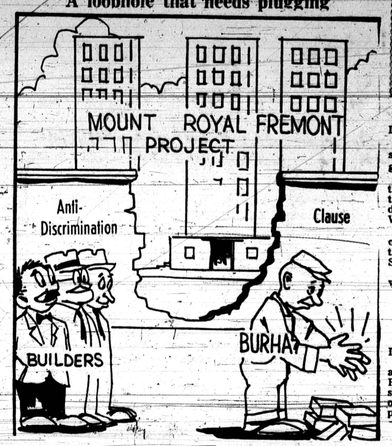
A loophole that needs plugging



Protests for BURHA

It now appears the Baltimore's Urban Renewal and Housing Agency brought itself some deserved trouble when it sought to be all things to all people with its "preference" clause.

The "preference" clause has been proposed by BURHA as its contribution to open occupancy in Baltimore. This multi - million dollar agency is not yet ready to confine its renewal area dealings to developers who agree to draw no racial lines.

BURHA chose instead to put forward a weak "preference" contract provision under which it would deal with developers who are willing to say in writing they will not discriminate.

The agency quickly adds that if no such developer snaps up the contract, BURHA will then take other action—which simply means going on as in the past, with colored citizens being moved out of areas to make room for all - white developments.

First it was the NAACP which lambasted BURHA for creating such a loophole. The Urban League joined the chorus.

Now, the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Mount Royal-Fremont Renewal Area, where the "preference" idea was to be tested, has joined the opponents.

Without this group's approval, BURHA can not move ahead.

Should BURHA decide to move ahead without the requested iron - tight non - discrimination clause, there should be strong protests. Such protests should be in the form of court action.

A public agency which spends public money to benefit only one segment of the population appears to be in clear violation of the law.

For all or none

There should be no distinction between women and men on the police force.

If patrolmen are to carry firearms and use them when needed, policewomen should too.

No crook who tangles with the law ought to know some are armed and some aren't.

Actually, we think no policeman should be armed except with expantoon and handcuffs.

And, we favor stiffer penalties, in the way of fines and imprisonment, for any citizen who carries firearms and expendable knives, unless the person who uses a weapon on a policeman or policewoman.

In wrapping up the package, we favor severe discipline—which means dismissal from the force— for policemen who exercise brutality in subduing prisoners.

Order can be maintained and arrests can be made without brutal beating of prisoners, either before or after their arrests or in a patrol wagon.

Untrained police officers who strike and maul citizens for answering them abridge the right of free speech.

Who is a policeman that a citizen can not talk back to him? Certainly, he is not resisting arrest with his tongue.

In many cases, it is the police officer who disturbs the peace among citizens and onlookers by his boisterous manner and football field tactics.

No colored officer has been promoted to a rank above that of sergeant; colored officers are kept out of radio cars, colored officers do not serve as turnkeys, do not participate on the sports teams, and are not represented in 29 of the force's 33 departments.

The latest debit mark was chalked up at the first of the year, when the Park Police force was merged with the city department.

The two colored motorcycle cops who had served for several years in the parks, were promptly assigned to pounding beats.

This left the city's traffic division all-white, even though it is understaffed.

Whenever Mr. Hepbron has been quizzed about the racial policies in the department, he has always insisted that no racial discrimination exists.

In view of the almost invisible progress made by the police department in this age of integration, there is serious doubt that Mr. Hepbron is the man to head the Police Department for another six years.

It's time for a change.

Time for a change

Announcement has been made that a number of prominent citizens have joined together in an effort to persuade Governor Tawes to appoint Baltimore City Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron to another term.

Mr. Hepbron's present six - year term began in 1955 and expires this June 1.

On assuming office, one of Mr. Hepbron's earliest actions was to promote Policewoman Violet Hill Whyte and Patrolman Harry Scott to the rank of sergeant.

Such a move, coming directly on the heels of the do-nothing administration of the late Col. Beverly Oher, seemed to indicate that here at last was a police commissioner who would be more interested in a man's capabilities than in his race.

That was six years ago, and today, sadly, the score card of racial gains in the department is not a very impressive one.

