let us stand together.) Together we stand; divided we fall."

REV. CECIL E. HOLLAND,
18 Crittenden St., N.E.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things....

HELLO, so-glad-you're-better - cards to: Mrs. Doris Tarter, 2222 Rosedale St., who is convalescing at home.

She underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital on January 3 and has been home since January 11. By the by, she reports she was tzeated just grand at St. Joseph's.

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Met this week: Raphel McCleary, 917 N. Calhoun St., who is living proof that if you have a mind to you can make a profit of your talents.

Mr. McCleary, for 17 or more years, has conducted a bakery at the Calhoun St. address. Now, he takes his products to the people.

Spied him this week selling his wares — cakes and pies which looked mighty good—during the lunch hour break at a Northwest laundry.

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Friendly, mild - mannered, every - inch - a gentleman — Wilbur O. (Jake) Stewart, is dead.

He complained of illness on Tuesday night while attending a meeting at the Club Casino. Friends carried him to Provident Hospital where it was thought he suffered a heart spasm and he was sent home.

On Wednesday evening, he was sitting on the side of the bed laughing and joking with his wife, Elizabeth, when he collapsed and died.

Mr. Stewart was head of the business department at Carver High. (Remember he helped organize the department back in the days of the late Joseph Briscoe?).

Known to his friends as 'Jake,' Mr. Stewart was a minister's son from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

He adopted Baltimore as his home after coming here in the early thirties.

He was popular with students, associates and about everyone who met him liked him immediately.

Relatives, friends and associates — members of the Carver faculty led by Dr. Saul Perdue, principal, members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Swan Club and his Masonic Lodge, filled Holy Trinity P.E. Church for his funeral on Tuesday morning.

A 20-car motorcade made the trip to Arbutus Memorial Park for burial.

Oddity: Just a week before his death, Mr. Stewart attended open house at the new Charles Law Funeral Home on Madison Ave.

While touring the establishment, he noted a casket and laughingly commented, "this one for me.'

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Another oddity: The death of her husband of 2½ years, makes three deaths in Mrs. Stewart's family in the past 11 months.

In March, it was her brother-in-law, Ira Jenkins. In July, her father, Frederick Jenkins.

Cards to her at 2406 W. Lafayette Ave.

Beautiful: The solo by Carver teacher, Charles Stevenson, Holy Trinity's small church and there is no difficulty hearing the services. Father Van Bird, rector, officiated.

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Members of Kappa Fraternity have lost two members in the same week with the deaths of Mr. Stewart and Henry A. (Dick) Whittington.

In the late thirties and early forties, there was hardly an affair which was not graced by the presence of Mr. Whittington — who was popular as an athlete and man-about-town.

He had been a star basketball player, onetime teacher, car salesman, social security employee. But in recent months, he was employed as a janitor at the Maryland State Teachers Association building.

Members of the Kappas and Chesterfield Club, helped bury him this week. Two cousins are his only immediate survivors.

More people and things...

The Martiniques Inc., who sponsored that fabulous 'Evening In Paris' party last month, raised $300 for the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind.

The Funeral Directors and Morticians' Association of Md. (headed by James Morton) hold their annual worship service Sunday 11 a.m. at Union Memorial Methodist Church, Harlem and Warwick Aves.

The pastor, the Rev. N. B. Carrington, will deliver the annual sermon.

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Visitor: Tall, tan and terrific is Miss Cecelia DeFord, native Baltimorean now employed as a secretary by a Chicago research firm who visited relatives here this past week.

She is the daughter of Sidney DeFord and Mrs. Rachel Eaton of hereabouts, a 1955 Douglass HI grad and former U. of Md. student.

She is now studying at the Chicago Art Institute.

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By the way, if your airplane flight is grounded because of bad weather and you're down in a strange city overnight, you're truly in a pickle.

It happened to Miss DeFord, on Wednesday evening. She left Baltimore for Chicago. The plane was grounded in Washington until 8 a.m. Thursday. She got a meal ticket and was offered transportation to a hotel of her choice where she would have to pay.

