Three obstacles to overcome for No. 3

The Sun's slip is still showing

Baltimoreans must assume now that last Wednesday morning's Yardley cartoon on the Sun's editorial page was no mistake.

That one, which depicted the four 6-year-old girls attending two integrated schools in New Orleans as black-faced Aunt Jemima dolls, was branded as bad taste.

A few days later, a Yardley cartoon in the Sun, ironically entitled "Your Slip Is Still Showing," caricaturized members of the important African - Asian group in the same black-faced manner.

These African-Asians, pictured as "nations whose friendship we seek," were shown as concerned with the "Slow progress on civil rights in the Deep South," and it supposedly was the Statue of Liberty whose slip was showing.

We think this is a disgustingly poor way to create goodwill among members of this important group.

The same day Mr. Yardley's first black-faced cartoon appeared, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, after being sworn in as Governor-General of Nigeria, declared:

"We must regard it as a mark of disrespect and an unfriendly act if any country with whom we have friendly relations indulges in race prejudice in any shape or form, no matter how it may be legally cloaked.

"We must not acquiesce in such an outrageous insult on the black race."

As we said after the first cartoon, what ever effect is was meant to have, the stereotyped connotation erased it.

We say to the Sun and Mr. Yardley, as they said above the second cartoon: "Your slip is still showing."

8th Congressman

Maryland's three million plus citizens are represented in the United States House of Representatives by seven Congressmen.

Population growth shown in the 1960 Census now entitles the state to an eighth representative.

Thomas F. Johnson, Democrat of the First District, comprised of Cecil, Kent, Queen Annes, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties, represents 240,000 persons.

Daniel B. Brewster, Democrat of the Second District, comprised of Baltimore, Carroll and Harford counties, speaks for 619,000 constituents.

Edward A. Garmatz, Democrat of the Third District, East and South Baltimore, represents 238,000 persons.

George H. Fallon, Democrat of the Fourth District, made up of West and Southwest Baltimore, is concerned with the problems of 289,000 citizens.

Richard E. Lankford, Democrat of the Fifth District, comprised of the 25th Ward, South Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Prince Georges and St. Marys counties, is spokesman for the aspirations of 720,000 constituents.

Charles R. McMathias Jr., the state's only Republican, of the Sixth District, which embraces Alleghany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery and Washington counties, has 605,000 constituents.

Samuel N. Friedel, Democrat of the Seventh District, carved out of North, Northeast, Southwest, and West Baltimore, represents 310,000 persons.

AS CAN BE seen, there is a wide disparity between the numbers of constituents in the present districts, ranging from 238,000 to 720,000.

As the state is about to get an eighth Congressman, now is the best time not only to rearrange the districts for more equitable distribution, but to guarantee representation for Baltimore's 313,000 colored citizens.

The mathematically proper arrangement would be for each Congressman to represent 322,000 persons.

FOR YEARS, New York Republicans refused to give Harlem representation in the national Congress. When Thomas E. Dewey, Republican governor, was elected, this was one of the first proposals he submitted to the legislature, and it was approved.

Harlem got its Congressman all right, but colored Republicans were so bitter over the prolonged neglect of their interests, that they elected Adam Clayton Powell, Democrat, and he's been there ever since.

PHILADELPHIA REPUBLICANS made the same mistake in refusing 210,000 registered colored voters a Congressman and a judge of the Supreme Bench.

Democrats seeking control of the city promised and elected colored men to both offices and have carried the city and state ever since.

Robert N. C. Nix is the Congressman and Raymond Pace Alexander is the judge.

AN IDENTICAL SITUATION existed in Michigan where Republicans controlled the state for years, until Gov. G. Mennen Williams made a pledge, if elected, that Detroit's colored population would have proper representation in Congress.

Charles C. Diggs Jr. was elected and the state has remained in the Democratic column ever since.

Maryland Democrats now have the opportunity to act in this regard without any districts being deprived of the present incumbents.

There is such a thing as waiting too late in doing what is just and proper.

