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

YMCA integration lags

Soon after the National YMCA Board announced its policy of integration, the AFRO made inquiry of the local YMCA as to what plans it had. W. Gordon MacGregor announced that Rudolph Wheeler, executive director of the Turner Station YMCA Branch, would leave the branch to accept an administrative post at the Central Y on an integrated level.

Three and a half years later, Mr. Wheeler is still at Turner Station.

The AFRO in its series pointed out that in discriminating against colored citizens, the YMCA of Baltimore practiced something that it preached against in its own constitution. Furthermore, the constitution also discriminates against Catholics and Jews.

In nearly every other city of the country where there is freedom, a YMCA member belongs to the association and its facilities, at any of the branches, is at his disposal. This is not yet so in Baltimore. The 1959 membership cards of the Druid Hill Ave. Branch stipulate that it grants privileges at that branch. It does not give him membership privileges at all the branches in the city.

The constitution of the Baltimore YMCA declares that no religious faith may at any time hold more than one-third of the memberships on the board of directors. It then goes a step further to stipulate that at least three-fourths of the board members must be of the Protestant faiths, a definite restriction on the participation of Catholics at this level.

As to its discrimination against Jews, the Baltimore YMCA expressly provides in its constitution that only Christians, or persons who profess to Christian principles, may be active members. There are no such restrictions when the YMCA seeks contributions from the community.

When the AFRO's series began early in 1955, the Board set up a committee to bring in a resolution suggesting how the association might become integrated. The committee was out a long time and finally came in with a rather non-committal resolution.

The Board of Directors explained that it had no authority over the local branches and any resolution that it would pass urging branch integration would be purely advisory.

However, the board later passed two kinds of resolutions which restricted branch activity. It advised all branches that their spending would be limited to the budget which had been fixed and adopted by the central board. Secondly, it told the branches they could make no changes in the physical appearances of their buildings or erect a new one without the consent of the central board.

The board has even gone further than this, policywise, and decided that every new branch set up will be organized only if everyone concerned understands that the branch is to operate in accordance with the democratic preachments of the constitution.

It will soon be four years since the YMCA of Baltimore adopted the resolution urging branches to move toward all-inclusive memberships as promptly as practicable.

Unlike the YWCA of Baltimore, which has faced up to the challenge of integration in admirable fashion, the YMCA continues to lag. Many of its branches profess not to know if colored persons have ever sought membership. Most of these say they accept all and blame the lack of applications for the absence of colored members.

But at those two traditionally all-white branches with the most adequate facilities, the two where membership and/or membership privileges would mean the most, the bars remain upright against memberships and full use of facilities. These two are the Central Branch and the Dundalk Branch.

Considering the time it has had and the progress which other organizations here and elsewhere have made, the YMCA of Baltimore appears to be having an unusually hard time bringing its everyday practices to the point so that the "C" in YMCA means what it says—Christian.

Baltimore's YMCA still has not been able to live up to its own constitution. In fact, since June of, 1955, its progress has not been what the community has a right to expect.

Lincoln and Baltimore

Speaking on the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, former Gov. Theodore McKeldin suggested last week that there should be a plaque or statue or some memorial to our great Civil War President in Baltimore.

Why in all of these years have Marylanders seen fit not to honor Lincoln?

A review of Maryland's sentiment regarding Lincoln in the 1860's easily explains why there is no monument to his memory in Baltimore.

Maryland's sympathies were with the South. Members of treasonable secret military societies, akin to today's white Citizens Councils, vowed that Lincoln would never serve as President.

The plot was to murder Lincoln when he changed trains at Baltimore en route to Washington for his inauguration.

The Baltimore Sun helped fan the flames of hatred by calling Lincoln "an armed lunatic invested with authority" adding, "We don't believe the presidency can ever be more degraded than it has been by him (Lincoln) even before his inauguration."

Maryland, proclaiming itself a sovereign state, insisted that badly needed federal troop reinforcements could not pass through Baltimore.

