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Frederick Douglass

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A story in last Friday's edition of the AFRO told of a family of seven children and one adult which exists on the $175 a month provided it by the Department of Public Welfare.

After deductions for rent and heat, the family is left with approximately $25 a week with which to purchase food, clothing and all utilities and to pay for such things as clothing, clothing upkeep, personal care, household maintenance and household replacements.

This sum of $25 figures out to a little over $3 a person per week.

Official State Department of Welfare standards effective Oct. 1, 1958, set up a monthly budget for a family of five children and one adult that would allow $131.50 for food, clothing, clothing upkeep, personal care, fuel, all utilities, household maintenance and household upkeep.

For a family of six, this means a budget of less than $6 a person per week.

No responsible source has urged that relief clients be granted enough to live in "luxury" but certainly the present standards could stand revision since they are manifestly inadequate to allow a family anything more than the lowest level of subsistence.

When compared to other states, Maryland's treatment of her indigent residents leaves much to be desired.

Based on official figures from the State Department of Welfare, this is the picture.

In the old age assistance program there are 28 states and the District of Columbia with a higher payment rate per person than Maryland; in the aid to dependent children program there are 28 states and the District of Columbia with a higher payment rate than Maryland; in the public assistance to the needy blind program there are 32 states and the District of Columbia that have a higher average payment than Maryland.

The State Department of Welfare has recommended, and the Governor has sent on to the General Assembly, a budget that would boost relief payments.

New rates will still be far from luxury for these families but it will enable them to at least have enough money to obtain the necessities of life, which is something that the present payments can not do.

It is to be hoped that the Assembly will see fit to pass the recommendation.

Truly a sorry sight

We are in full agreement with Judge Charles Moylan that it is indeed a "sorry sight" when two policemen fracture the skull of a 15-year-old boy as he stands with his hands in the air in surrender.

The arrest of the boy on Jan. 11 resulted in one policeman fatally shooting another. Evidence was produced at the youth's trial that the officers were in the act of beating the boy when the shooting occurred.

Police at first accused the boy of causing the policeman's death, but they had to back off these charges when photographs made by a television cameraman clearly exonerated the youth of all blame.

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THIS CASE, we think, has a striking similarity to that of Alvin Braxton, 17, who two years ago was sentenced to be hanged for the death of a policeman.

Braxton, wounded in a holdup, was in a patrol wagon with two husky officers, when he raised his arm to protect himself from a pistol beating. One of the officers' guns discharged, wounding, the other officer fatally.

Braxton was convicted of first degree murder, but because there were so many unanswered questions in the case, the sentence was commuted to life by Governor McKeldin.

There is good reason to believe that had a cameraman been present to record what happened in the patrol wagon that fatal day, Braxton would never have been convicted of murder.

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ONE OF THE weaknesses of Commissioner Hepbron's administration is that so far it has been unable to prevent policemen from beating defenseless prisoners.

Once a prisoner has been taken into custody by two policemen he can be handcuffed with both hands behind him and both feet can be shackled so he can't kick or run.

It's inconceivable that any policeman needs to beat a prisoner with a gun, blackjack or nightstick once that prisoner has been placed under arrest.

It's bad business anyhow when two policemen have been killed by police guns while they were in the act of placing prisoners under arrest.

McKeldin is in

Former Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, with the blessing of the Maryland Court of Appeals, has the go sign to run for mayor.

Friends of Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro had sought to remove his name from the ballot because McKeldin has resided in Annapolis for the last eight years and voted there.

The law requires a candidate for mayor of Baltimore to have resided here for the past 10 years.

Smart McKeldin lawyers persuaded the judges that "residence" depends on the individual's "intent."

McKeldin, as governor, was required to live in the governor's mansion in Annapolis. Mr. McKeldin in addition had changed his voting residence to the state capital.

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BUT, HIS lawyers said, Mr. McKeldin never intended to stay in Annapolis and "intent" is what counts.

So the courts wound up by saying that residence is where a citizen intends to live, not where he takes his wife and children and sets up housekeeping; not even where he votes.

If the law had been interpreted to bar McKeldin as a candidate for mayor simply because as governor he lived in Annapolis for the past eight years, the law would have been foolish.

It needs clarification.

But meantime Tommy D'Alesandro and Teddy McKeldin (old rivals) along with J. Harold Grady are candidates for mayor, subject to the March 3 primaries.

From now on the feathers will fly.

Can't run 'from'

In Boothill cemetery, Texas, is a tombstone on which is this writing:

"Ran for sheriff 1872;
Ran from sheriff 1876;
Buried 1876."

We have unbounded admiration for Truly Hatchett, Harry Cole and Howard Dixon who ran for State Legislature in the last election and were defeated and are now candidates for City Council in the coming March primary. Victory is gained when you run for it or after it.