Case of Mr. Hepbron

Commissioner James M. Hepbron's years in office have been characterized up to now by:

1. Attempts of legislature and criminal justice agencies to involve him in rackets and police pay-offs.

2. His strong and unfailing support from the large colored community which had been victimized so often by police brutality and the police department's "no promotion policy."

Mr. Hebpron's enemies continue their efforts to connect him with rackets.

The colored community has now joined the critics.

While Mr. Hepbron has made some headway against police beatings and shootings, he has done nothing about police promotions.

It took this community a long time to find out that Commissioner Hepbron's promises on promotions were honeyed words.

Colored people deceived themselves. In urging Governor McKeldin to appoint Mr. Hepbron, they and the governor felt they could rely upon one, who merited their trust.

It hasn't turned out that way.

Mr. Hepbron has only six months more in his term.

Governor Tawes, who succeeded former Governor Theodore McKeldin, will have an opportunity to appoint a successor who, we hope, will name colored police captains and lieutenants to help preserve the peace.

In this respect, Mr. Hepbron failed utterly.

Hopkins at bottom

Two important events happened this week.

First, the December Johns Hopkins Magazine devotes its front page cover and leading article to Africa.

Stressed are the dark continent's importance in international affairs — they're 25 new African nations in the UN with more to come — and its need for education, sanitation and health services.

Secondly, the American Medical Association has discovered foreign doctors in U.S. hospitals who have failed to pass their qualifying examinations.

These foreign physicians will have to be deported unless American hospitals set up special educational programs for them.

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THERE IS THIS connection between the two above events.

Many American hospitals have accepted foreign physicians who cannot speak or read English and whose medical training is deficient.

Many of these hospitals have all - white medical staffs. Qualified colored physicians and nurses are barred.

Johns Hopkins, which is now apparently awakening to the importance of Africa in world affairs, has never, so far as we know, accepted an African from south of the Sahara on its staff, and more importantly never graduated a single colored American from its medical school.

Hopkins Hospital has improved in its treatment of colored patients although segregation is yet to be eliminated from its wards.

Some few colored students have been graduated from the liberal arts college and graduate schools.

But when it comes to using its great medical knowledge to train colored physicians, Johns Hopkins Medical School is at the bottom of the list.

LETTERS

Our Readers Say

OPINION

Readers are invited to submit letters to the AFRO for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them "Our Readers Say," AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

All for peace

Dear AFRO:

Any nation that doesn't preserve peace, doesn't deserve peace. President Eisenhower said he would stop the war if elected, and God has given us the wonderful blessing of peace throughout eight years of the Eisenhower administration.

President Roosevelt said he wanted everyone to live well. Roosevelt gave us the Old Age Assistance program, Social Security and a living wage, making it possible for us to enjoy beautiful homes, beautiful cars and so many, many other blessings too numerous to mention.

As a race we have come a long, long way.

There was one and only Roosevelt and if you think you have chosen another leader such as he, you are sadly mistaken.

As a matter of fact it is experience that counts, and Eisenhower and Roosevelt were men of experience which comes through the years.

The best that youth has to offer is promises.

President Eisenhower and all of the Republican Party were shocked particularly with the votes from our colored people, which mounted to over a million.

May God have mercy on us all, as all previous wars have been made by the Democratic administration and the next (God forbid) may be an air war.

MRS. M. B.

No door-to-door

Dear AFRO:

We request that you bring to the attention of your readers the fact that door-to door solicitations on behalf of tuberculosis associations have not been authorized by us nor any of our tuberculosis associations in Maryland.

We have learned that some persons are currently canvassing Baltimore neighborhoods and asking residents to contribute to "the campaign."

While it is not our wish to discourage any solicitations for worthy causes, we do not believe that the people of our community should be solicited in the name of the Tuberculosis Association by individuals who may be looking only for personal gain.

Anyone seeing this type of solicitation is urged to contact their local tuberculosis association.

Our method of fund raising, the traditional Christmas Seal Campaign, is conducted only by mail. Our 54th such campaign is currently in progress.