Baltimore delegations, including one headed by the Rev. R. Fuller of the Baltimore YMCA, warned Lincoln that 75,000 Marylanders would contest the passage of federal troops over Maryland soil.

Lincoln, angry at the prolonged delay, replied that there was enough soil in Maryland to bury the 75,000 if they got in the way of United States soldiers.

That was almost 100 years ago. Today, there are still some Marylanders who don't want any memorial to Lincoln.

But they are in the minority.

Mr. McKeldin has been governor and now is a candidate for mayor.

He might lead in a movement to establish a Lincoln Square or build a Lincoln High School, or he might help Harry Cole in his effort to have a resolution passed by City Council urging the Legislature to approve the 14th Amendment, which Maryland has never ratified.

Maybe he'll reach it one day

The Stockbridge report

The Stockbridge report was made public recently, suggesting:

(1) More college educators on the State Board of Education.

(2) That State teachers colleges be transferred from the control of the State Board of Education and become liberal arts colleges like Morgan and the University of Maryland.

(3) That there be no expansion of free education beyond the high schools in Maryland.

The report brought quick action from State Superintendent Pullen.

Dr. Pullen is a tough Eastern Shoreman, conservative, well versed in the history of Maryland schools, quick in finding weakness in the opposition.

Not everyone is bold enough to charge a state commission with poor grammar. But Dr. Pullen is.

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POOR ENGLISH is common in many public reports and statements, but it is not openly criticized.

Dr. Pullen uses this criticism of the Stockbridge report to infer that a commission on education might carry more weight if its grammar were correct.

Solutions to problems raised in the Stockbridge report had previously been suggested by the Soper and Marbury Commissions.

Dr. Pullen's influence has been strong enough to neutralize previous recommendations.

And he may well be correct in his view that state normal colleges should remain divorced from state universities. But that's not the weakness of the State Board of Education. Mr. Stockbridge and his associates should not overlook the weaknesses.

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SEPARATE BUT unequal has always been inherent in the administration of the state normal colleges under Dr. Pullen and the State Board of Education.

Coppin and Bowie, attended mainly by colored students, are unaccredited. Towson, Salisbury, Frostburg, attended chiefly by white students, are accredited.

Integration in state normal colleges, as well as in most county public schools has proceeded at a snail's pace.

In this respect, education leadership in Maryland has lacked courage, moral and intellectual vigor.

At the same time, the Stockbridge recommendation that free public education should end at the high school level is unthinkable.

There is as much reason for free education of teachers as there is for free education of doctors, nurses, social workers, scientists, policemen and judges.

The only limit upon free public education ought to be ability of the public to pay for what it needs and ought to have.

Certainly within our generation free public schooling will be extended in some states to the college and university levels.

One vote important

The House of Delegates killed a bill making it a crime to sell obscene books where children can see them.

After killing the bill Tuesday the House in the presence of the Mayor and with the aid of Mr. Pollack's Fourth Legislature contingent reconsidered the measure by a vote of 59-58.

Those of the 4th District who voted for the measure were Abramson, Dixon, Rombro voted against it.

Jerome Robinson was absent, Mrs. Welcome is in Santo Domingo.

This one-vote decision may be an important vote.

The House finally sent this bill back to the Judiciary Committee.

If the Legislature passes this bill, this decision on Tuesday may be an important vote and it took place at a time when two of the Fourth District's representatives who could have killed it were absent.

Readers Say

Lower DPW checks

Dear AFRO:

I read in your paper about the lady named Mrs. Jones and her six children on the Department of Public Welfare rolls.

Your paper stated the amount given them was not enough. Just what do you expect for relief to hand out?

It is a perfect disgrace to the whole country how many no account lazy people are being handed out relief checks when they could be working making an honest living.

It is all right to help little orphans and blind people, but as for the others let them work like me and thousands of others. Your paper should not be encouraging such people to ask for more when they should have less.

It's only a racket that the Democrats are keeping going to get votes from the people.

MRS A. F. H.

