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

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Fourth District Squawks

Rancorous cries from the 4th District indicate that politicians who have not rallied enough precincts to control the District are squawking their heads off as to who shall run for what.

Unless there is a unified organization and single slate, all concerned might as well save their breath.

It will take teamwork if a genuine interracial ticket is to bring a new deal to this District, long controlled by Mr. Pollack.

The proprietary interest with which politicians issue statements would indicate they have already defeated the boss.

In their hurry to run for office, they have forgotten there are other interests at stake besides their own.

What is best for the Democratic Party?

What is best for the people of the 4th District?

Do politicians really believe that the efforts and money spent to register additional voters in the city were solely for their benefit?

Now is the time for real leadership in this District to assert itself, and put things in the proper perspective.

No Skill-No Job

A recent survey here showed that there are plenty of jobs available for skilled workers, but few openings for the large number of unskilled workers now unemployed.

This should be an object lesson for young people who have recently dropped out of school, and for those contemplating such action.

There is every reason to believe that the demand for skilled labor will continue to increase while the need for unskilled workers will decrease.

The study, made by the State Employment Service, showed conclusively that the vast majority of the unemployed in Maryland are those who lack the skills to fill the many jobs now available.

By checking the want ads in Baltimore newspapers against the work applications in its files, the employment service found that most of the people on its files failed to measure up to the requirements of any of the available jobs.

For instance, on one day the employment service had more than 2,100 applicants for unskilled labor, but that day there were only 16 help wanted ads for unskilled labor out of a total of 1,500 help wanted ads. Skills was required in all of the other 1,484 jobs.

The situation was aptly described in an AFRO series on unemployment last summer. Entitled "The Job Seekers," the articles summarized Baltimore's unemployment picture as "skilled jobs begging for men and unskilled men begging for jobs."

Men and women who only a few years ago could earn at least minimum wages in unskilled jobs are finding that there just are not enough unskilled jobs to go around.

Older workers, the colored workers and the unskilled — these dominate today's long term unemployed. Unless concerted action is taken, they will become the permanently unemployables of the 1960s.

Not represented by labor unions, scorned by big business, the unskilled workers are the casualties of progress and automation.

Unemployment on the whole is decreasing, but the number of unskilled workers unemployed is climbing higher and higher.

A Law Is The Answer

That a number of Maryland restaurant operators who refuse to serve colored persons are torn between what they feel right and what they feel economically feasible, was clearly demonstrated this week.

After three demonstrators were arrested in the Laltosa Restaurant at Annapolis, a co - owner, Harry J. Maggio, went into court and dropped the trespassing charges against them and paid the $12 court costs.

When asked about his action he minced no words: "I'm in sympathy with them (the demonstrators), but I can't serve colored people until there is a law which forces all places to serve them.

"My customers have warned me if I serve colored people they would leave. I can't afford to lose business at this time."

The years have proved that Maryland is unable to solve this issue on a voluntary basis.

Some places integrate, others do not. Those owners who feel as do Mr. Maggio, believe they handicap themselves by serving colored.

When some places open and others do not, colored patrons have the impossible task of trying to determine where they can eat and where they cannot.

Meanwhile, the restaurant owners have the nuisance of the protests and Maryland suffers the accompanying embarrassment.

The one solution to the restaurant discrimination problem is a public accommodations law.

As the time grows nearer for an attempt at passing such a law, it is regrettable that leadership on the issue is completely lacking from the Governor.

It is not enough for Gov. Tawes to reluctantly volunteer to be for some yet indefinite law. All hope for a law depends upon his full support and public pronouncements to that effect.

Dreams Come True

William L. Fitzgerald who died this week was one of the city's most respected citizens and realtors.

When the AFRO interviewed him eight years ago on his 81st birthday, he thought he might well be satisfied with life if he lived to:

1. Celebrate his 90th birthday.
2. See Baltimore hotels, public schools and department stores open to all citizens alike.

He almost lived to the age he desired. He would have been 90 next month — Jan. 14, 1962.

As for changes in department stores, and hotels, and schools, great changes have come about in the past seven years.

Not all of us have our dreams come true, but some of them did for Will Fitzgerald.