FRANK T. JONES
Executive Director

To Jimmy Carter

Dear AFRO:

On Oct. 29 of last year, James H. (Jimmy) Carter, assistant to the president at Morgan State College, died suddenly.

I have written this tribute to him which I hope you will publish.

I have known you along life's way as you reached, grasped a struggling student whose light more dull than yours might flicker out of sight. And what you labored for lingers after you are gone. As a rose whose petals freshen by the sun's rays after rain stretches to its full stature, as the sun moves along its path within the western sky,

You, no less than the sun by the power unvariable, will arise when the light breaks through the dawn.

MATILEE CHILCUTT BELL

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IF YOU Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

MISS PINKETT — MISS MACK

People, places, things

Two college presidents (Morgan's Dr. Martin Jenkins and Coppin's Dr. Pariett Moore), the physician-member of the City Planning Commission (Dr. Robert L. Jackson), and 60 of Baltimore's top business and professional members were there.

"There" was the annual one-day economic conference held in conjunction with the weekly Tuesday meeting of the Frontiers Club.

Speaker: Attractive, brilliant Flaxie M. Pinkett of Washington. She is president and chairman of the board of directors of the John R. Pinkett Inc. (real estate-insurance), the firm founded by her late father.

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The meeting, said to be the largest turnout this year, was a tribute to the guest of honor, who is quite a busy and important young lady.

Her firm employs 35 persons of both races, 17 of whom are ten-year veterans. Specialty is property management, real estate sales and general insurance.

Members and guests sat in rapt attention as she told how she took over the firm two years ago at her father's death, has seen business double since then, is planning for even greater increases.

Besides her business, Miss Pinkett is active in numerous groups in the nation's capital. is serving a three-year term on the Public Advisory Council; is vice president of the Real Estate Brokers Association.

She is a member of the boards of the following organizations: D.C. Chamber of Commerce, Family and Child Services Inc., Welfare Council for Metropolitan Washington and Bakers Dozen Youth Center.

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Miss Pinkett is a Howard U. graduate and has done graduate work at Terrell Law School, and American and Catholic Universities.

Out-of-towners in attendance at the meeting: Miss Pinkett's brother, Charles, a real estate salesman for the firm; William (Dick) Carter, steel organizer, formerly of hereabouts, now of Cincinnati; Abner Lee and Dowsa Jones of N.C. Mutual staff, Richmond and Petersburg;

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Good singing: The beautiful voice of Miss Myrtle Mack is certain to thrill you. She is a Peabody student, and daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Silas J. Mack.

Listen to her melodious voice as she sings, "Let Us Break Bread Together," or "In His Hands."

If you were not watching, you might think the voice was that of Marian Anderson.

More beautiful singing: Heard this week: The Union Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir which appeared Saturday evening at the community center dedication.

Their "Send Me, O Lord," out-of-the-world — moving. Mrs. Lousonia Jefferson is director; Lionel Jiggets is accompanist.

New bachelor in town is Ernest Furbiur who is the new assistant physical ed director at the Druid Hill YMCA.

He succeeds Eugene Jubilee, who is now a parole officer. Mr. Furbiur, just 22, is a June 1960 graduate of Springfield College, where he was captain of the gym team. He spent eight weeks this summer as counselor at European camps.

SIGHTSEEING

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

I can sympathize deeply with the plight of Moss Hart, who several years ago shocked a nation-wide television audience out of several years' growth, by threatening to do something desperate if anyone else played a rendition of "Silent Night."

Mr. Hart, no slouch as an intellectual, should have known that there are some things you just don't monkey around with, such as mother love, the red, white and blue, and Christmas.

If you do, you advance forward at your own peril, running the risk of speedy decapitation at the hands of sentimental busy bodies, who believe that anytime you question something, you become a danger to the American way of life.

Though he didn't intend anything sacrelligious in his remarks, Mr. Hart drew down on his head the wrath of the do-gooders.

They put pressure on the sponsor and Mr. Hart disappeared from the program.

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IT WAS UNFORTUNATE, because all Mr. Hart was trying to say was that Christmas has become too commercialized — and he's right.