The Fourth District has the registered voters.

The registered voters are willing to be persuaded.

When they fail to select a candidate for the first or second time he has to try again.

Not even the best man or woman in the world can get elected by running from office.

Groundhog time

Monday, February 2, is groundhog day.

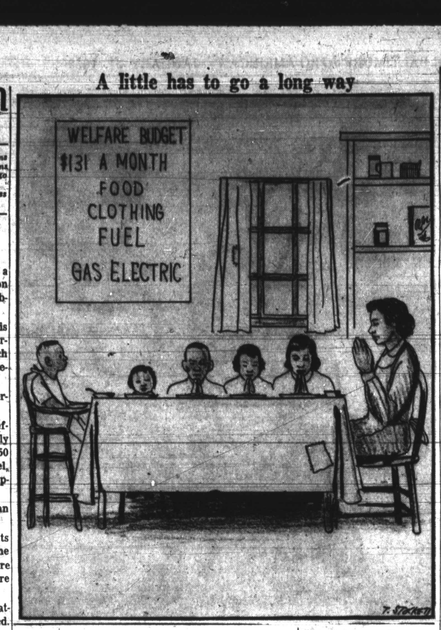
It is said that should the sun be shining and Mr. Groundhog see his shadow, he will return to his burrow and we can expect six more weeks of winter.

If he does not see his shadow, balmy spring weather will soon be with us.

The weatherman at Friendship Airport cautiously predicts a cloudy weekend with rain or snow Sunday and the sun may not shine on Monday.

Let's hope the weatherman is right.

A little has to go a long way



Readers Say

The James funeral

Dear AFRO:

The AFRO made an error in the obituary of my late grandniece, Celeste James. The paper said the Rev. Wilbur H. Waters of Emmanuel Christian Community Church officiated at her services but the Rev. M. Waters has been deceased for several years.

The Rev. Miss Era Ferrell, assistant pastor, officiated. The Rev. Sidney Daniels, the regular and present pastor of Emmanuel, also spoke.

Celeste is also survived by one aunt, four great aunts, one great uncle and other relatives.

MRS. CLARRETTA A. COLE

Dear AFRO:

As I am confused would you please tell me what kind of clothes did the Rev. Wilbur H. Waters wear when he officiated at the funeral of Celeste James, Saturday, Jan. 23.

I am sure if I had attended this funeral and the Rev. M. Waters appeared I would have run out the back way and headed for Chicago and points west.

WILLIAM F. GIBSON

(Ed. Note — Boy, is our face red. The Rev. Mr. Waters died March 22, 1956, so obviously he couldn't have officiated at a funeral last week. Apologies are in order and we extend them.)

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

It's strange how one word or a slight change in the order can rub a person the wrong way.

An unthinking police officer made the mistake of rubbing a lot of people the wrong way last Sunday when in the course of his testimony, he referred to his female witnesses as "gal."

At the request of the court he changed the wordage to "woman" but the terms lady or miss were never used. Neither was there an apology.

I IMAGINE every man is entitled to an off day, but why be discourteous because you are not up to par?

On the other hand, maybe the officer is one of those rare individuals who believes in being frank and outspoken at all times.

Just this week there was a man out west who attracted nationwide attention because he was frank.

Following a motor trip through the state of Iowa, he sent the governor a letter which simply said:

"You have the worst d.... highways in the United States."

A 14-YEAR-OLD Chicago boy who left home Wednesday with the idea that he was to become a page boy in the House of Representatives was given some good advice before his departure.

He was told by his mother to "keep your ears and eyes open and your mouth shut."

A few hours later when the lad arrived in the capital, no one knew anything about his appointment.

Hear tell that he was informed: "There are no vacancies." What a h.... of a way to treat a young boy.

Attorney Joistah Henry is not at all happy about the looks of his once sleek Cadillac.

He won't tell how it happened, but the green chariot has a dent in its side the size of a Volkswagen.

Figure this one out: In California there is an organization known as the "Great Council of California Improved Order of Red Men."

It was organized to "emulate the noble traits of the Indian and their love of freedom and their devotion to their friends."

To become a member you must meet one basic requirement. You must be white.

Down Memory Lane

1 Year Ago

Richard (Ricky) Larry Hunt, Baltimore truck driver, found guilty of the pistol shooting of his wife, Helen, and sentenced to die in the New Jersey electric chair, was given life in prison after the New Jersey Court of Appeals upheld his appeal.

The Harlem Park controversy continued as citizens in the area bitterly fought the City Urban Renewal and Planning Committees who wanted to create an elementary school and a junior high school in that section of the city.

The court set the execution of John Wesley Elliott, 47, 700 block Bradley St., for March 17. Elliott was found guilty of the Sept., 1956 shotgun killing of Lindsay Calhoun.