On the credit side of the ledger, two additional officers have been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

On the debit side of the ledger, the list is much longer.

The City Jail

Prodded by an AFRO story and editorial, last month, members of the Baltimore City Jail Board discovered their "no segregation" order of March, 1957 was being violated.

At a meeting on January 11, the board reaffirmed its three-year-old policy, and announced Warden Price has instructed all officials to conform.

This is good. It is hoped members of the Jail Board will make it their business to visit the institution regularly to see what's going on.

We submit that during the past three years, they could have seen for themselves how inmates were escorted to the dining room on the basis of race, and housed in cell areas which their own employees described as 'colored' and 'white.'

Any suggestion that such arrangements were in effect because inmates requested or desired them is ridiculous.

The city of Baltimore agrees to give prisoners free housing. It does not promise to honor their racial prejudices, or their desire for pie alamode or charcoal steak.

One other thing— Mayor Grady is to be commended for acting promptly when the City Jail matter was called to his attention.

There is now a vacancy on the seven-man Jail Board.

It is hoped the job will go to a wide - awake citizen who has the time and energy to devote to it.

In the past, it has been noted the Board has frequently been unable to muster a quorum.

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 to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

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

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

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.

Art on display

Dear AFRO:

I once heard Mrs. Victorine Adams say, "We run the possibility of integrating ourselves out of business.

Among the services we provide is the display of art work by leading Baltimore artists. In the past, we have displayed the works of Mr. Ronald Watts and Mr. Clifton Smith.

Currently on display are the works of Mr. Cornelius Griffin, chairman of the Art Department at Dunbar High School.

Your appraisal of these and future works is invited.

J. H. THOMAS JR.,
President, Securities Inc.
2321 Reisterstown Rd.

Tuberculosis seals

Dear AFRO:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the more than 500 members of the Baltimore County Public Health Association, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and cooperation which your newspaper has given to the 1960 Christmas Seal Campaign in Baltimore County.

Also for publishing many news releases which we issue from this office informing the public about the tuberculosis program and other health efforts in progress in our County throughout the year.

Some are under the mistaken impression that tuberculosis is "a thing of the past," but according to Health Department figures there were more than 160 new cases of active TB discovered in Baltimore County in 1960.

The funds contributed in Baltimore County are used for tuberculosis control in Baltimore County, such as chest X-rays, tuberculin skin tests, health education, medical research, and services to TB patients.

The fight against tuberculosis must go on all year 'round, and we appreciate your help in "passing the word" to your readers.

WM. A. ROWE, President
R. C. THOMPSON, Chairman
Baltimore County Christmas Seal Campaign

Encouraging youngsters

Dear Sir:

Over on thousand Fairfax County white high school students have lately signed a petition requesting the Fairfax County School Board to rescind its action banning colored boys, now in formerly - all white high schools, from engaging in inter-scholastic athletics. The school board vote was 4 to 3 to ban athletics but not to suspend school dances.

Recently the editor of the Fairfax "white" high school paper, "Fair Facts" wrote an editorial entitled, "How Will YOU Accept Integration" in which he believed his school youth "would have the moral character and maturity to avoid a 'Little Rock' or 'Norfolk' or 'New Orleans.'"

He further wrote, "Fairfax High must do more than remain open. It must work through you and YOUR fellow students to create a harmonious situation, an atmosphere of willing acceptance of the inevitable integration."

This writer has for a long time tried to encourage our people not to assume this battle for human dignity must be confined only to us.

There are thousands of white people who believe in the principles we stand for, and many more need to be persuaded to come out from behind their fences of fear and join with us. Many have joined the more militant NAACP. More can be more easily urged to join the Councils on Human Relations and this we should do.

E. B. HENDERSON

Baltimore Afro-American

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

Frederick Douglass

Hospital news

News items from three hospitals in recent days are likely to cause some eyebrow raising.

Item No. 1 concerns a laundry worker employed at Baltimore's Charles Street General Hospital.

Injured in a fall while at work, she was taken to another hospital, 40 blocks away, for emergency treatment.

The Charles Street Hospital administrator is quoted as saying her color did not enter into the decision. His hospital, he explained, was overcrowded, did not have a bed. There was no explanation for failure to give emergency treatment.