One of these bright chilly mornings we are going to wake up and find that the shop keepers and manufacturers have cut the heart right out of Christmas and all that remains is an empty shell, as false and as phony as a three dollar bill.

Sure the tinsel, the Christmas trees, the multi - colored lights and all the other jazz will still be around. But the spirit of Christmas will be as dead as Mr. Nixon's chances of moving into The White House come this January, 1961.

Most of the Christmas spirit today seems to come out of a bottle, and somewhere along the way we seemed to have lost the idea that Christmas is a time for reverence and joyous giving.

Instead of reverence, it's revelry, and instead of joyous giving it's joyous receiving — but only if the gift bears an impressive price tag.

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CHRISTMAS IS now a time for spending money you can't afford, to impress people you don't particularly like, so you can feel a sense of superiority when you compare the gift they gave you, with the one you gave them.

This attitude is helped in no small measure by the merchants, who formerly had the thoughtfulness to wait until after Thanksgiving to start their Christmas sales spiel

With life moving at an ever stepped - up tempo, they swing into action even before Thanksgiving, to beat your ear drums with Christmas music, overwhelm you with gaudy yuletide displays, and encourage you to buy the most expensive items they have to offer.

All it takes will be a little more progress and soon we won't have to wait for November... We can start the Christmas holiday immediately after Labor Day.

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FOR MY MONEY, the worst offenders during the Christmas season are the toy manufacturers, who make a good thing of a parent's love for his child.

The manufacturers buy up TV time on which they can display their products, and urge the kiddies to make certain their parents get them one of the expensive toys.

The kids in turn pester their parents with demands for the toys, and what man or woman with a heart can say no to a child?

So like a well trained and docile puppet, daddy marches into a store and pays an outrageous price for a toy that his loving offspring will probably play with for one day and then discard.

Every year the toys get more and more expensive, and the end is nowhere in sight. But do the toy manufacturers care?.. No.

They sit back, reaping in the profits, planning even more elaborate toys for next year.

IT'S NOT that I have anything against Christmas, but I wonder where it will end.

After weeks of having "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" drummed into my ears, weeks of looking at Christmas decorations, and weeks of being pestered by salesmen selling everything from Christmas cards to for coversu drinking flasks, I am weezy when Christmas day rolls around.

That's why I can sympathize with anyone who thinks Christmas has become too commercial.

In a few years we won't have to bother about giving presents... we can just give each other money.

Send greetings

Remember a sick neighbor or shut-in this Thanksgiving time.

The Rev. W. N. Edwards, AME Randallstown Circuit pastor known far and wide for his kindness, is shut in at his Randallstown home. Cards should be addressed to: 8706 Church Lane.

Message of sunshine to Francis W. Green, 2645 W. Lafayette Ave. He's in with the grippe.

Address cards to University Hospital, for Mrs. Clara Johnson, Winans Rd.

To: Carver Nursing Home, 607 Pennsylvania Ave., for Mrs. Margaret Woodward and Mrs. Dorethel Young.

To: 2238 McCulloh St., for Mrs. Laura Butler; and to City Hospitals for Mrs. Alice Holmes.

To: Winans Rd., Randallstown for Mrs. Agnes Rich, who is much improved. Her son, an auto victim, is also better, is able to move about on crutches.

To: 8704 Church Lane for Clifton Dorsey, home from University Hospital, where he underwent an operation.

More people and things

Friends gathered at Mt. Calvary Cemetery graveside of Jerome (Jerry) Wells on Sunday morning to dedicate a headstone.

Mr. Wells, remember, was a longtime elevator operator at City Hall, a Mason, and active member of the Methodist Church, died April 11, 1959.

Mrs. John R. LaFoe, Mrs. Wells, Lee Sylvester and a brother - in - law were present to see the headstone in place.

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John L. Procope, former Provident Hospital superintendent, speaks here Sunday 9 a.m. at the communion breakfast at St. James PE Church.

He is now administrator of Mercy - Douglass Hospital in Philadelphia.