Mrs. Margaret Holdier, Indianapolis school nurse, arrived in town to contend in court that Dr. Marion Wilson, the late physician, owed her $2,000 she loaned him for his Indiana University education 20 years prior to his suicide death. She was his first wife, she said.

5 Years Ago

January 26, 1954 . . .

Baltimore Orioles team released Satchel Paige, 45, the greatest hurler of all times, whose net worth was said to be $25,000 a year.

Ellis Fitzgerald denied she was not a Philadelphia physician in Baltimore.

Baltimore's hotel policy of discriminating against persons not of the Caucasian race was protested by National Social Welfare regional convention to go to Washington.

Congressman Thomas McKeldin was given the Big Brothers award.

10 Years Ago

January 25, 1949

Ella Fitzgerald, on a night club appearance, visited the Chick Webb recreation center and posed before portrait of the famed band leader who gave her a start.

Sylvanian Hospital for Communicable Diseases was training Provident Hospital student nurses.

Dick Campbell's One World Ensemble sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, played to 1,500 persons at Enon Baptist Church.

Pvt. Joseph Suggs, Arkansas, stationed at Ft. Meade, Md., had both feet frozen and portion of one leg while imprisoned.

The Baltimore Institute of Musical Arts presented Olin Downes, New York Times music critic in a lecture.

20 Years Ago

January 20, 1939

Anne Wiggins Brown, Baltimore singer, appeared in a star role in Samba's Daughter, a Broadway play, along with Ethel Waters, Willie Bryant and Fredi Washington.

Albertine Ashe, AFRO Lonesome Hearts editor, totaled the year's letters received as 4,08 and reported that 54 couples were married from the list.

Miss Janet Gaines, daughter of Bishop A. L. Gaines, was wed to Junius C. Bailey, Alhambra night club owner.

Baltimoreans planned to attend Madison Square Garden prize fights on Jan. 25 which saw Joe Louis fighting to retain world championship against John Henry Lewis. Joe won.

50 Years Ago

January 20, 1909 . . .

The AFRO reported on the inauguration of Cuba's new president. Gomez, who ushered in a new regime.

Dr. Harvey Johnson was pastor of Union Baptist Church. Thomas S. Jones, Washington attorney, was honored at Knights of Pythias dinner given at the home of Josiah Diggs, Dunbar Theatre owner, 1800 Druid Hill Ave. George A. Watty was grand chancellor of the lodge.

A musical and a reception at the Richmond Market Armory hailed the opening of a drive for $50,000 for the benefit of Morgan College. The drive was sponsored by the Citizens Committee.

The Rev. E. J. Gregg announced the 50th Annual Women's Day at St. Johns AME Church.

Mrs. Martha E. Murphy, president, announced that the YWCA would have a special collection for earthquake sufferers.

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The sovereign state of 'Ole Virginia' otherwise known as the "Carry Me Back To" state, finds itself in an increasingly difficult position as it goes to worm its way out of letting a handful of colored children enter its premious "for-whites-only" schools.

And the plight of the state as it tries to proffer on one hand that it is upholding the ideas of democracy, while on the other hand it dishes a knife into the back of freedom, reminds me of a dream I had the other night.

I am at a loss to explain what caused me to have a dream since dreams are one thing I have never been bothered with.

Perhaps it was the corned beef sandwich, sliced dill pickle, pie a la mode and hamburger I ate before retiring that did the trick, but then it could have been something else.

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WELL, ANYHOW, there was this dream and there was this old white haired gentleman and myself.

I could tell it was in the South because he was sitting down behind a gray and I was standing up, even though there were plenty of empty seats around.

"Boy," he said, and right then and there I knew he must be one of them there real true blooded Southern gentlemen, because who else would refer to me in such endearing terms, unless it was a blind man who could not see my receding hairline.

"Boy," he says, "you'all done really messed up things. Once upon a time we could understand you colored folks and we had good lines of communication between the races, but now we ain't got no lines of communication."

"Why not?" I asked. "We can still talk English so why can't we communicate?"

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"IN THE old days, boy," he frowned on as if he hadn't heard me, "we white folks used to have our favorite colored people and they used to come to us and tell us everything you all were doing so we always knew what it was going on.

"Why I used to have an old colored boy, must has been about 90 years old, who used to come to my back door every week. If he wanted anything done like getting his son out of jail, or burying something at the company store on credit, I would always help him.

"If I had any old clothes I couldn't use no more I gave them to him and every Christmas I would give him a brand new dollar bill. Why I treated him just like one of the family."

"Which one?" I asked, "the one you called Rover?"