This column asked Capital Airlines about the no-pay-for-hotel if passengers are compelled to remain overnight. Kenneth Chavkin, Capital's district reservation manager, said the airline provides no hotel accommodations, 'only in very very rare circumstances."

He added also that Miss DeFord was misinformed when she complained that other passengers on the flight received hotel accommodations through the airline.

P.S. — Because she was stranded in D.C., a fellow passenger (who had a hotel reservation) invited Miss DeFord home and she returned to Baltimore via bus.)

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Former Frontiersmen are returning to the club, Present at the Tuesday meeting: Dr. Robert L. Jackson and School Superintendent Dr. Houston T. Jackson.

Speaker was Dr. Robert J. Hill, former president of the group, who led the very interesting discussion on economics and business.

Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. is new president of the group. He named committee members for the year.

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More people doing nice things:

Mrs. Pauline Hairston, 1020 W. 42nd St., a shut - in for nine years is singing the praises of her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Arnett Taylor of the Prayer Group of Metropolitan Methodist Church, who gifted her with a table radio so she can enjoy her church services.

They have eight children and 18 grandchildren, and I know it was a sacrifice for them to do this for me,' says Mrs. Hairston.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coles Anne Bailey) now of Washington, formerly of Kansas City, guested with Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Harmon. With the Coleses, their two children.

Birthdays, anniversaries...

Birthday cards by January 27 to Mrs. Rosalie McGuire, 2011 N. Fulton Ave.

Greetings by January 29 to Mrs. Gladys Dixon, 1117 Whitelock St.

Special January 28th cards to: Charles H. Herndon, veteran Masonic worker and retired B and O Railroad employee (he was retired in 1957 after 44 years service.) Your cards will reach him at 2446 McCulloh St.

Since his retirement, Mr. Herndon has had quite a time of it — recently had his right leg removed. But he has been fitted with a new limb, and is doing nicely now.

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Pretty Mrs. Frank DeCosta (Beautine), wife of the Morgan State College practice teaching director, has a birthday on January 30. Her address: 2711 Elsinore St.

Same day (Jan. 30) birthday cards to Mrs. Grace Lee, 2318 Yosemite Ave., AFRO classified chief.

Speaking of Mrs. Lee, am reminded she has really had it in the past couple of months—you know those mean, anonymous phone calls from her new neighbors — she was 1st in her block. Pity on them!

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Correcting the record: A week or so back, I wished the birthday of Det. Sgt. J. Hiram Butler and inadvertently advised it was his 55th.

How on earth could we make such an error?

So members of his fan club will feel better, this is to report that it was his 48th birthday. Sorry! Just in case you've forgotten the date it is—December 21.

Thirty - fifth wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Gardner, 500 Sanford Place on January 27.

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Add to pre - Christmas babies, 8 - pound David Lyles Kerr, born December 13 at Hopkins Hospital to the Judson Kerrs Sr. (Delores Parker.)

Joke of the week from Bob Sylvester's N.Y. column, 'Dream Street:'

"Bill Doggett claims Our Martian stopped a guy on Broadway yesterday with the usual "Take me to your leader!" "I can't," said the guy, "she's in Florida with my mother-in-law."

FLASH!

Word from Hartford, Conn. is that Faith Congregational Church then buzzed to the ground last night (Thursday).

This is the church pastored by the Rev. James Preacher Wright, native Baltimorean.

The Rev. Mr. Wright suffered a second heart attack two weeks ago. He was out for the first time the day of the fire.

Prayers of the week...

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. —AMEN.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth;

We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and do give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. —AMEN.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

No matter where you go, be it Siam or San Francisco, chances are you will meet someone you know.

Two enemies who thought they would never see each other again met in a tavern last Sunday.

The way police tell it, the room came alive when the gentleman recognized a lady sitting at the bar as the miss who allegedly clubbed him senseless and made off with $68 and his watch last September.

As a result of the beating, the poor guy was left for dead and was on the critical list for nine days.