Happy birthdays

Nov. 27th birthday cards to Mrs. Hattie Tyler, 1323 W. Lanvale St.

Belated Nov. 22 to Mrs. Lillian P. Jones, 1838 Freeman St.

Belated birthday cards for the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church. He was 64 on Nov. 22.

More Nov. birthdays — 28th cards to Mrs. Ralph Young, 3232 Carlisle Ave., and Mrs. Della Scott, 1335 W. Franklin. She's 85.

Nov. 30th remember Mrs. Grace C. Chambers, 2111 Garrison Blvd.

Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., marks a birthday on Dec. 2. Address sunshine to: 1207 N. Caroline.

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Two-year-old Anthony Watson, son of the Eddie Watsons, is a patient at Provident. Send him hellos.

Also in Provident for surgery is 16 - year - old Michael Brooks, son of the Excell Brookses of Woodbrook Ave.

Get - well cards also to George Carver, 717 E. 21st St. He's also at Provident.

New citizens

Rudolph C. Cane Jr., arrived Nov. 4 at Hopkins Hospital, tipping the scales at 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Rudolph C. Sr., and Louella Cane are the lucky parents. Congratulate them at 1314 N. Monroe St.

It is an 8 pound. 6 ounce boy for Mr. and Mrs. David Freeman (Jennie) of 2919 Arunah. Baby was born Wednesday at Provident.

The William Clays (Barbara), 1003 N. Monroe St., welcomed a girl (7 pounds, 1¼ ounces), on Nov. 15 at Provident.

Anna Mae Hunter Home is a haven for the blind

The Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind, 1321 Eutaw Place, is the Baltimore residence for 16 blind persons who otherwise would have nowhere to live.

A city-wide appeal is now on to raise a total of $2,000 for mortgage arrears, needed repairs and upkeep.

The 16 residents of the home urgently ask for your help.

A visit to the home is sufficient to convince anyone that the residents are deserving of help. The story of the home is enough to cause everyone to give, no matter how small the sum may be.

On Monday, the AFRO visited the home, an old Eutaw Place mansion, located in the heart of the city, not far from the new State Office Building plaza.

Trough the efforts of one woman, herself blind for 21 years, the brick row house, which has 27 rooms, has been turned into a warm, comfortable home, complete with lace curtains at the windows.

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WHAT COULD have been an old, outmoded mansion, with unhappiness and trouble echoing in its dark halls, has become a haven of joy and comfort.

Songs of two canaries, Jerry and Pete and the chatter of three parakeets, Dickie, Pretty Boy and Tweedy ring from their cages where they romp in the sunlight of a second floor bedroom.

Plants in the windows are growing fresh and green just as in any other happy home.

Echoes from radios in the various bedrooms hum throughout the day. In the living room the TV is on and members of the blind family are sitting in comfortable chairs "watching".

In the kitchen, dinner is being prepared by the cook and the sound of pots, pans and dishes, the table being set, plays a symphony familiar to anyone who has a good home.

A further look reveals some of the residents in the large library reading by Braille.

Many of the city's organizations and individuals have given generously to the home. Pantry supplies, linens, necessities for everyday living, have come through churches and clubs.

Most of the residents receive assistance from the Department of Public Welfare or other government agencies.

BUT, THE "mother" of the family is Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter, 49-year old woman, blind since 1939.

Mrs. Hunter's courage and faith have brought her honors including the 1959 AFRO Honor Roll plaque.

Her guiding philosophy is "Who needs eyes when you have a heart to see with?"

What she means is, one does not see with physical eyes, one sees with his heart and soul.

The first inkling you have that Mrs. Hunter is blind is when you stop to look at her eyes.

Even then, if YOU have the kind of eyes that look for soul and spirit, you can see she is not blind at all.

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ENERGETIC, IN possession of the keenest perception, she is able to do most anything others do who have physical sight.

Mrs. Hunter not only inspires all the other blind persons who has gathered under her wing in the home but also outstrips who marval at her accomplishments.

After five years of what she calls "ups and downs", difficulty with fire regulations and property deals, she was able to find the present home which is ideal.