You Can't Ignore Numbers

Every day 140,000 babies are added to the world's population, and each year 50 million more people.

Despite this so-called population explosion, Margaret Sanger's birth control programs have never seemed sensible to us.

Protestants are for it, but Catholics reject it.

The nations with big families in the end gobble up the nations where families limit themselves to one or two children.

Egypt, Greece and Rome were conquered by barbarians from Germany, France and Russia who never heard of birth control.

Eventually, the Chinese, Indians and Africans will rule the world simply because they have five times as many children as anybody else.

Tobias, The Planner

Many had misgivings when Channing H. Tobias, at the age of 71, became associated with the NAACP as chairman of its board of directors. It was felt at the time that he might make the NAACP reactionary and conservative like the YMCA where he worked for 35 years.

Instead, Dr. Tobias turned out to be a liberal thinker and planner of the first order. He fathered the movement to raise a million dollars for the NAACP in order to end segregation in the United States by 1963.

His death last month gives us an opportunity to remember him as a guiding light in the continuing fight for equal rights.

$80,000 Omission

Architects who designed the 13 million dollar Civic Center for downtown Baltimore forgot to put in $80,000 worth of drains.

The city has just learned that 60 per cent of the interior will be exposed concrete just like your sidewalk.

We hope there are hinges on the elevator doors and basins in the wash rooms.

What We Will Do

The Tawes commission, studying needs of higher education in the State, believes that the 22,000 students now studying in Maryland colleges will reach 45,000 in 1975.

To us this could mean twice as many college buildings as at present.

Ways must be found to use existing college classrooms twelve hours a day, six days a week, twelve months a year.

The most wasteful sight in Baltimore — a school building closed at 4 p.m. daily, and for eight weeks in summer.

'Why Investigate? We Aren't Segregated'

What Our Readers Say

Miss Williams Pleased

Dear AFRO:

It is very difficult for me to express my humble gratitude for your wonderful kindness to me. I must thank you for the AFRO's beautiful award which has given me and Monsignor Dorsch so much pleasure.

The AFRO's presentation remarks, the pictures and all the articles were lovely. Because of them, I have received many gifts, letters and cards.

Thank you for all your thoughtful kindness to me.

ANITA R. WILLIAMS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Williams was honored at testimonial recently. She retired this year after 39 years service with Catholic Charities.)

So. Africa And Route 40

Dear AFRO:

In South Africa, non-whites are not permitted in public business establishments. In Maryland, non-whites are denied service in restaurants along public highways.

Despite all of the high-sounding platitudes of Governor Tawes and of the self-styled "do-gooders," I can see no difference in the two policies.

Marylanders are deeply concerned with the denial of basic civil rights to citizens living in or traveling through our state.

P. MARSHALL BROWN

'Collection Agency' Church

Dear AFRO:

Are there any true Methodist Churches still in Baltimore or have they all become "collection agencies"?

Recently at one of our big Methodist churches, "the roll was called." It was rally day. The members who had paid their ten dollar assessment fee were supposed to answer "Paid." One of the hymns sung at this service was "When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

Is this the pastor's and trustees' way of helping the members to get up "Yonder"? Did they feel that this way was the best way they could think of to make members answer "Paid" to keep from being embarrassed?

Mrs. SUSIE L. JONES

Explains McCarran Act

Dear AFRO:

We are very interested in the letters recently appearing in the various newspapers in Baltimore in respect to the McCarran and Smith Acts and the June 5th Supreme Court decision.

We are a local civil liberties organization dedicated to the preservation of our American constitutional rights. We are specifically concerned with the McCarran and Smith Acts and the threats which they pose to those rights. We are pleased and proud to be associated with similar autonomous state groups throughout the nation.

The "Internal Security Act" of 1950, known as the McCarran Act, was passed over a presidential veto more than a decade ago. The Smith Act is in effect a companion bill although passed ten years before the McCarran Act, (1940). Succinctly the McCarran Act permits the Subversive Activities Control Board to designate organizations as "Communist" and the Smith Act, in one feature, enforces imprisonment on anyone who is "knowingly" a member of such a group.