(Ed. Note — The article Mrs. H. has reference to appeared in the Jan. 24 edition of the AFRO and told how a typical relief family of seven children and one adult lived off $175 a month. The father had deserted the family.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

It didn't take the lawmen long to peg the little gray haired man with the twinkle in his eye.

They figured he had something to do with the lottery business but what they didn't know.

Their curiosity had been aroused because the old gent (He was actually 49) kept on buzzing about in an uptown block.

Was he hep to the fact that the plainclothes men were about to knock over a house in that very block?

The lawmen were not sure but they intended to find out.

As they moved to question the old codger, he pulled up anchor and skittered out of sight as if he was warming up for the four minute mile.

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CONVINCED BY NOW that they should have stayed in bed, the lawmen went ahead with the planned raid and were inside the house in no time (after smashing in the door).

The way the raiders tell it, they found lottery slips all over the place.

Kids at the annual White House Easter egg roll couldn't have had a better time than those gendarmes as they moved about the house pulling slips from under tables and out of walls.

To their surprise in a nearby corner sat the little old gray haired man they had chased off the corner only seconds before.

The thing that will forever remain a mystery to the lawmen as well as myself, is why is it that after outflanking the raiders, the old bird didn't warn his friends that they were about to be taken for a ride.

When they brought him into Northwestern Monday afternoon along with the rest of the crowd all he would say was:

"I was visiting a friend.

Since no evidence was found on him they let him go. As he left, that's when he chuckled and let the cat out of the bag. He said: "I usually play the numbers, but I didn't get a chance to today."

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

There is much to be said for modern education and then there is much that can be said against modern education, it all depends upon whether you are for it or against it—which is just about the way the cookie crumbles these days.

Now that I have delivered myself of that observation, which I will explain at a later date in an extended footnote, I must admit that on the question of modern education my next remarks might be construed in some quarters as being slightly prejudiced, as well they might be.

Today's teachers seem more interested in seeing that a child plays happily with other children than in seeing that he knows how to do such old-fashioned things as reading, writing and adding up a column of figures without having to run down to the corner grocery store to borrow an adding machine.

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AND THIS reminds me of a youngster who once lived in the same neighborhood as I.

His old man ran a grocery store and the enterprising youngster coined himself a mess of money by charging the other kids to do their homework on his daddy's adding machine.

He extended his operations by purchasing a pocket computer which he carried to school so that he could do on-the-spot cheating for his friends, and his friends included anybody with some money.

Quite a charming little fellow. The last time I heard of him he had his own string of grocery stores and his old man was working for him.

Which goes to show you what a wide awake youngster, with ambition, intelligence, charm and a pure black heart can do in this land of great opportunity.

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HOWEVER, this enterprising youngster is the exception rather than the rule since a large number of the young sters the schools are training today are more interested in being "well adjusted" instead of "well educated."

I can imagine the scene in one of the modern schools where a child is supposed to be "himself," when the teacher faces a real problem.

"Johnny, why aren't you playing in the sand box with the other children," she says to the first grader who has crawled up in a corner of the classroom with a book in his hand.

"Nuts to that sand box jazz," says Johnny, who finds sand box playing extremely dull. "I'm reading 'War and Peace,' in the original Russian of course."

"But," protests the teacher, "all little children are supposed to like to play in the sand box. You've got to play in the sand box Johnny or else you won't be well adjusted."

"You go play in the sand box," Johnny tells the teacher, "I'd rather read."

THE TEACHER is really getting worried now

In her seven years of teaching all little children have played in the sandbox and there's nothing in her book on education that tells her what to do when a little rascal doesn't want to play in the sand.

"Well how about listening to some nice music," the teacher suggests.

"Sure if you have some Miles or Brubeck or some Jazz at Newport, but don't give me none of that 'Three Blind Mice' routine you give these other kids," says Johnny.

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AND WHEN that teacher runs down the hall to the principal's office screaming she has a little monster on her hands who doesn't want to be "well - adjusted."

