52nd Anniversary National Association For The Advancement of Colored People

1909 **FOUNDERS DAY** 1961

THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 26, 3 P.M.

Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church

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26th Anniversary of Present Baltimore **NAACP** *Administration*

HEAR

GUEST SPEAKER:

MRS. DAISY GABRIELLE

Courageous New Orleans Mother

WHO BRAVED THE MOBS TO CARRY HER DAUGHTER TO THE NEWLY INTEGRATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Now living in Providence, R.I., with her equally courageous husband, James, who was forced to quit his city job in New Orleans.

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Above are some of the pioneer members who helped revive the Baltimore Branch NAACP which has grown under the presidency of Dr. Lillie M. Jackson until today it is the most active branch in the country. The late Rev. Garnett Russell Waller was on of the organizers and founders of the National as well as the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP. The late Atty. Charles H. Houston, greatest civil rights lawyer of his day, conceived the educational program and contributed invaluable service as Legal Defense Council.

COMING! COMING!

ALLEN YANCEY, of Fayette County, Tenn.

Hear first hand story of the plight of colored citizens who attempted to vote. Mr. Yancey is president of NAACP, vice president of Fayette County Civic League. He lost his teaching job because he registered to vote.

HEAR: Report of Baltimore's Tent City Drive by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Rev. Marion Bascom, Pres.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

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- Made It Possible for Anyone to Live Wherever Able to Buy Through Victory in the Restrictive Covenants Case in U.S. Supreme Court
- Opened Enoch Pratt Library to Colored Librarians.
- Opened Graduate and Undergraduate Schools of University of Maryland to All
- Secured Equalization of Salaries of Colored Teachers in Counties of Maryland
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A Day With 2 Busy Women

- From early morning until late at night Maryland's two women legislators are on the job.
- Each receives almost 50 letters a day which must be answered immediately.
- Both are sponsors of a resolution to place a Matthew Henson memorial plaque in the State House.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEMBER MRS. VERDA WELCOME

Part of the routine of members of the House of Delegates includes attending hearings such as this in the House Chamber. This was the Feb. 2 hearing on the public accommodations bills now before the General Assembly. In front, to the left, is Mrs. Welcome. Seated in the second row of desks, third from right is Mrs. Dixon.

LADY LEGISLATOR MRS. IRMA G. DIXON

By MAX JOHNSON

A murky, gray pallor — shedding a dreary dampness too light for rain, too heavy for dew — dulled the spirits of early risers here Tuesday.

But — another working day for the lively. Another time - standing-still period for others.

Among the lively, housewives hustled wide-awake children off to school —hurried sleepy husbands to their jobs.

Still other matrons gathered themselves together for another routine on their own jobs away from home.

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AT 1906 McCULLOH ST., Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, House of Delegates member (D. 4th D., Balto.), made last minute preparations for another day's work in the General Assembly at Annapolis.

At 2101 Liberty Heights Ave., Mrs. Verda F. Welcome, House of Delegates member (D. 4th D., Balto.), gave her housekeeper instructions for the day — while readying herself for her duties at the General Assembly session.

Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Welcome — two of the six lady lawmakers serving in Maryland's General Assembly, prepared to start another busy day.

AND TUESDAY was a typical day of their on-the-go, daily routine.

Mrs. Dixon was up at 8 a.m.

She braced herself for the day with one of those lady-like breakfasts of coffee and assorted fruits.

Pal, her boxer pet, was given something a bit more substantial to start his day.

With these and other household routines out of the way, she turned attention to her General Assembly duties for the day.

There were copies of bills constituents had written to ask for. These were readied for mailing.

Then, there was the morning's mail to be gathered and sorted.

This included 50 letters from citizens — wanting information on bills, asking her to support certain bills, seeking jobs, etc.

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AT 11:45 A.M., Mrs. Dixon was dressed in a fashionable, two - piece, plum-colored wool suit — with gold accessories including bracelet, earrings and necklace — and ready to drive herself to Annapolis.

Arriving there shortly before 12:30 p.m., she parked the family's big sedan on the lot reserved for the legislative personnel a short distance from the State House.

Once in the State House, she went directly to Department of Legislative Reference for some research on optometry.

There are bills before the General Assembly which would regulate optometry practices throughout the state, and give optometrists professional status on a par with dentists and physicians.

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MRS. DIXON used the period from 1 to 1:45 p.m. to read and answer some of the day's mail she had brought with her.

Then, there was a hurried trip to the basement canteen in the State House for a quick lunch — a cup of coffee and a hot dog.

This was spliced in between greetings to visitors, and discussions with fellow law-makers.

So — Mrs. Dixon was ready for the 2 p.m. General Assembly session.

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MRS. WELCOME'S early morning routine Tuesday followed a similar pattern.

She was up at 7:45 a.m., and during the course of routine matters managed a hasty check of the morning paper.

An hour later, she was at breakfast, with husband Dr. Henry C. Welcome, physician. Her meal — orange juice, weak coffee, and a slice of scrapple.

At 9 p.m., she launched into a discussion of the day's activities with her housekeeper, and left some notes for her secretary.