When they met the other day the lady allegedly greeted the gentleman with: "You look like the . . . I beat up last year."

The victim agreed and called an officer to take her into custody.

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THE MOST amusing little story of the week originated at Central Tuesday, when an elderly gray-haired woman had a handsome youthful looking sea captain brought in for disorderly conduct.

Seems as if she had "volunteered" to look after the captain and his money and had been doing so for years.

They came to a parting of the ways when the old salt demanded that the little old lady hand over his $100.

She told the court she would return the money, but not just yet because she had used it to buy a set of false teeth which had been stolen.

As for the captain? The little old lady said: "He would only drink it up anyway."

The strongest man on the year title may go to a little 15-year-old boy who according to police, carried more than 200 rugs from a furniture store on his shoulders while the owner was on vacation.

Off The Beaten Path

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

One of the most precious of all relationships is the devotion which binds brothers and sisters after parents are dead.

Stuart Frazier, 70, eldest brother of the famed sociologist, Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, called Monday to say that he has been in business 41 years in Baltimore, recalls the early days of the Frazier family after the death of the father, in 1904, James E. Frazier who was a messenger of the Mercantile Trust Co. for many years.

According to Stuart, since he was the oldest boy, it was his responsibility to look after his mother and to see that the children got through school.

He interrupted his education at the age of 14, took odd jobs but has no regrets.

Says Stuart: "I made it OK and I am mighty proud of my brothers."

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DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER heads the Howard University sociology department, is known the world over as the top authority in the field.

He is now recuperating at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington.

Another brother, Clark Frazier, an attorney of note who now resides in Los Angeles, Calif., was at one time assistant state's attorney in St. Louis, Mo.

The third brother is Dr. William Frazier, Yonkers, N.Y., a successful physician.

The sister, Bertha, now deceased, was the wife of the late Clark Smith, brilliant local attorney. Their sons are Avery Smith, Washington, and Dr. Clark Smith, New York physician.

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STUART, HIMSELF, has attained success. In Oct. 1958 issue of the AFRO he was lauded as a citizen whose life has been most interesting.

Now retired, Stuart was a longtime post office worker, and owner of a carnival concession business.

An AFRO reader for 41 years, Stuart keeps the article in his scrapbook.

He and his wife, Grace, reside at 1209 W. Mulberry St. where they have lived for 40 years.

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DISTINGUISHED attorney, J. Howard Payne, is one of the most interesting people this column knows.

At the age of 71, he states that he is "being careful." Says, "Heaven is my home, but I'm not homesick."

Joseph Howard Payne, is his full name and he states that "Joseph," the name of his patron saint, was given him when he was baptized in the Catholic church.

Now "in the pink" of condition, Mr. Payne recalls that this time last year he was gravely ill and physicians had 'given him up.'

JUST TWO weeks ago, Mr. Payne says he "scraped together" train fare to New York plus $30 a day for hospital room, and went to Columbia University Medical Center's Harkness Pavalion where "the doctors took note of everything but didn't take me apart," he says.

And adds: "I was satisfied with the diagnosis. I do not have to have an operation on my heart."

Known as possessing a simply hilarious personality, Mr. Payne said: "I never wanted any operations. You've heard me talk about the operation that was a success — but the patient died."

And he recalls an occasion when physicians announced that they would "have to operate" on him.

Mr. Payne said: "When they said you'll be OK but we'll have to do a little cutting, I got my hat and said how much do I owe you."

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ROLLICKING ON through the conversation, Mr. Payne stated that his profession subjects him to everybody's troubles and pointed out that he has practiced law for more than 40 years.

Mr. Payne's career has high points which have made him one of the country's most distinguished lawyers.

STUART FRAZIER

He appeared on the gangbusters' radio program years back after his efforts saved a man from the gallows. AFRO reporter Ralph Matthews brought in a witness just 15 minutes before Mr. Payne's client was to go to the gallows.