So what happens. The principal falls him in sand box playing, finger painting, music appreciation and the ability to get along with other children.

Of course he's a genius in such things as reading, spelling and unimportant things like that but because he's a flop at being a social success with his fellow pupils they expel him — that's modern education for you.

So in revenge the kid, who has made his own atom smasher with a hammer, a yo-yo and two discarded hula-hoops, steals some atomic secret and sells them to the Russians and the next thing you know, we've got another war, and all because of modern education.

Wouldn't it be much better if the schools just stuck to teaching traditional subjects and leave this thing about trying to adjust a child to fit into society to somebody else — maybe his parents, you know there are such things.

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Orchids to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority — they selected Mrs. Victorine Adams as their Women of the Year.

They honor her on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m., at tea and meeting at Morgan Christian Center. The public is invited.

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The Douglass High Girls' Choir will sing at the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church Woman's Day on Sunday morning.

Speaker will be: Dr. Bina Nelson, director of physical education and recreation at the Bridgeport, Conn., YWCA.

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper succeeds because its management believed 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 aim except to tell that truth which is preserved and their hopes which are real;

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

Whether it plays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice as conspiracy.

—JOHN HURDLE SR., 1950

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things...

Elizabeth Williams — Vashti Jude — Marjory Prout — Courtney Valentine

Do you get tired of the same old format — the same old way of earning a living — the same old way of writing a column?

This column did — hence the photos printed here. There is no news item connected with these photos.

I have saved them among my keepsakes for the past 15 months because they are good pictures of the persons shown. Fully intended to print up copies which they might have, but never got around to it.

In cleaning out a drawer this week, found them again and so have put them together.

So, let's make up a story.

The pictures show that Baltimore has its share of native-born attractive women.

All these gels were born in Baltimore. Their parents and grandparents before them are Baltimoreans.

All four of these matrons were educated in the Baltimore schools. All of them are married and all are teachers. All have children of their own save Mrs. Prout, who is a member of a large family and godmother to several of her friends' children.

Mrs. Prout's husband is Vernon Prout, a bank employee and Loyola student.

Mrs. Williams' mate is Edward A. Williams, principal of Bragg School. Mr. Jude is advertising exec with the AFRO. Mrs. Valentine's husband, Wilbur is a school principal.

How's that for making a story?

But I should and will add—that all of the girls (I mean matrons) pictured here are nice people to know!!

About this and that...

Conversation piece is this true story which happened in Paris (the great?) city of Baltimore a week or so ago. Read on:

The brown-skinned teacher, the only one in the high school, had a field trip on the agenda for the 17 girls in her class.

The girls, all white, went into the biggest department store in downtown Baltimore to view a demonstration.

After the demonstration, the group (including the teacher) went into the store's cafeteria for a snack.

They were all seated and in the process of being served when a store official noted the teacher with them.

The story goes that the store official tapped her on the shoulder and said, "We don't serve you in here."

And, guess what? The story says the teacher left the cafeteria. The children she carried were permitted to remain and finish their meal!!

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Word from Paris tells of the meeting of two Baltimoreans—both recent brides — Mrs. Gerald Pochonet (the former Bernice Holloman, popular beautician) and Mrs. Leslie D. Polk (the former Roberta McGuinn, popular social worker.) The Pochonets had the Polks in for dinner.

Mr. Polk, you remember is with the State Department. He and his Roberta have been on a European holiday. As of Feb. 23, however, they will be in Saudi, Arabia for two years.

He takes up his new duties as assistant economics officer with the U.S. Embassy there.

And, Miss Holloman, you'll remember married her wealthy musician French husband last month. They're living in Paris, but are due for a visit to the states in the spring.

Famed Pianist Hazel Scott, who was bridesmaid at her wedding, is reported improving following a serious operation there recently.

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Pleasant person met this week: Mrs. Cecelia D. Bryant, one of the newer teachers in our school system (she's been here three years).

She led the discussion on problems of parents and young people at the St. James PE Church Mothers' Guild meeting on Tuesday. And a good talker she is too!