Almost as ludicrous is the report from Washington's new Hospital Center where a patient reported finding glass in her dessert one day, and a bug in her salad the following day.

A hospital spokesman said it has never happened before, and offered apologies.

Modern in every respect, with a reputation for excellent service and care, the embarrassed hospital could only point to its past record, and note that with 4,000 meals a day, occasionally there is a slip up.

No. 3 item concerns Baltimore's Provident Hospital where four outstanding physician members have resigned, purportedly in a dispute over policy.

Already understaffed and in need of modern facilities, the resignations would indicate the hospital is a victim of growing pains.

In the absence of further clarification from hospital officials, this is as good a conclusion to draw as any other.

All three of these hospital news items are proof of the oil maxim, truth is stranger than fiction.

Oddities in the News

MANSFIELD, Ohio (ANP) — Answering an emergency call last week, Deputy Sheriff Joseph Hetler rushed to a crash scene after an auto had run through a front yard, hit a car parked in the driveway and smashed into the corner of a brick house.

The deputy, seeing the driver still seated at the wheel in a dazed condition, opened the car door and after getting a whiff of strong liquor, demanded "Hey, you, what happened?"

The driver, glassy-eyed and stunned, replied, "I dunno, I just got here myself."

GENOA, Italy (ANP) — When Policeman Luciano Gianoni stopped Francesco Bottazzi, 19, at a street crossing last week, the youth became indignant and fairly shouted: "What's the big idea? I was driving carefully, I broke no laws and I have my driver's license. What did I do wrong?"

"Nothing," shot back Policeman Gianoni—"Except THAT'S MY CAR YOU'RE DRIVING."

POET'S CORNER

BE READY

Spend no time in repining
That life bypasses you
Dig down and muscle-up, be fit
And listen for your cue.

The wheels of Time are never still.
The World moves on a pace,
Keep set— nor let the gong for you
Sound in an empty place.

Nor mourn, nor wring your hands in vain
Make good each passing hour
That at the turning of the tide
You may be big with power.

Georgia Douglas Johnson

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

There's a perverse fascination about the Perry Mason program that draws me to the TV screen like a magnet every Saturday night, though I personally abhor the show, since it always ends up with Perry Mason proving once again that he is invincible.

Now, there will might be some perfect people who never, never make a mistake . . . but offhand, I can't think of a single one.

So that must make Mr. Mason something really special, since he never makes a mistake, not even a little one.

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THE PROGRAM has been on display long enough for every man, woman, child and otherwise in the range of a TV set, to know its unvarying formula.

Perry Mason is a lawyer, but unlike other lawyers, he has something different going for himself.

No matter how hopeless the outlook may seem, no matter how hopeless the odds, no matter how much evidence has been gathered against his client, Perry Mason never loses a case.

This paragon of the legal profession has snatched more clients from the yawning maw of the death cell, then the Supreme Court in all its history.

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TRUE, THIS nation has produced some truly magnificent trial lawyers, such as Clarence Darrow, but, even he on occasion, was known to lose a case.

But, nay, not so with Perry Mason . . . he couldn't lose a case if he tried.

Usually in a Perry Mason episode, the state has amassed enough evidence to hang a suspect two or three times, with a couple times left over.

And then Perry Mason comes charging on the scene to rescue the suspect from an undeserved fate . . . The only thing that's missing is a white horse.

After a bit of fancy maneuvering, which always seems to take up most of the hour - long program, Perry learns that his client is innocent of the crime of which he or she has been charged, be it murder, theft, arson, bribery or disorderly conduct.

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PERSONALLY, I sometimes wonder why it takes old PM so long to discover his client is innocent . . . I can tell this as soon as I turn the set on and the announcement says, "The Perry Mason Show."

I believe in entertainment, but I wonder just when the people in Mr. Mason's city are going to get smart and demand a recount.

If all of Perry Mason's clients are innocent, then it's pretty evident that the Police Department and the district attorney must be a bunch of onionheads, seeing how they always lock up the wrong people.