Shaking with gales of laughter, Mr. Payne revealed that he was a clerk in the Post Office, went to Howard University School of Law at night, passed the bar exam with the highest mark ever recorded, but did not finish college.

He added: "At 71, I'm not such an old man after all. I credit my health to exercise and say, I've got the best cook heaven ever made."

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MR. PAYNE referred to his wife, Mrs. Payne who is the former Miss Marie Coleman.

His diet includes breakfast, coffee au lait (weak coffee with plenty cream), orange juice, fresh, and a high protein cereal; lunch, chicken livers, chicken stewed in milk, string beans, bread and for dinner, milk and cereal.

The exercise which he says he has put down lately is the "West Point sit-up."

Mr. Payne adds: "I'm not eating much. I'm watching this old ticker of mine. I don't want to cook you on me."

MR. PAYNE adds with pride that he is grandfather to "two of the prettiest ole grandkids you ever saw."

They are J. Howard Payne, III, 13, a New York prep school pupil, and Anne Marie, 10, the children of his son, J. Howard Payne Jr., a New York attorney who has offices in the New York Herald Tribune building.

Mr. Payne Jr. "is interested in politics," the father says, "and he and Nelson Rockefeller are buddies."

Father, J. Howard, is also pretty proud of his sister, the former Miss Marie Payne who is the wife of New York's Municipal Court Judge, Louis Flagg.

Mrs. Flagg, a beauty, is said to resemble Delores Del Rio, the movie star.

RALPH W. RECKLING SR. the former Douglass High principal, started out teaching at Douglass in 1910, retired as principal in 1956.

But most interesting is the fact that he was born in Narragansett Pier, R. I. and is descended from the Charleston Indian tribe.

His mother, the former Miss Bertha Weeden, is a direct descendant of members of the tribe. His father, William Reckling was a native of South Carolina, however.

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RECKLING is a German name. Weeden, the mother's maiden name, is Mr. Reckling's middle name according to the "W" as he records his name Ralph W. Reckling.

Mr. Reckling's brother, Clifford Reckling, still resides in Narragansett which is a fashionable resort town.

The six Reckling grandchildren are Hermoine and Luther Hardin, son and daughter of the Recklings' only daughter, Hermoine Reckling Hardin and her husband, Luther; and Senora, Ralph W., III, Constantia and Ronald, children of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Reckling Jr.

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SPEAKING OF names, the Rev. Edward G. Carroll goes along from day to day and no one ever asks what the "G" stands for.

According to the Rev. Mr. Carroll, who is pastor of Sharp Street Methodist Church, the "G" is for Gonzalez, a Cuban gentleman, who was a longtime friend of the Carroll family.

FORMER STATE SENATOR Harry A. Cole and wife, Doris are expecting the new baby on Feb. 21.

The date marks the birthday of her brother, Marshall Freeland, Pittsburgh attorney who was assistant D.A. and is married to the former Miss Jane Young, Baltimore.

Doris says she has not "gone overboard" in the buying of baby clothes because the little kids now-a-days grow so fast.

What she has include blankets in pink, green, yellow, blue and white.

POLITICAL PRATTLE

Activities Philips is due to take Jessie Redfield's place on the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

JOE MEHRY, I hear, doesn't want to be secretary of the Governor's Interracial Commission nor does he want Northwestern magistrate's post.

Report is that what he will get is the job they say S. E. Smith was in line for up until last Wednesday.

The post is in public relations, assistant to the governor, by George.

As they mention Joe Henry, they state that his wit, humor, eloquence and oratory would certainly sell the state of Maryland to most everybody.

And they add: That Joe is one who could sell the Bay Bridge to a native of the Eastern Shore.

Wonder what Jimmie Robinson, the governor's right hand man for the past 12 years, is in line for? He is now in the sales tax division, Comptroller's office, has been there for 12 years.

NOW HEAR THIS!

Word is that two magistrates-at-large are due to be appointed, as well as two substitute magistrates.

I hear that into these posts will go Mrs. Lena K. Lee, Solomon Saylor, James Bond and Archie Williams, all able attorneys.