But what a small world — in the course of our conversation we learned she is the sister of Arthur Dantley, whom we knew in Douglass High.

Arthur is now married and lives with his wife and child in Alexandria, Va.

By the way, Mrs. Bryant has lots on the ball, and she has had a wealth of teaching experience in the South. If you're looking for a young person to give you new ideas about instructing children on those very vital dos, call on her.

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Do try to catch the Arena Players in "Waltz of the Toreadors" at the Druid Hill YMCA, tonight, Saturday or Sunday.

It is a French comedy and advance reports are that it is good entertainment.

In the cast: Samuel Wilson, Veena Day, Wayne Brooks, June Thorne, Catherine Wilson, Zerita Skates, Ray Hall, Vaconuess Payne, Sallie M. Johnson, Joyce Smith and James Daw.

More people and things...

Belated, but sincere birthday hellos to Mrs. Isabelle Moore Kennard, 1210 McCulloh St., who was 83 years old on February 19.

A lifetime member of John Wesley Methodist Church, Mrs. Kennard resides at the McCulloh St. address with her husband, George Kennard, retired shipping clerk.

On her birthday relatives gathered to say special hellos. The get-together was arranged by three granddaughters, Mrs. Bertha Ingram, Mrs. Isabelle Johnson and Mrs. Gladys Ingram. Numerous great and great-great grandchildren were around.

The "grands" are children of Mrs. Kennard's own four children, all now deceased.

Remember her first husband was the Rev. Roy R. Moore, a Methodist minister? He died over 25 years ago.

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Mrs. Beatrice Lillian Pully, the kindly opportunities class teacher (School No. 140) who died on Tuesday, realized her life's ambition.

That was to see her only son reach 21, and have a family of his own.

Her widower, Lawrence Pully Sr., confided to this reporter that often Mrs. Pully mentioned she hoped God would spare her life until their son was old enough to take care of himself.

Lawrence Jr., now a city fireman, was 21 on January 18. He and his wife have a 16-month-old son, Kevin.

By the way, Mrs. Pully's death came six weeks before her 54th birthday. She was born March 21.

And on March 17, she and Mr. Pully would have marked their 20th wedding anniversary.

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More nice things about nice people: A neighbor nominates Mrs. Nettie Harrod, 2316 Edmondson Ave., as a good, good neighbor.

Reason: Even though she has been shut-in by illness for the past year, she has kept a pleasant smile and disposition.

Mrs. Harrod is an active member of Perkins Square Baptist Church at which her son-in-law, the Rev. Ward D. Verby, is pastor.

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Druid Hill Ave. will not be the same without Mrs. Daisy Miller. When her daughter, Clara, was in high school, everybody, almost everybody called her mother "Miss Daisy."

Their home at 2112 Druid Hill Ave. was near Douglass High School, and the door was always open. The family resided there 30 years.

Mrs. Miller, the former Daisy Scott, died last Friday after a brief illness. She was 76.

Clara, now a medical technician at the Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Md., and her sister, Edith (now Bowen), Bertha Ingram, Mrs. Isabelle Johnson and Mrs. Gladys Ingram. Numerous great and great-great grandchildren were around.

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The Jesse Lees (Bertha) of Wheeler Ave., will be in Washington on Sunday for the birthday family reunion for Mrs. Carrie Longstreet of Morse St., NE (1213).

Mrs. Longstreet, her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Elliott, and her granddaughter, Brenda Elliot, are all February children, and it will be a joint celebration.

Accompanying the Lees will be Mrs. Lee's aunt, Mrs. Betty Pickett of Atlantic City, who has been here visiting them.

Mrs. Pickett, by the way, was 83 on January 10, the same day Mrs. Lee marked her birthday!!

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Don't forget birthday cards by Feb. 21 to Mrs. Zorah Eliickson, the mortician, who conducts the Elliott Funeral Home at 1129 N. Caroline St.