The biggest onionhead of them all is obviously the DA, since he always looks like a child caught stealing the jam, when Perry Mason proves he has been prosecuting an innocent person.

With that type of law enforcement in a city, the crime rate must be the highest in the nation . . . A felon can break the law with impunity, safe in the knowledge that the cops will be sure to lock up the wrong man.

If I were the DA in that town, as soon as I heard that Perry was defending a suspect, I would tell the judge to let the person go.

After all, it must give you an inferiority complex, having Perry win all the cases.

But then on second thought, maybe I would just resign and take up something that I might be able to do . . . like digging a ditch, since I'm not much of a lawyer.

The sad note in the whole Perry Mason situation is that one day, some real life criminal is going to get 99 years and then turn to his lawyer and say:

"You stupid so and so, I should have gotten Perry Mason."

The only way I can see to head off a revolting situation such as this, is to have Perry lose a few cases . . . Not big one, just small ones.

But I guess this is asking too much . . . so Perry Mason will go down in history as the only man who never defended any but innocent people.

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WHILE ON the subject of TV, I can't help but wonder where "The Untouchables" locate all the corpses.

Whenever things appear to be getting a little dull, the prodigers have a sure fire answer. . . they kill somebody else.

In one recent episode, I tried to keep track of all the bodies, but I ran out of fingers before the Untouchables ran out of corpses.

If they laid all the people they have killed on the Untouchables from end to end . . . now wouldn't that be a mess?

If they don't cut down on the killings, one of these days the producers will wake up and find they have run out of actors to shoot.

That will probably end the program right there . . . But don't get me wrong, I hate television.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

It is surprising the trouble a person will go to in order to curry favor with a man in a high post like the presidency.

A year ago Mrs. JFK was not even among the first 25 on the nation's best dressed list. Suddenly, she is number one.

Even the hat makers are hopping on the Kennedy bandwagon.

They claim JFK's head is almost a perfect oval in shape and is therefore easy to fit.

The hat makers reached that monumental decision the other day when the new president dropped in to pick up a couple of top hats for the inauguration.

Bet he became top man tomorrow the hatmaker's would say: "HMs's head is easy to fit because it's almost round."

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THE JOKESTERS will not leave Sammy Davis Jr., and his bride alone.

Read a column the other day where someone suggested they call their first born, B'Nai B'rith.

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IT'S ODD how you remember the little things after a crisis has passed.

For instance, an attorney collapsed and died in court the other day while addressing a jury in a civil suit.

His last words as he turned clutching at his chest were: "Excuse me."

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WISH I could apologize to the lady who asked where she could get an "application for meter reader."

I directed her to the Civil Service office.

I realized later she wanted to become one of the new meter maids and could have obtained her application at the Western Police station.

In the very near future, you will see the meter maids monitoring those infernal parking meters around town.

Rally promotion

Dear AFRO:

We, the officers and members of the board of directors of the Anna Mae Hunter Foundation for the Blind, take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful job you did in promoting the Raffle that resulted in the purchasing and installation of the Clothes Dryer at the home.

Your kindness will always be remembered.

From all of us, thanks

MRS. ANNA M. HUNTER
President

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People and things

Note from Morgan's Dr. G. James Fleming, who passes along this classic he gleaned from a taxicab-philosopher — To wit: 1961 is one of the few years which reads the same straight or upside down.

See— 1961. Now turn it around.

The last similar year was 1881. And, the next such year will be 6009.

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About the happiest family in town is that of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Timothy Boddie (New Shiloh Baptist Church).

They came in from a trip to Philly on Thursday to find their son, Air Force Capt. J. Timothy Jr., had flown in the day before from Tripoli to surprise them.

"Good thing I had my house key," commented the young flier, or he would have been out in the cold.

It is his first visit home since 1958. He will be around for ten days, and then return overseas. He will return to the states permanently in April.

P.S.— Young Boddie is still single.

Send greetings

Rush sunshine to Lushie Nollie, the teacher, 2432 Liberty Heights Ave. He's in St. Joseph Hospital.

To: Dr. Clarence Stephens, Morgan professor, who underwent an operation at Provident on Monday.