It has an elevator from the first to the second floor.

"I saw it and I liked it," Mrs. Hunter says.

Little by little, through her tireless appeals for help, furnishings enough for the 27 rooms "seemed to come out of the heavens," she says.

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NONE OF IT is new, all second-hand, she admits, but comfortable.

The hugh living room has overstuffed sofas, deep arm chairs.

The library has a large table in the center surrounded by straight back chairs from a era around the 1920's. Book cases, just as old, hold the books.

The volumes are 20 books of the Bible in Braille, gifts from a Towson Methodist Church and miscellaneous books of the new Testament.

The dining room which seats 20 persons, "30 in a push," Mrs. Hunter says, has three large dining room tables and odd sets of chairs.

The bouffet, a giant one, is also from a by-gone era.

The kitchen is the most up-to-date room, has a stainless steel sink, modern range, five refrigerators. But the dishes are odd sets, all gifts.

The home has 16 bedrooms, five baths, eight open fireplaces.

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CARING FOR the needs of the "family" means changing 16 beds, washing, ironing, tasks Mrs. Hunter does alone.

Only assistant is the capable cook, Mrs. Rosie Wilson, 2112 W. Saratoga St., who is doing "wonders" with meager pantry supplies.

Residents of the home are willing to help, but mother-like, Mrs. Hunter would rather do it herself "so things will look like I want them," she explains.

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THE HOME has no nursing service. When residents arrive to make it home, they are supposed to be able to care for themselves, but Mrs. Hunter says:

"When someone becomes ill, I pinch - hit as nurse. What else can you do in a pinch?"

On the scene is Bonnie, Mrs. Hunter's faithful Seeing - Eye dog who is six years old and retired from active duty since she has a touch of arthritis and cataracts.

Bonnie sits patiently by and watches while Mrs. Hunter patches torn clothing, sews on her sewing machine or goes from room to room with her as she waters her flowers.

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THE FALL FUND Raising Appeal is for money for a balance due on the downpayment of $6,500 for the home.

$1,500 has been paid and the agreement was for $1,000 quarterly payments to come until the $6,500 has been paid.

Mrs. Hunter says: "We have paid the $2,000 due but have never been able to raise the next $1,000 which is past due.

Monthly payments of $250 have been met so far.

However, there is a sum of $185 each month which must go for the bill made in fire-proofing the building this year.

To sum it up, Mrs. Hunter states:

"If we could get $2,000 and get the front painted and all the rooms, the house would be as good as new and we will be safe."

Also needed are 16 blankets, two radios for members of the family who are confined to their rooms.

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IN EFFORT to help, don't overlook a resident, Alfred Gordon, 26, who needs a job.

He states that he may be able to do dark room work for a photographer.

Other residents include Misses Edith Chester, Essie Mae Griffin, Sadie Butler, Bernice Williams;

Messrs Clifford White, Howard Wilson, James Wincent, Isaac Nelson, George Cooper, James Brown, Hubert Centel, John Scott, James Brown and the Rev. James Williams.

Sunday vesper services are conducted by the Revs. Nathaniel Johnson and James Ball, associate pastors of the Timothy Baptist Church, 2320 N. Monroe St., who also serve as chaplains.

Members of the Anna Mae Hunter Foundation for the Blind, the official group, include Mrs. Hunter, founder; John H. Thornton, first vice-president; Mrs. Gladys Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Naomi Miller, treasurer.

Contributions may be mailed to Box 1184, Baltimore, Md. or directly to the home, 1321 Eutaw Place.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind includes Mrs. Hunter, center and left to right, Mrs. Sallie Page, Mrs. Minnie Arden, Mrs. Gertrude Robinson, chaplain; Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Edna Berry, vice-president; Mrs. Gladys Taylor, president; Mrs. Lillian Cromwell, Mrs. Odessa Boswell, treasurer; Mrs. Edna Scott, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Willie Mae Perry, financial secretary; Mrs. Alice Spencer, Mesdames Carrie Briscoe, Bishop Foote, Gaskins, and Winslow Ruff.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK BOWIE after 54 years wed, give thanks for home, family, each other . . .