February 22 is a red letter day in my book — besides being the birthday of George Washington, it is the birthday of the woman who is dearest in all the world to me—my mother.

Cards will reach her (Mrs. Vashti T. Murphy) at 2406 Overland Ave.

With her long illness this year, the amputation of the leg and the fitting of a new limb, she has had it this year — but true to her tradition, she has not let it get her down and has carried on.

They don't make us like that any more . . . but she has been a real inspiration to me and others who know how easy it is to give up and complain, but she didn't . . . so send her hellos . . .

Birthday greetings to another lovely matron it has been my pleasure to know: Mrs. Dora Bradby, 1703 Moreland Ave. She celebrates on Feb. 23.

BARGAIN HUNTER—The problem was where to get a broom for 50 cents? The answer was on Pennsylvania Ave., where PALMA held its annual gigantic Lincoln-Douglass Day Sale on Saturday. The man with the broom, and the other packages, is McKinley Faulcon, 3002 Brighton St.

RAIN OR NO RAIN when the Pennsylvania Ave. Lafayette Market Association held its annual Lincoln-Douglass Sale on Saturday, busy shoppers came out to take advantage of the bargains. With overcoats for the man of the house selling at $5 and dresses for the lady of the house at three bucks, it was a sale to be long remembered. This scene was taken in the 1700 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

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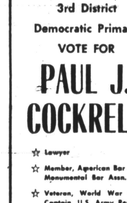

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Front Royal

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red brick, white columned stucture the school day was a short one. They checked in at the office of Principal James Duff then went into the library where they were registered by 15 of the 28 teachers on duty at the school.

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AT 10:30, registration completed, they were dismissed while the teachers worked out their schedules for the few months remaining in the school year.

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THE 60-ODD spectators and newsmen who were gathered beyond the sawhorses which three policemen on duty had set up as barricades outnumbered the pupils and teachers inside the building.

Although the crowd was the largest which had attended the reopening of any of Virginia's strife-closed schools, there was no disorder, and most of those present said that they had come out of "curiosity."

At one time, when the spectators became involved in a somewhat noisy debate on the question of school integration, police asked them to move on and they did so good-naturedly.

WARREN COUNTY School Superintendent Q. D. Gasque told newsmen that though surprised, he did not consider the total absence of white pupils a "boycott."

Instead he said he believed that their absence was due to parents' unwillingness to have their children's education interrupted for a second time during the school year.

"We are anticipating a full enrollment next year," he declared, adding that he "would rather doubt" that Warren County parents would rather abolish schools than have some segregation.

DUNCAN C. GIBB, president of the Warren County Educational Foundation which is currently operating the private segregated classes in three church halls, the Confederate Hall and the former Front Royal Youth Center, said that he does not think that his organization will operate classes next September.

The current operation of the private classes is made possible by various individual donations and contribution of approximately $1,700 weekly by Local 371 of the United Textile Workers of America, the majority of whose members are employed at a synthetics fabric plant which is the town's major industry.

Annulments open way for re-marriage of couples

A love affair, which was disrupted for 23 years by an unfortunate marriage may be bound for a happier fate, as of this week.

Smoothing the path was the annulment of the marriage of Miss Kathleen Williams and Vernell Bland which took place in 1935.

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IN A LETTER, filed as an exhibit in Circuit Court No. 2, Mr. Bland indicated that he would bear the expenses of the court procedure to obtain the annulment of his marriage to Miss Williams, so that he could get "straightened out" and so that they might "straighten out" their lives.

At the time he went through a ceremony with Miss Williams he thought he had been divorced by his former wife, Mrs. Carrie Starks Bland.

He hadn't heard from Miss Williams in 23 years, he said. Now, said he, they have "made up."

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IN HER TESTIMONY for annulment of the marriage, Miss Williams said that she went through a marriage ceremony with Mr. Bland on May 26 in Paterson, N.J.

They separated two months later.

"I left him because I found out he was married. I didn't want to live with him any longer. We have not lived together since," she testified.