To: Carl Bruce, McDonogh School employee, who had surgery on Monday at Md. General.

To: William Rogers, 411 N. Payson, who underwent an operation at University Hospital on Tuesday.

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More sunshine to: Mrs. Lillian Hall, 7116 Walnut Ave., Howardsville, who had eye surgery at Hopkins; and to Mrs. Lelia C. Waters, 823 Saratoga St., who had eye surgery at the same hospital on Wednesday.

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To: The Rev. J. E. Dawson, 225 Main St., Ellicott City, where he is pastor of St. Luke AME Church. He has been ailing since Nov. 13, when he sustained sprained ribs in a car accident.

To: Howard Franklin, 92, 1328 Division St., a long time Sharp Street Methodist Church member, at the Carver Nursing Home.

To: The Rev. William Norris, AME Church elder of 8714 Church Lane, Randallstown, who has been ailing since that leg amputation.

Say a special prayer for Mrs. Melvin Cade (Willie). She remains gravely ill at Provident Hospital.

Sympathy cards to Miss Frances Beard, 39 N. Eliamont. Her brother, Durish Wilson, died last Sunday at D.C. General Hospital.

Get-well cards to these Provident Hospital patients: Mrs. Earl Clay (Rene), 9, 3928 Fairview. She's in room 210.

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Norman Uncles, 2418 Lafayette, will get your cards if addressed to room 310; and Enoch Towles in room 118. So is Augustus Vincent, who has had surgery.

Chastine Tard is in room 320, and on the children's ward is little Gail Floyd, who suffered burns in that December fire.

Send cards to Sinai Hospital for Mrs. Maggery Jiggetts, 3903 Carlisle. She is recovering from an operation.

Birthday hellos

Belated birthday cards to: Mrs. Agnes Lindenwood (Jan. 4), 1905 McKean Ave., and to Mrs. Daisy Bailey Jones, 1219 W. Lafayette Ave.

On January 6, you should have sent birthday hellos to. Mrs. Gertrude Lynch, 3130 Gwynns Falls Parkway; Jan. 7 to the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Sharp St. Methodist Church; and January 9 to Mrs. Alice Lindsay, 1034 Brantley Ave.

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And, it's belated birthday greetings, even though belated, to William L. Fitzgerald, the city's oldest practicing attorney. He was 90 on January 14.

January 16th was the day those candles should have reached Dr. Albert LaForest.

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You're just in time if you mail greetings today to Mrs. William K. Clarke, 530 Sanford Place. Here is Jan. 20.

Mrs. Ada Veney, the nursing superintendent, birthday's on Jan. 21, and People's Court Judge Everett Lane on Jan. 22.

New citizens

New citizens: It is a girl for Mr. and Mrs. John Winters (Minnie), 4029 Fairview. Baby arrived Jan. 15. Provident Hospital, weighed 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.

The Willie Rays (she's the former Clara Mason, a Provident nurse), have a boy, 7 pounds, 2 3/4 ounces, born Jan. 15. Cards to them at 3657 Wabash.

The George Lottiers (Arnetta Murphy), welcomed child no. 6 on Jan. 18. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces at Hopkins, will likely bear the name David Vernon for his grandfathers. Hellos to them at 2420 Harlem Ave.

WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Brain says school site has not been abandoned

"The fact that the school site mentioned in your communication to me has not been built upon at this date, is not an indication that it has been abandoned as a school site."

This was the assurance sent by Dr. George B. Brain, superintendent of schools, to Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the NAACP, who had inquired about the future of a proposed school site that has been vacant three and a half years.

The site is bounded by Hilton, Carlisle, Bateman and Denison Sts.

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IT WAS obtained by the city in 1957 and 19 homes were demolished to make way for a proposed elementary school.

"Since that time, the land has been vacant and residents have complained that it is an eyesore because of its unkempt condition.

Answering Dr. Jackson's inquiry, Dr. Brain noted that early in 1957 many of the properties involved were offered for sale and the school board decided to buy the properties then to:

"Prevent the hardships which would result through individuals who might be purchasing the properties being offered for sale with the expectancy that their new residences would serve them for a reasonably long period of time."