Frank Bowies thankful for 54 years together

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowie 2504 Hollins Ferry Rd., Mt. Winans, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Nov. 10 and naturally they are thankful for 54 wonderful years together.

But, "Most of all," Mrs. Bowie (Bertha) told the AFRO Wednesday, "We are thankful that we have our health and strength and so far, not even a cold, this year."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bowie are 70 years of age, active and still enthusiastic about life and living.

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MR. BOWIE who retired from 32 years service at the Gas and Electric Co., in 1958, is glad to be home, puttering around the house, tending flowers and grass and doing general handyman jobs.

Mrs. Bowie spends two weeks in Philadelphia looking after her brother and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. William Casey, who are past 90 years of age, and then returns to her Mt. Winans home for three weeks, and goes back to Philadelphia again.

"I've been doing that almost a year and it hasn't hurt me," she declares, asserting her thanks for good health.

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THE BOWIES were married Nov. 10, 1906 in Annapolis, Md., at the Davidsonville Methodist Church by the Rev. William Matthews.

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Bowie were named to the AFRO Honor Roll and cited for still singing "I Love You Truly" as they marked their golden anniversary.

At that time, the happy couple stated as the happy marriage formula: "You have to love each other and you have to learn how to agree. It takes two people to make it work."

Nine of their 17 children are living. They also have 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

They have attended the Apostolic Faith Church, 1508 Fulton Ave., about 30 years.

The nine living children are Misses Beatrice and Ernestine Bowie, Mrs. Edna Parker, Mrs. Blanche Randall, all of Mt. Winans: Raymond, Robert, Frank Bowie, Baltimore; Harrison Bowie, Ohio.

AFRICAN STUDENTS TO GIVE CULTURAL PROGRAM

James Porter, head of the art department at Howard University and Mrs. Jewel Mazique adviser to the African Students Union, will be guests on the radio show "Africa Calling" over WOOK, at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 27.

Mr. Porter will speak on the influence of African art on Western standards of beauty and Mrs. Mazique will comment on the African family as a stabilizing force in the world today.

Nicholas D. Ukachi Onyewu, executive secreatry of the African Students Union will talk on African social ininstitutions.

Christmas gifts being sought for mental patients

Plans for the annual Christmas Project to provide gifts for patients in Maryland's state mental hospitals are well under way, Mrs. Conrad B. Acton, chairman, and Mrs. Vernon H. Meghan, 3d, co-chairman, announced this week.

For the 12th consecutive year, the Association is coordinating its plans with those of other community groups to make sure that none of Maryland's 11,300 mental patients is forgotten.

A wide variety of gifts, plus ribbons to make them festive are needed, including stretch socks, ties, wallets, scarves, handkerchiefs, stationery, ball point pens, shaving articles, cosmetics and cartons of cigarettes.

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CHRISTMAS HEADQUARTERS needs an army of volunteers to sort and pack the nearly 6,500 boxes for delivery to the hospitals by Dec. 16.

Christmas Project headquarters, for receiving and wrapping gifts, is at 323 E. 25th St., and is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning Nov. 29, open Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to 9 p.m.

District Democrats plan victory party

WASHINGTON

District Democrats will celebrate the victory of President-elect Kennedy and Vice President - elect Johnson with a reception Friday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m., in the Main Ballroom of Hotel 24, 2400— 16th St., NW.

W. John Kenney, chairman of the District Democratic Central Committee, urges all residents of the District to join with party leaders in this gala victory celebration.

Mrs. Dorothy W. Atkinson has been appointed chairman of the reception. She will be assisted by Mrs. Harriet Cipriani, Tilford E. Dudley, Mrs. Milton Dunn, Mrs. Eileen Ewell, Mrs. Alexine Owen, Mrs. Betty Randall, Mrs. Joseph L. Rauh Jr., Mrs. Betty Ross, Mrs. Polly Shackleton and Mrs. Robert Sher.

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