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MR. BLAND, in his letter, said that he had not known where Miss Williams was until he was advised of the court action. Now he wants to clear up his marital status with the first Mrs. Starks and try for a comeback with the second wife.

A REMARRIAGE is also the aim of Early S. Jones and Mrs. Pearl Jones, following anullment of their marriage, according to the witness who testified for him.

The Jones marriage was annulled, here, Monday, after a Judge ruled that his divorce from the former Mrs. Daisy Bell Germany of Detroit was "phony."

The first marriage took place in Aiken, S.C. on April 1, 1928. He obtained a "divorce" in what has since been discovered to be a non-existing court in West Virginia, and signed by a non - existing judge at a non - existing court term.

West Virginia court officials said that Mr. Jones, a 56-year-old Philadelphia mail carrier, was evidently duped through an illegal divorce mill.

He testified that he has not lived with Mrs. Pearl Jones since he found he was still married to Mrs. Daisy Bell Jones.

THIS TESTIMONY was corroborated by Mrs. Elisha P. Young, of Philadelphia, who, in testifying in his behalf said, "He said there wasn't anything to do but to move out until he could clear himself and remarry."

Said Mr. Jones of his present relationship with Mrs. Pearl Jones "I go in and out of the place (their home) because that is the place I maintain, but we are not living as man and wife."

LAVERN BAKER
Weds comedian

Lavern

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when Lavern encountered difficulty removing a huge dinner ring from her finger to make room for the wedding band. Once it was off, everyone smiled and the rites were concluded.

"This is a very happy day for me," smiled Miss Baker after the communal kiss.

"Yeah, for me too," grinned the comedian husband.

Only a year ago, Slappy acted as best man at the marriage of blues singer Dinah Washington to musician Eddie Chamblee in Washington.

Dinah was to have attended the Thursday ceremony but telephoned during the opening show to say that she had been unable to make plane connections and would have to miss out.

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sion ruled that Mr. Daniels must give up his political part-time job or the Commission post. He gave up the Cole campaign managership.

There was great opposition to the Commission's ruling on this matter in view of the fact that Murray Abramson, a Democratic member of the House of Delegates (4th D) was permitted to keep his post as assistant executive secretary of the city's Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

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WITH THE resignation of Mr. Daniels, observers feel that the Commission has lost the services of one of Baltimore's brightest young men.

It is questionable whether they can now find a man of his stature to replace him.

While Mr. Daniels in his letter of resignation made no mention of it, it is believed that the hassle over his salary may have also been a factor in his move.

Here is what happened: Last July, the Commission itself recommended that his salary as executive secretary would begin at $6,000 and increase by $200 each year until it reached $7,500.

But, the McKeldin Standard Salary board, without waiting for the Commission recommendation, fixed the salary range as $5,281 to $6,836.

As a result, he was receiving $6300 after three years in the post. He should have been getting $6,600.

An appeal to the Board of Public Works to adjust the salary in line with the Commission's recommendation was denied by the Board last December.

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MR. DANIELS who is 36, is a native of Baltimore. He received his education in the local schools and Coppin State Teacher's College. He is a World War II Vet who enlisted as a private and was discharged as a Captain.

He is active in numerous civic groups.

In the latest Commission report, (Jan. 1958) Mr. Daniels said of race relations in the state:

"It is increasingly obvious that to require or to permit the application of a dual set of standards, opportunities, rights and responsibilities in the treatment of a group of people is a serious handicap to that people and all others. At the same time, it is a major disservice to the state of Maryland. . . ."

Some observers in recalling the above comment in Mr. Daniels' annual report last year, point out that it is wondered out loud whether he had a premonition that one day he would be the victim of the 'dual set of standards' he was working so hard to abolish.

In any event, Samuel T. Daniels is out of the job. It's felt in some quarters that the politicians who were scalping for him have done 'a major disservice' because his removal eliminates a qualified and outstanding young man from public service.

His talents now will be absorbed by a more enlightened private employer. — E.P.

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