The clear and present danger in such legislation is that anybody can be a "Communist". The condemned are divided in three groups: 1) the Communist "Action" groups, 2) the Communist "Front" groups, and 3) the Communist "Infiltrated" groups. All three groups are required to wear the scarlet letter.

Already we have seen instances of the religious institutions, the unions, our central federal government and even the Supreme Court itself being branded as "Communist." When one person or one group loses the civil rights of freedom of association and freedom of thought, the entire nation is endangered. The primal principal of democracy is the worth, dignity, and freedom of the individual. This freedom is to think as he will, espouse political theory as he desires, and associate with other free men as he chooses.

We submit, as does four of our Supreme Court justices, that this freedom is threatened by the McCarran and the Smith Acts.

MADALYN MURRAY, Chairman
Maryland Committee
For Democratic Rights

Transistor Ratio

Dear AFRO:

I should like to call your attention to some errors in your feature story, "Transistors, Rage of the 1960's," appearing on page 15 of the December 2, issue, as I am sure that neither you or nor the author would wish misinformation to go unheeded.

The article states that transistors were introduced by The Regency Electronic in 1954.

For the record, it should be said that the transistor was announced by the Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1948.

In July, 1949, Dr. W. Shockley of the same organization, (he was one of the co-inventors) published internationally an article on the junction transistor.

In the January, 1950, issue of Radio and Television News, Rufus Paul Turner then of Boston, wrote an article on the construction of a practical transistor amplifier using commercially available transistors. This was not his first such article.

Correcting the second paragraph of column two it must be said that contrary to the statement, transistors are very susceptible to variations in temperature, and also vary greatly from unit to unit of even the same type.

Finally, transistorized hi-fi equipment and TV are not things to be expected in the near future. They have been available for over a year, products of such firms as Transis-Tronics, Philco, Sonny, and others.

W. WINSTON HUNT

Thanks For Coverage

Dear AFRO:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the fine coverage you gave my statement on Provident Hospital in the AFRO newspapers.

It was simply perfect.

J. ARNETT FRISBY

Praises For Heroes

Dear AFRO:

So little is said about heroic deeds and humanistic phases of our race at times.

Last Friday night, a young man dashed into a house at 1024 Lexington St. and saved a teenager and four small children. The house was afire.

All teenagers are not delinquents as this 15-year-old youth proved.

I like to give honor where honor is due, and receive my roses while I can see and smell them.

AFRO 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 not other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future secured.

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1929.

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signature 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.

I admire the Freedom Riders and the Rev. Mr. Kearse, my pastor.

An AFRO Reader

Police At Schools

Dear AFRO:

We are glad to note that the police department obviously has started to provide protection in the neighborhood of the city's public schools, in an attempt to cut down on assault and robbery for pupils.

However, recently a group of students was gathered at an intersection near Garrison Junior High.

Suddenly, a police car drove up to the group, officers jumped out and had the male students hold up their hands while they frisked them.

This is not what is expected of policemen. They should be able to differentiate between students gathered at a corner awaiting a bus for home, and juvenile delinquents who gather to disturb or create disorder.

A PARENT

Says UN Has Failed

Dear AFRO:

So much has been said about it and so little has been done about it that one hesitates to mention the ruthless disregard shown by the Union of South Africa for the dignity of the colored natives of that country.

But what is more vexing is the fact that some quarters of the United Nations are unwilling to expel the Union from membership in that body.

It appears that they have two yardsticks for measuring such onslaught against humanity. In one instance they look upon China's attempt to liberate the people of Formosa from the tentacles of corruption as being an international issue, while they view the South African tragedy as being a domestic affair.

To be sure, they are quite willing to shudder at the fact that the Chinese Peoples Republic may be admitted to UN membership, but can mask with all ease the unforgettable misery heaped upon the Chinese people during the days of the Kuomintang government under the leadership of Chiang Kai-Shek.

The UN, I believe, has failed to meet its responsibility in this connection.

JOHN W. NICHOLAS

Sightseeing

The Elusive Writer That Nobody Knows

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The collection of words appearing in this corner last week was devoted to an institution loved by some and hated by others, the daily press.

Those words, I admit, were somewhat less than kind, and my only defense is that they were true, and also sincere.