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FLASH. Am told that two Green Bag appointments are settled. Calvin Douglass is to go to Northwestern as magistrate.

U. Theodore Hayes is the one destined for Traffic Court as magistrate.

Report is that the United Democratic Council is at the root of the Sammy Daniels case. They refuse to make peace with him, say he has to go.

Word also is that Dave Mason is slated for the state Resident Commission gravy train. He is due to be named a commissioner for a 5-year term.

NOTED COMPOSER ULYSSES KAY has now a half-dozen awards for his concert music. He's been a Lucky fan for years . . . enjoys the honest taste of fine tobacco. "Taste, that's the big thing!" he says. "Luckies are the best-tasting cigarette I ever smoked."

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Dr. Virgil Clift addresses Anne Arundel teachers

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

ANNAPOLIS — Dr. Virgil A. Clift, head of the Department of Education at Morgan State College, while speaking in the Anne Arundel County Teachers Association recently, called upon educators "to practice democracy and brotherhood at home in order that true democracy and brotherhood may be strengthened abroad."

The group, which sponsored its third annual luncheon meeting at Carvel Hall here, had as the theme of its program "Brotherhood, the Foundation of True Democracy."

Dr. Clift, having recently returned to the United States from his second foreign assignment in educational work with the Department of State, related many things of interest on education in the underdeveloped countries of Africa and Asia.

"Education will be a prime factor in keeping these areas in 'this free world,'" said Dr. Clift.

HE STRESSED the importance of exemplifying democracy at its best in our system of education here in America, pointing out the inconsistencies and impossible contradictions between Little Rock and education for democracy and freedom.

"There is a universal hunger in the human heart for social significance and all that it implies by way of dignity and freedom for the individual, opportunity for education and participation in the life of the community, and the recognition of all, regardless of race or creed, as equal partners in the human enterprise," continued Dr. Clift.

He stated that we at home can make our contribution by demonstrating a way of life that will cause people throughout the world to have renewed hope in freedom and aspire to follow our example of democracy.

Dr. Clift has served on the Who's Who in American Education, was advisor to Lib. ya in 1956 and returned to his post at Morgan last fall.

He was a Fulbright lecturer to Pakistan in 1954 and 1955.

Having earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Indiana University, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, Dr. Clift is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Societies.

He is a frequent contributor to several professional journals in education.

Dr. Clift was presented to the teachers' group by Dallas Pace teachers chairman, and teacher of science at Bates Senior High School.

ANOTHER highlight of the program was the awarding of certificates of the recognition and service pins to two retiring teachers.

These awards were presented by Mrs. Mary Ellis Bowen, principal of Ralph Bunche School, and Miss Lilyan Burrell of Carver School, by Miss Sarah V. Jones, supervisor of elementary schools in Anne Arundel County.

Special guests were Mrs. D. Ellwood Williams and Mrs. John Norris, both members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, and Mr. Elmer T. Hawkins, principal of Garnett High School at Chestertown, and a member-at-large of the Maryland State Teachers Association executive committee.

John T. Weatherford, president of the body, and head of the vocational department of Bates Senior High School, presided.

Tax tips

Memo to self-employed people from Internal Revenue—You must file an income tax return and pay a Self-Employment tax on income of $400 or more — even though you are otherwise required to file an income tax return. Get full particulars from your nearest Internal Revenue Service office.

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Be sure that your signature and your wife's, if you're filing jointly, are included in your Federal income tax return—and check it carefully.

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Federal income taxpayers should send their returns to their proper district director of Internal Revenue and if they owe any additional tax should make their checks payable to the Internal Revenue Service.

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When preparing your Federal income tax return be sure to attach all forms W-2 that relate to 1958 income—yours and your wife's, if a joint return.

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When you and the wife file a joint Federal Income Tax Return for 1958 be sure that both you and your wife sign the return.

Your District Internal Revenue Service office is located at Custom House, Baltimore 2, Maryland. Send your return, and any payment you owe, there.

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