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"BOY," he said, "don't be getting smart with me. Why I'm the best friend you colored people ever had. I've done trouble in that since Uncle Mose passed away, and I want you all to go back and tell him in the family cemetery in the place we put aside for our colored friends, the lines of communication between the races have broken down."

"You mean," I said, "you don't have any more stool pigeons running to you to tell you all the news in return for a couple of bones you throw them when you get ready."

"Boy," he said, "you ain't got the right attitude. If you colored folks would just keep quiet and stop all this mess about integration, we good white folks will take care of you."

"I'd rather take care of myself," I said.

That made him mad and I thought he was going to explode.

"Judas Priest!" he screamed, "where would you colored people be except for people like me?"

"Back in Africa," I said running the whole d.... country while you Southerners were over here kicking each other around instead of me."

He shook his head in sorrow.

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"BOY," he said, "you sure ain't got the right attitude. I sure wish I was back in the old days when all I had to do was tell my number one boy what I wanted you folks to do, and you would do it."

With that he got up and headed for the door. "Where are you going?" I asked him.

"To lay some flowers, used ones of course, on Uncle Mose's grave . . . Now there was a good trained boy, why can't you young colored boys be like him instead of talking that integration stuff?"

With that I woke up and now that I think about that dream I have to shed a salty tear for the old Southerner who doesn't realize that the days of Uncle Mose have gone forever and it's time people stopped trying to bring them back.

Tried to help

Dear AFRO:

Eighteen other inmates and I now confined in the Maryland House of Correction were in the process of sending for our names to you for donations of blood and skin to Barbara Jean Brown when the news broke (we thought we had time) that she died.

Thus, we are only able now to extend to the parents our condolences and also our sympathy.

A PRISONER

(ED. NOTE — Barbara Jean Brown is the little girl who was badly burned in an explosion. An appeal was made by the AFRO for donations of blood and skin for the child of Cherry Hill.)

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself —

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting when old or down, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, even prejudice or compromise.

—JOHN MURPHY SR., 1950

If You Ask Me

By B.M. Phillips

People, places and things....

An unprecedented 225 women are scheduled to be initiated—largest number ever inducted—when the Grand United Order of Reindeer meet here at Centennial Methodist Church, Monument and Sterling Sts. tomorrow night (Saturday).

Bigwigs from all over are expected to be present including Mrs. Amy L. Noble, grand noble queen of Atlantic City.

Local officials include Miss Thelma Bailey, grand deputy; and Mrs. Bertha Walker, past deputy.

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Parks Sausage Co., has a brand new 'flavor-seal' package on the market.

It was produced in the new Kartridge - Pak machine which was installed in the plant recently.

It is the same delicious sausage, but it is done up in the new form. As a housewife, I find it easier to handle.

Best of all, it cannot be opened by curious shoppers — you know the kind I mean... those shoppers who open a package, then change their minds and leave it unopened on the counter.

The new Parks sausage package is made of tough plastic which is crimped airtight on each end, and has the tasteful touch of metal fasteners.

You'll like it — see for yourself...

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Pleasant people met this week: Miss Lillie Pulliam, 2609 Fairview Ave.

She's the cute waitress who wears the blue uniform at the Rancs Room in Mondawmin where she has been employed three years.

Miss Pulliam is a 1949 Douglass High grad, has hopes of going to college so she can prepare to teach or do social work.

Friendly Mrs. Harvinia Ellis, 2204 Hunter St., was Miss Pulliam's co-worker when we met.

Mrs. Ellis comes from a large Baltimore family—there are eight children in her immediate family. She has two small youngsters of her own—hopes one day to return to business school or college.

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Have time on your hands? Want to do something to help a neighbor?

Here is your chance — The Women's Auxiliary of Crownsville State Hospital, needs more volunteer workers, who will help in the two canteens they now maintain for patients.

Actually, the need is for volunteers who can spend some daytime hours in the canteens and be relied on to serve when they say they will.

This auxiliary is doing a marvelous job and they will welcome help from you and you.

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Postal Alliance's card party is tonight (Friday) at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

Business and Professional Women's card party at the same place is set for February 19.

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Herman Kalkow was re-elected president when the Pa. Ave.-Lafayette Market Association (PALMA) held its general meeting recently.

This is the group composed of merchants in the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Pennsylvania Ave. and stall owners in Lafayette Market.

About this and that...

Get a telegram off right away for phone birthday greetings to: Mrs. Frank E. Walker (Rubye to her friends) because today (January 26) is her birthday.

She is the wife of the manager of the Northwest Baltimore office of the N.C Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Mrs. Walker's address: 1134 N. Fulton Ave.

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Friends are gathering right at this moment to offer best wishes to Vesta Oliver Copeland, who is 16 years old today.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs Nathaniel Copeland (Vesta Banks) are entertaining for her in the parlors of Union Memorial Methodist Church. The honoree is a high school senior.