Then, there were several business calls to make, relative to General Assembly matters.

Mrs. Welcome completed these routines shortly after 10 a.m., and at 10:10 she was ready to drive herself to Annapolis.

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SHE WORE a two-piece Pemberly knit beige suit, with green accessories — including bracelet, earrings and necklace.

She arrived there about 11 o'clock, and parked her car on the legislative lot.

Inside the State House, Mrs. Welcome hurried to a hearing before the House of Delegates' Judiciary Committee on the same optometry legislation proposals which had interested Mrs. Dixon.

Lunch in the canteen came at 1:30 p.m. And this included a bowl of cream of tomato soup.

Discussions followed with fellow lawmakers on pending legislation. There were visitors to be greeted.

Both Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Welcome were at their desks in the House of Delegates chamber for the afternoon session which convened at 2:05 p.m.

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BOTH LADY lawmakers are among the sponsors of a resolution (H.D. 24) placed before the House, during the course of the session's activities, proposing that a plaque in memoriam to Matthew A. Henson, famed Arctic explorer, be placed in the State House.

The resolution also asks that a replica of the plaque be placed in the Pomonkey High School in Charles County — the Maryland area where Mr. Henson was born.

Session activities saw the introduction of bills, the usual committee reports, and the passage of some legislation.

In the House chamber, members register their attendance, and votes for or against legislative matters by flipping two electric switches on their desks.

Identical boards on both side walls of the House contain the names of the members. A green light beside a member's name will flash on for a "yes" vote, and a red one will light up with a "no" vote.

Over in the smaller Senate chamber, votes are recorded by voice.

The House session adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

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MRS. DIXON and Mrs. Welcome hurried downstairs for a Judiciary Committee meeting on proposed legislation to open some public places of accommodations throughout the State to all citizens, without regard to race.

Both are among the sponsors of this proposed legislation, and they were at the hearing as spectators, rather than participants.

The hearing on this proposal ended at 4:04 p.m., with committee wrangling that brought a postponement of final committee action until the coming Tuesday.

This brought a round of discussions for Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Welcome with committee proponents of the proposal — including mapping of strategy to get the bill to the House floor.

Then, at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Dixon decided to call it a day in Annapolis.

She arrived home shortly before 7 o'clock, and prepared dinner for husband William B. Dixon, insurance broker, and herself.

Calls began coming in for bills, information on bills and for people wanting help in finding jobs.

Between these calls, Mrs. Dixon managed to check the newspapers, and make some plans for the next day's General Assembly session.

Many calls came to ask her support of the Case bill which would set up regulations for savings and loans associations.

Suddenly, it was 9:30 p.m., and Mrs. Dixon was off with her husband for a meeting with some of her constituents.

When they returned home, the time was 12 midnight.

Mrs. Dixon's day had begun at 8 a.m. and ended with related General Assembly activities with the ending of the day itself.

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FOR MRS. WELCOME, her day in Annapolis ended shortly after 5 p.m.

She had planned to stay for a 7 p.m. hearing on the Case savings and loans association bill — but was too disturbed by the committee hearing on the public accommodations bill.

Arriving home at 6 p.m., she and Dr. Welcome had dinner.

Then, there was more General Assembly work.

Mrs. Welcome worked with her secretary, answering mail and handling other General Assembly matters until 10 p.m.

It was at this time that she decided to retire — too tired to watch her usual newscast.

So — Tuesday ended with these two lady lawmakers on their jobs in the General Assembly at Annapolis.

If this routine sounds easy — try it sometime.

$40 A Day

ANNAPOLIS — General Assembly members are currently among the higher salaried persons in the State.

Their pay breaks down to $40 a day during this 90 - day sessions.

The salary of a General Assembly member is $1,800 a year — plus a $20 a day expense allowance.

A bill to raise the salaries of the lawmakers to $3,600 a year has been passed by the House of Delegates, and is under consideration by a Senate committee.

Pay raise proposals for the Senate and House members have been unsuccessful in past sessions.

Should the current pay bill get through the General Assembly, the question will be placed on the ballots during next year's general election for approval or rejection by the State's voters.

Six Women

ANNAPOLIS — There are six women among the 152 lawmakers serving in Maryland's General Assembly.

All are Democrats.

Mrs. Mary L. Nock (Wicomico) is the lone woman senator.

In the House of Delegates are: Mrs. Frances Holub (2nd D., Balto); Mrs. Irma G. Dixon and Mrs. Verda F. Welcome (both 4th D., Balto.); Mrs. Edna P. Cook and Mrs. Margaret Schweinhaut (both Montgomery).

The Senate has 29 members — 26 Democrats and three Republicans.

The House has 123 members — 116 Democrats and seven Republicans.

This gives the Democrats 142 members, and the Republicans ten members in the General Assembly.

There is a Democratic majority of 23 in the Senate, and a Democratic majority of 109 in the House.

CONFERENCE TIME FOR FOURTH DISTRICT MEMBERS MRS. WELCOME AND MURRAY ABRAMSON

MRS. DIXON CONFERS WITH FELLOW MEMBER SOL J. FRIEDMAN