I thought the subject was closed, until that fatal afternoon this week when I turned to the editorial page of one of our evening newspapers, and saw that a colored newspaperman had allegedly expressed regret at the number of out-of-town people involved in the restaurant demonstrations.

To my way of thinking, the presence of out-of-towners is good, because it shows that this idiotic discrimination in Maryland, is also important to people who aren't fortunate enough to dwell within the boundaries of our fair state.

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BUT, as the dutchess said when she bit off a plug of chewing tobacco, everyone has a right to his own opinion, be it right or wrong.

Quite naturally, after reading the editorial, I began to wonder what colored newspaperman had said such a thing, since there aren't that many of us around.

I admire the Freedom Riders and the Rev. Mr. Kearse, my pastor.

All of the members of the AFRO's city department were also wondering the same thing, which made it pretty evident that none of us had said it.

Having ruled out ourselves as suspects, we then went to work to find the identity of the mysterious newspaperman.

"Does the News Post have any colored reporters," asked one of our bright staff members?

"Is Khrushchev a Republican?" answered another . . . which seemed to take care of that question.

"What about that great organ of liberalism, the Sun?" cried out still another voice.

"They may possibly have a colored reporter in the year 2050, but they sure don't have one now."

"The Daily Record maybe?"

"Are you kidding?"

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HAVING THUS run out of local publications, there began to grow the idea that the alleged newspaperman was a hefty figment of somebody's imagination, or else he wasn't a newspaperman at all.

Just for the record, I'd like to see the editorial writer produce that elusive "newspaperman," but I doubt seriously that he will.

But then, I'm not too surprised at anything that happens in the daily press, as I have been witness to some pretty weird shenanigans conducted here in Baltimore and other cities.

There was a time, in another city, when the editor of the morning paper decided that things were too peaceful.

"Boys," he said to the members of the staff, "we've got to get some hot news in the paper. Our paper is so tame that the hottest thing in it is a story on the annual meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution."

"But chief," they protested, there's nothing going on."

"Then we've got to make something happen."

So what did they do — they created a crime wave.

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IT WAS ACTUALLY so simple, a five-year-old child could have thought of it without too much difficulty.

What they did was to group all the recent robberies in the city together in one story, which started off by saying that crime was running rampant in the streets.

Actually, the crime rate was normal, but by the time the paper got through blowing up the robberies, even the crooks were afraid to walk the streets after dark.

The Police Department got into the act by rounding up every bum it could find, and announcing to the eager press, that a cleanup drive was in progress and soon the city would be wiped clean of crime.

In the process, the Police Department also cleared up a number of unsolved thefts and robberies.

A few of the bums picked up were actually guilty of a theft or a robbery, and helped by the gentle persuasion of the police, they confessed to a number of crimes that they had no part in.

This enabled the Department to announce that it had "solved" a number of cases, and it also helped the bums, because the cops promised to use their influence to get them light terms.

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FOR TWO WEEKS, every two bit robbery, every nickel mugging was front page news.

Civic groups were organized, irate taxpayers descended on city hall demanding more police protection. Parents prohibited their children from going out of doors after dark, and the papers had a field day with the ersatz crime wave.

Then as quickly as it had come, the crime wave was over. There was still the same amount of crime being committed, but the public had grown tired of the phony crime wave, and the paper dropped it like a hot potato.

So if some of the glitter has worn off my admiration for the daily press, I hope you will understand the reasons.

Noteworthy

Thieves Grow Bold As Christmas Nears

By HERBERT MANGRUM

With Christmas just 16 days away, thieves and shoplifters are growing bolder and bolder.

Here is one example of their boldness:

Somebne stole the police radio out of the press room at Central headquarters the other day.

Detectives are investigating.

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IN AN ATTEMPT to bring home a little pre-holiday loot, a local sportsman shot $400 at the races this week and lost.

On the way home from the track his car ran out of gas near a service station.

The sport asked an attendant to sell him seven cents worth of regular gas.

At the same station, not too long ago, a car bearing New Jersey tags pulled in.

The driver wanted to exchange a rod and reel for enough gas to get him to the turnpike.

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THE CHARLIE BYRD concert at Peabody last Sunday could have been called the "Music Appreciation Hour."