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Belated birthday hallos — special ones too — to Mrs. Helen Robinson, 2227 E. Oliver St., who has been a shut-in for five years. She is the wife of Melvin A. Robinson Sr., a member of the Baltimore Singers.

Before her illness, Mrs. Robinson was active in the Gospel Chorus and other activities at Zion Baptist Church.

And, here's more evidence that people are kind, and thoughtful:

Members of the chorus remembered Mrs. Robinson's birthday with a spiritual program — readings, songs in which she could join and then showered her with cards, gifts and money ...

About sugar: The Rev. Norman Blackstone of Easton, Md., Mr. Robinson and their daughter, Sophia; and these members of the chorus:

Mesdames Mary Baker, Rosa L. Bell, Gertrude Campbell, Ida Doakes, Ada Epps, Nannie Evans, Eleanor Foster, Carruth Griffin, Berta Huntley, Susie Massey, Geneva Montague, Woolridge Moore and Blanc Walton.

Other guests Miss Leonia Walton, Deacon T. C. Smith and Mrs. Annie P. Williams.

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Mrs. Robert F. Ferguson (Doris of 718 Whitmore Ave., should get birthday greetings on February 5. She is the wife of the manager of the Gilmor Homes.

And, do remember special birthday hallos to a former Baltimorean who is a shut-in way up in Meadville, Pa. which has had its share of floods this month.

She is Miss Ivy Boone, longtime AFRO secretary, now residing at Box 3, N. Park Ave. Extension, Meadville, Pa.

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Orchids to the Rev. George W. Crawley Jr. He is pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church (Remember he succeeded his late father?)

In the past couple of years, the Rev. Mr. Crawley has found time to be a shut-in for the friendly minister to the man without a friend.

In this period, he has presided at funeral services for unfortunate neighbors who have met death by violence or otherwise had come to an unfortunate or sudden end.

On Monday morning, he was at a N. Bond St. funeral home to give comfort to relatives of Carl Daniel Kier, the convicted murderer who died in the Gas Chamber on Friday.

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Only the Rev. Mr. Crawley and three relatives were present for the 15-minute rites.

And, after giving relatives comfort, kindly Rev. Mr. Crawley followed funeral home attendants carry the gray cloth casket to the hearse.

By the way, in line with the family's wishes Undertaker Robert Williams permitted no visitors in the room where Kier's casket was kept until time for the funeral.

Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

More people and things...

So — glad - you're-recovered from - that - illness - hellos to Mrs. Anne Bernice Hunley, Sollers Point High teacher of 1603 N. Pulaski St.

She has been ill since before Christmas, was in Hopkins for an operation, but is doing just fine now, expects to be back in the classroom on Monday.

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It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cruise (Barbara Chase), of 1816 W. Lanvale St.

The baby, their first, arrived on January 27 at Lutheran Hospital. Dad is executive of the Morgan State College swimming team.

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The Harry A. Coles (Doris) expect their infant about the middle of the month.

She was stricken at home late Sunday.

Mrs. Cole is the mother of Dr. Jether M. Jones, physician in the office of Dr. Ralph Young.

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Miss Betty Lemoyne, city teacher (she's the daughter of the John Whites) is hostess to the Pastel Alliance, and P. Sterling Stuckey, Chicago teacher, have set July for their wedding.

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What's going on in that Turner Station church? Reports reaching this desk indicate that the brilliant young pastor in my heart is considering turning in his resignation.

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Here is a fantastic thing which happened to a Baltimore family—read on—perhaps you or your club might like to help:

On New Year's Eve, Mrs. Madge Cannon's 12-year-old son, Walter, was chopping on wood with a hammer.

A piece of the wood hit him in the eye and split his eyeball!

With four other children in the family, the Cannons do not have the $20 to $75 doctors set it will cost to fit the youngster with an artificial eye.

If you have any ideas as to how to help Mrs. Cannon she'd be glad to have them. You can reach her at 1506 Retreat St. MA. 3-6916.

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Good luck wishes to Mr. Waverly Jackson, teacher at Fairmount-Hill High No. 43.

She resigned her post here as of today and is off to New York to join her husband, who is a social worker in the big town.

Mrs. Jackson, you'll recall, is the former Joan Henderson. Never she was married in that pretty wedding at the Arundel - on - the - Bay home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas King.

Thought of the week taken from current issue of the New York Times: "One of the finest and truest definitions of sympathy is: sympathy is your pain in my heart."

HOW'S YOUR DOOR I. Q.?—Here are pictures of four doorways through which thousands of persons pass every day, though actually only a few take the time to notice them. Can you name these buildings? The only hint that we can give is that three of them are located in Baltimore City and one is not. After you make your guesses check the box that appears on this same page for the correct answers. Good Luck.