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DR. BRAIN explained further:

"Construction is a matter of priority.

"New facilities are planned for those areas most seriously affected by population increases and there are areas of the city at the present time that have a much greater school housing need than at the location of this particular site.

As is the case with all areas of the city this particular section is studied from time to time with the view of determining the need for construction on those sites which the Department of Education has been able to acquire in advance of the specific need for them. The last study in connection with this particular site was made on December 2, 1959.

"The result of that study indicated that construction on the site was not indicated as immediately necessary although the evidence still reveals that the site must be utilized for school construction at some future date.

"This area will continue to be restudied at appropriate times and construction of the school for this site will be scheduled in time to meet the requirements of an observed increasing school population," he concluded.

More State workers at tracks sought

ANNAPOLIS — A proposal to require that at least 85 percent of the mutuel employees working Maryland race tracks be residents of the State was introduced in the House of Delegates Wednesday.

House Bill 120, brought in by Edward W. Brooks (3rd D., Balto.), provides a fine of from $100 to $1,000 for each violation.

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JOHN STOKES
(Formerly of Berger Motors)
FOR THE ALL NEW '61 OLDS
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A. D. ANDERSON
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HO. 7-8800

New decency law to be proposed

The Mayor's Committee for Decency on Tuesday approved a bill to provide for civil injunction suits against the sale and distribution of obscene literature.

The bill, prepared by a member from the City Solicitor's office, is to be sponsored in the General Assembly by Delegate Francis X. Gallagher (3rd D., Balto.)

It provides that a person charged with distributing such literature be brought to trial, and a court decision rendered on whether the publications are obscene.

Should they be found to be so, a court order would come to cease their distribution.

This is a companion bill to one already before the House of Delegates, which would make the sale of such literature a criminal offense, punishable by a fine up to $200 and/or a sentence up to one year.

Plan would give some areas more House seats

ANNAPOLIS—Another plan to increase the membership of the House of Delegates from 123 to 144 was given the General Assembly here Wednesday.

House Bill 127, introduced by W. Dale Hess (D. Harford), would give:

Charles, Howard and St. Mary's Counties each an additional seat to the two they now have.

Each county's three seats would be increased to four, and Harford's four would be increased to five seats.

Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City and Fifth District would have their six seats increased to eight.

The current six seats of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties would be increased to nine, and Baltimore County would have ten seats, an addition of four.

The bill provides further that Gov. J. Millard Tawes would name the new delegates who would serve until next year's election.

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ENJOYING JOKE at party given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chapin on Tuesday evening in Washington are Mrs. Irma Dixon of Baltimore, Democratic member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and Congressman Charles C. Diggs of Michigan.

Troubled mother writes City Desk

An awful lot of letters flow across City Desk in the course of a day. All of them carry stories, as varied and numerous as the letters themselves.

But sometimes there is a story in a letter that pulls and tugs at your heart. Such a letter reached City Desk this week.

It came from a troubled mother. This is her letter:

"On Dec. 24, my daughter, Mona Lisa Scott, was critically burned and hospitalized. Seventy percent of her body was covered with second and third degree burns.

"For 10 days she hovered between life and death. The goodness of God, the prayers of the public and 16 pints of blood, plus the care of capable doctors and nurses have spared her life.

* * *

"IT IS my earnest plea to you to help provide blood for her.

"God was so good to you that he did not allow this unfortunate accident to happen to you, won't you show your gratefulness by answering this earnest and worthy plea?

"Very gratefully yours,
(Mrs.) BERNICE SCOTT
Mother"

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MONA LISA, 10-year-old fourth grade student at School No. 109, suffered the near-fatal accident while playing near a gas heater, Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Scott, on the second floor of their home at the time, heard the child's piercing screams. She rushed down to find little Mona's body wrapped in scorching flames. Her dress had caught fire.

The mother grabbed a rug and smothered the fire, but not before the flames had taken a grim toll in pain and injury.

Mona Lisa has since been confined to Johns Hopkins Hospital, where the Blood Bank provided 16 pints of blood to keep her alive in the life and death struggle.