Hospitals face crisis as they lose millions on welfare cases

By MOSES NEWSON

Will the day come when Baltimore hospitals will be forced to turn away sick people who can't pay their way?

This at first seems such an unlikely thing the question would appear unworthy of consideration.

But be warned — be you rich, middle class or poor — it is a question which demands an answer.

Figures from Baltimore hospitals for the 1957-58 fiscal (or 1958 calendar) year, show that they lost about $2 million providing bed space and medical care to indigent patients.

Add to the approximately one-half million dollars lost by other Maryland hospitals for like services and the critical nature of the situation is reflected.

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NO ONE has stated in such blunt words the obvious ultimatum — more money or fewer indigent hospital patients — but the facts speak eloquently for themselves.

It boils down to this. Hospitals, most of them already operating on tight budgets, can't go on losing money by footing bills for medical care for people who can't pay — no matter how much they would like to.

A good example of how costly the program can be is Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Figures from Hopkins are easier to tabulate because the hospital, unlike many others, works on the same fiscal year, July 1-June 30, as do the state and city.

During fiscal year 1958 Johns Hopkins hospital put in 61,876 approved days of care to its indigent inpatients.

For each day of care to indigent patients, each of whom need for financial medical care still must be certified by the Department of Public Welfare, the state is supposed to pay $18.40 and Baltimore City another $5.

This would add up to $19.40 a day. But for one Baltimore hospital in the program has a daily cost that is low and only four throughout the state operate that cheaply on a per diem basis.

But there is still another shortcoming. Often state appropriations and city appropriations are too small to cover the costs, then the hospitals can't get a share of what is available.

How does this work out? Turn again to Johns Hopkins. Hopkins' daily cost was $30.48. For the 61,876 days of care it put in, the cost was $2,009,733. The state paid $785,849. The city kicked in $187,734.

Add to these payments another $20,000 plus from pro-rate funds held over from the previous year and Hopkins was left with a net lost of more than a million dollars.

A hospital spokesman pointed out that the days in care given to indigent inpatients represented 21.86 percent of the hospital's inpatient care while the money taken in was but 12½ percent of the total income.

"Something has to be done," he said.

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THE SITUATION can be even more serious in a smaller hospital.

Provident Hospital, with 19,863 days of indigent care in the past fiscal year, was second only to Johns Hopkins. At the time, Provident was operating on a daily rate of $19.99 (will be $21 as of March 1).

So the program cost was $397,061. The state said $252,306 and the city added $70,973. Provident was left holding a $73,782 bag.

Bear in mind that the state and city operate on a fiscal year while Provident operates on a calendar year. However, neither the patient load nor the rate of reimbursment varied sufficiently in a half year to significantly alter the pattern, though the figures would differ.

When the pro-rating was all done and the refunds counted up, Theodore Perkins, administrator, found the daily intake was, instead of the scheduled $18.40 per day, just $16.28 a day.

"The thing which affects the hospital is that we have far more than our share of the indigent inpatient load," Mr. Perkins said. "It affects us financially.

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"We definitely would be in much better financial shape if we had our proportional payment for the indigent patient service."

Who pays the money, state or city or county, the hospitals don't care. But they do favor 100 percent payment.

If hospitals continue to lose money on the indigent inpatient care program, there is the possibility that they will become more and more reluctant to take a large number of such patients.

So it is possible that unless something is done, the day could well come when a sick person who can't pay his way might be turned away from a Baltimore hospital.

It goes down the line this way:

Sinai Hospital put in 15,592 days at $36.60 each on a calendar basis for 1958. For fiscal 1958 the state paid Sinai $190,715 and the city $53,256, leaving Sinai with a loss of some $300,000.

Again, because of the fiscal-calendar year differences, the sums are not so significant as the pattern, which holds true. The hospital lost considerably on nearly 14 percent of its total days of care rendered.

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ALL THE hospitals are in sympathy with the statement made on the situation by Ralph B. Murphy, executive director of the Hospital Council of Maryland.

"Our hospitals and our council favor reimbursement at 100 percent of cost from patients, indigent and others," Mr. Murphy said.

Miss Esther Lazarus, director of the Baltimore Department of Welfare, said her agency's appropriation for fiscal 1958 allowed for an average $39.500 a month for payments to hospitals for indigent inpatient care.

In March, April, May, June, September and December — six of the 12 months — the costs to the hospitals were greater than the alloted funds.

When this occurred, she explained, the rate of reimbursment was reduced on an equal percentage for all hospitals.

Hospitals have to meet their bills and obligations in full. Sick people can't be helped with half a bed or part of an operation.

Most observers are agreed that city and state hospitals, many already in financial straight jackets, demonstrate daily their engnizance of the responsibility to provide the required service.

But they are not so sure the city and state, in asking these private institutions to sustain such losses, have measured up to their responsibilities.

Who pays the money, state or city or county, the hospitals don't care. But they do favor 100 percent payment.

If hospitals continue to lose money on the indigent inpatient care program, there is the possibility that they will become more and more reluctant to take a large number of such patients.

So it is possible that unless something is done, the day could well come when a sick person who can't pay his way might be turned away from a Baltimore hospital.

COMING EVENTS

JAN. 27—FEB. 15

"Phrygian Art from the City of King Midas," opening at Walters Art Gallery with His Excellency Seyfullah Kain, the Turkish Ambassador to the United States; Dr. Rodney S. Young, of the University of Pennsylvania and the Honorable Thomas B. Finan, secretary of the State of Maryland; as guests, 9:30 p.m.

JAN. 30

"Fun Around the Mission World," presented by Wesleyan Service Guild of North Baltimore District in Social Hall of Metropolitan Methodist Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave. 8 to 10 p.m.

Dunbar High Class of February, 1949, cabaret party at Wilson's, 9 p.m.

Maryland Great Decisions Training meeting for group leaders at Enoch Pratt Central Hall, 1 p.m., open to public.

Testimonial banquet for members of Colts team with Jackie Robinson as guest speaker, Wilson's Restaurant 7 p.m.

Fifteenth annual luncheon meeting of Women's City Wide Committee for Delinquency prevention of Eastside Community Committee, Eastside Office Bldg., 1 p.m.

Deadline for prospective voters to register in order to vote in the March 3 primary election.

United Nations Youth of Maryland sponsors all-day trip to United Nations Bldg. in New York City inviting all pupils over 12.

JAN. 30-31

Some 60 of nation's top colleges expected to be represented at ninth annual Johns Hopkins University Debate Tournament. Promises to be largest affair on the east coast.

FEB. 1

"Maryland Regional Exhibition," opens at Baltimore Museum of Art, Wyman Park Dr. near Charles St.

The Rev. Vernon N. Johns, dean of the Baptist Center in Baltimore, guest speaker at St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Installation of all organization chairmen and officers at same church, evening; Age Rally, sponsored by St. Mark's Men, 8 p.m.

Col. Paul B. Watson, director of Student Placement at University of Baltimore, guest speaker for Baltimore Ethical Society, to talk on, "Why Prisons?" 11 a.m., 1017 N. Charles St.

FEB. 2

Lecture tour of Phrygian Art Exhibition by Miss Dorothy K. Hill at Walters Art Gallery.

FEB. 3

Lecture tour of Egyptian Gallery by Dr. Theodore L. Low, Walters Art Gallery.

The Rev. Warren C. Skipp, rector, Christ Church, Baltimore, will speak on "The Ministry of the Laity," at Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles St.

FEB. 3-4

Women of the Episcopal Churches of the Diocese of Maryland will meet for 175th Diocesan Convention at the Church of the Redeemer Chapel, 5603 N. Charles St. The Rev. Warren C. Skipp, rector of the Christ Church, Baltimore, speaks on "The Ministry, of the Laity," at 2 p.m.

Lecture tour of Phrygian Art Exhibit by Miss Dorothy K. Hill at Walters Art Gallery.

Original Echo Gospel Singers at Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church to observe the group's 11th anniversary, 1607 E. Oliver St., 8 p.m.

East Baltimore Civic Association holds monthly meeting at St. Francis Parish Hall, Eden St. near Eager, 4 p.m. public invited.

Fashion in flowers at YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., sponsored by Summers Florist, 1544 Pennsylvania Ave., 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., no admission, public invited.

Douglass High February class of 1949 reunion church service — 11 a.m. Shaw St. Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts.

FEB. 7

"Ancient Gaul," an illustrated lecture by Ray W. Smith of the Archaeological Institute, 8:15 p.m., Walters Art Gallery.

His Excellency Alexis S. Liatis, Greek ambassador to the United States and the Honorable George V. Allen, director of the United States Information Agency, will speak at Second Annual Dinner of United Nations Association of Maryland at Sheraton - Belvedere.

FEB. 10

Pancake supper at St. Katherine's PE Church, Preestman and Dickson Sts., 6 to 8 p.m.

Miss Dorothy K. Hill with lecture tour of Phrygian Art Exhibit, 8:15 p.m., Walters Art Gallery.

FEB. 14

Douglass High February class of 1949, cabaret dance at Wilson's.

Beaux Arts Ball on Valentine Day in Galaxy Room of Friendship Airport, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FEB. 16

"Publishing before Printing," illustrated lecture by Miss Dorothy Minor at Walters Art Gallery, 8:15 p.m.