SHE IS improved, but is scheduled to undergo a series of painful skin-grafting operations. One such operation was performed 10:30 a.m. yesterday (Wednesday).

Plus the 16 pints of blood already taken from the bank, more is needed for the operations. The need is obvious.

Blood is expensive. But the family doesn't have the money. The father, the Rev. T. R. Scott, has no church but is a part - time employee in the custodian department of the County Education Department.

These parents of six children, ages 2 to 11, believe someone will help.

General Assembly Calendar

ANNAPOLIS — Here are the public activities of the General Assembly this week.

SENATE:

Sessions—Tuesday through Thursday, 2 p.m. daily; today, (Friday) convenes at 12 noon.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Sessions — Tuesday through Thursday, 2 p.m. daily; today, Friday) convenes at 12 noon.

Sessions are in the State House.

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.—Senate Bill No. 19 — Amending Unemployment Insurance and all unemployment bills before the General Assembly

House Chambers.

Thursday, Jan. 26, at conclusion of House session.

House Bills 55 and 58 — On oysters and clams — House Chambers.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 10:30 a.m.—House Bills 27 and 35 — Civil Rights — House Chambers.

Stonewall A.C. elects officers

The Stonewall Athletic Club, organized in 1946, held its two - year election of officers last Thursday and made plans for its annual banquet to be held February 11.

The board of directors of the Stonewall Club are also accepting applications for coaching assignments it announced.

Veterans' bonus plan up again

ANNAPOLIS — That veterans' bonus bill which has shown up here since 1947, is back before the General Assembly again.

Senators Harry T. Phoebus (R.—Somerset) and John E. Sanford Jr. (D. Worcester) came in Wednesday with S.B. 172, asking a State bond issue and a corresponding increased tax on beer to finance the plan.

The bill asks that the veterans of all wars be given a $300 bonus.

Heretofore, the same proposal has been given little consideration.

Higher pay asked for State police

ANNAPOLIS — State police will receive a $500 pay raise, if House Bill 110 placed before the General Assembly Tuesday wins approval.

The bill would raise the present starting pay of $3,450 to $3,950, and give a $500 increase in all other grades, including the superintendent whose pay is $8,500.

Sponsors of the bill are William J. Myers and Harry J. McGuirk (both 6th D., Balto.).

State treasurer pay

ANNAPOLIS — House Bill 122, given the General Assembly here Wednesday, asks that the salary of the State Treasurer be increased from the present $2,500 annually to $10,000.

GOP City Committee has 2 posts to fill

The Republican City Committee will have two top vacancies to fill at its next meeting Jan. 26.

First, a new chairman is to be appointed to replace Richard A. Gilbert, who resigned recently.

Then, a replacement will be made for Eugene A. Seklow, the minority member on the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Mr. Sekulow, political science teacher at Johns Hopkins University, will resign that post as of Feb. 1.

He is scheduled to take a position with a New York firm.

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Baltimore earnings tax asked

By MAX JOHNSON

ANNAPOLIS — A second bill designed to help Baltimore meet its next year's budget expenses, is now before the General Assembly.

This new bill would authorize an earnings tax for all persons employed in that city whether residents or not.

The tax would not be in excess of one percent.

Senate Bill 171 also provides that appeals in such tax cases would be subject to review by the Baltimore City Court, and finally the State's Court of Appeals.

Current indications are this proposal will meet with a chilly reception, when the Senate's Finance Committee gives it consideration.

A FEW months ago when the earnings tax suggestion was placed before Baltimore's neighboring Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties, officials of Anne Arundel County turned it down flatly.

Baltimore County appeared to agree for awhile, but later the County Council voted its disapproval.

The suggestion to the counties was that they share in the tax returns.

The other bill before the General Assembly, aimed at helping Baltimore escape a financial crisis, calls for an increase in liquor license fees.

This proposal — House Bill 108 — also appears to be headed for stiff opposition.

This bill would double, and triple in some instances, present license fees.

Biggest fee increase in a category would be that of six-day beer, wines and liquor licenses.

The bill would hike this cost from the present $250 a year to $1,000.

The House's Alcoholic Beverages Committee now has this bill.

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