FEB. 17

Lecture tour on Renaissance Painting by Miss Mimsa Newman, Walter Art Gallery.

FEB. 21

Gerald Bordz Wilson directs the Philharmonic Choir at St. James PE Church, 4 p.m.

FEB. 22

"Myth and Legend," in the Waltrs Collection, discussed by Miss Mimsa Newman, 8:15 p.m., Walters Art Gallery.

FEB. 24

Lecture tour on Ancient Civilizations by Miss Nancy Harper, Walters Art Gallery, 2 p.m.

FEB. 28

The Blind Association of Baltimore in musical concert at Christ Methodist Church, Chase and Washington Sts., 3 p.m., sponsored by the Missionary group of the church.

The same group at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 22nd and Barclay St., 8 p.m. sponsored by the Female Ushers. Mrs. Anna M. Hunter, business manager, Charles Russell, president.

MARCH 1

Spring Fashion show for children at YWCA, 1912 Madison Ave., 4 p.m.

Fifteenth annual Blue Ribbon Tea sponsored by the Women's Citywide Committee for Delinquency Prevention of the Eastside Community Committee, 4 to 7 p.m., Dunbar High School auditorium. Mrs. Cora M. Brown, Detroit attorney, special associate general counsel of the Post Office.

MARCH 2

"Artists and Indians," discussed by Dr. Theodore L. Low of Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 8

Thirty-fourth annual dinner meeting of the Baltimore Urban League at Famous Ballroom with Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, head of the Department of Sociology at Howard University, as guest speaker.

MARCH 9

"Fabulous Fabrics," discussed by Miss Dorothy Minor, Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 14

"Illusions in Art," by Dr. Theodore Low at Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 22

Student group from Peabody guests at St. James PE Church, featuring Maurice Murphy, organist; Miss Joanne Cohen, violinist; Miss Wilda Hoie, flautist and Miss Veronica Taylor, soloist.

MARCH 23

"Easter in the Medieval Drama," discussed by Philippe Verdier, Curator of Medieval and Subsequent Decorative Arts, at Walters Art Gallery.

MARCH 24

Oberlin College Choir of 50 voices presented in recital at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., 8:30 p.m., benefitting Women's Day.

MARCH 30

Easter Luncheon sponsored by the Ministers' Wives of the United Missionary Convention, 1 p.m., at St. Mark's Institutional Baptist Church.

"The Story behind the Picture," by Edward S. King, director of the Gallery and curator of painting at Walters Art Gallery.

APRIL 19

The Baltimore chapter of St. Paul's Alumni Association of Lawrenceville, Va., will sponsor informal social meeting at Club Casino benefitting general college scholarship fund.

GROUNDED — Miss Cecelia DuFord, Chicago research firm secretary, visited relatives in Baltimore last week. En route home by plane, she was forced to leave the airliner in Washington because of weather conditions in the Midwest. Miss DuFord complained to the AFRO that other airline passengers were given overnight reservations in a D.C. hotel, but she was not. However, the airline said it gives no such reservations to passengers on canceled flights except in very rare circumstances.

WHAT THE RETIRED DO

A visit with C. W. Smith, 52 years a longshoreman

This is the third of a series of stories to appear in the AFRO to find out how retired persons are enjoying their life of leisure.

This week, the AFRO visited Cornelius W. Smith, 77, 1518 Lanvale St., a retired longshoreman.

Mr. Smith, a longshoreman for 52 years, retired in November, 1955.

The son of farm-owners Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mr. Smith was born in Matthews, Va., July 13, 1881.

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HE ATTENDED the Free School in Matthews, which only went to the third grade.

When he finished, he completed high school by paying for classes in "night school" at the home of his elementary school instructor.

In 1900, he came to Baltimore in search of work, thinking the job opportunities were better here.

After working at odd jobs around the city on three years, he decided to try his luck on the waterfront.

He did, and stayed for 52 years.

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TEN YEARS after his arrival in Baltimore, Mr. Smith met and married the former Miss Pauline Reid Jan. 15, 1910. Mrs. Smith died in 1930.

They had one daughter, now Mrs. Mildred Ball.

Their adopted son, Joseph D. Hines, is a 1955 graduate of Morgan State College.

Their son is now a chemist at the Arberdeen Proving Ground.

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SPEAKING OF his retirement, Mr. Smith said, "I retired because I got sick. I went to the hospital and when I came out, I decided it was best to retire while I could.

"I didn't make any plans. I thought about taking a part-time job but my income was so that I didn't need it," he added.

To add richness to his retirement period, Mr. Smith says he "do quite a bit of reading."

"My main interests, though, are my church and my fraternal organizations."

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MR. SMITH has been a member of Union Baptist Church, "for so long I can't