For two hours and 37 minutes the trio held the audience spellbound with jazz and classical music.

Bet the trio could make a pile of lost if they were willing to travel more.

The trio's home base is Washington.

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I SELDOM FEEL sorry for people I see in our municipal courts, but on Sunday I met a little lady with a kingsized headache.

The fact that she was attractive and a stranger in our city had nothing to do with the matter.

The lady was in town to take her mother home to another state.

The mother, whom she said had been ill for sometime, didn't care to leave so she beat her daughter, took her money and chased her down the street.

The police refused to make an arrest, and a magistrate told her she had to have a witness before he could issue a summons.

The young lady cried all over the place.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

People, places, things

FLASH—Los Angeles to Baltimore in 3 hours, 22 minutes was the jet record set on Thursday. That's 2400 miles an hour. Whew!

Just as earth-shattering is the news from Mississippi which reports the arrest of nine persons because they boycotted downtown white merchants. — —

Seems people in Mississippi have not learned that age-old truth, you spend your money where you want.

At the regional National Education Association Conference in D.C. this week: Elmer Hawkins, Chestertown, Md. High; and Miss Rose Kinney, Baltimore.

Also thereabouts: Mrs. Hortense Wells of Norfolk.

Visitor within our gates: Mrs. Mary C. Nutt, formerly of Chicago, who is here with her son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bascom.

Mrs. Nutt and Mrs. Estelle Randolph, Leesburg, Va., Mrs. Hilda Kelson, formerly of Baltimore, now of N.Y., were among out-of-towners at the Pauline Brooks fashion show and luncheon at the Masonic Temple on Saturday.

It was a delightful affair —with the loveliest of gowns, suits, hats (by Nell Sheridan), and other accessories, all presented by classy models in the grandest settings (all arranged by Craig Francis). • • •

There were champagne cocktails, then luncheon and then the pre-holiday fashion festival with Billy Fox (Pauline's nephew), sharing honors with Odell Rae, the salon's regular commentator.

And, let's don't forget the music — classy indeed it was — supplied by the Lords of Rhythm, who appear regularly at the Uptown.

And for this extra special affair, they brought along their own organ. How classy can you get!

Show stopper was thewell-groomed White poodle who joined models on the stage when they showed off the popular white fringe (shimmy) frocks and white holiday dresses.

Models were Mabel Burton, Pearl Dyson, Mae L. Hawkins, Leatrice Hubbard, Ann Phillips, Patricia R. Press, Audrey Simmons, Tenyo Wiggins, and of course, Melinee Yerrell.

As if this was not great enough, Mrs. Brooks had special gifts for a number of guests whose names were picked from a hat.

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Not a model, although she could have made a pretty one, was the unassuming, demure young lady who sat at our table. She was a picture in a youthful green sweater suit with matching beige shoes and gloves.

Her name? this year's Miss City College queen, Dorothy Yvonne White.

The Winston Hunts (Grace) are enjoying their new Dorchester Rd. home. (They're at 3304.) For several weeks now, they're been hosting relatives and friends.

With them since Nov. 10 has been her father, James G. Booker, retired Columbus, Ohio pharmaceutical company employee.

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Baltimoreans who were at the N.Y. airport to say goodbye to pretty Elizabeth Edward were her older sister, Dorothy Brown, Ruth Jenifer, Imogene King and Chuck Richards.

Miss Edwards completed an eight-week training period in D.C., ere she departed by jet for Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, where she will assume a post with the State Department. She will be gone for two years.

Friends in Baltimore and Jersey City gave her a send-off party.

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The Buddy Youngs hosted the Ed Kimbroughs of Chicago on Saturday. Mr. Kimbrough is a Northwestern U. star who might join the Colts.

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They remembered: Pretty indeed was the huge white floral display, which the Howard University Alumni sent in memory of John H. Hampton, the lawyer, who was buried on Monday.

Remember when Mr. Hampton left Petersburg, Va., and came to Baltimore as a teenager shortly after his parents' death?

Remember how he became a part of the family of his uncle and aunt, Father and Mrs. George F. Bragg, (St. James Church), who raised him along with their own children?

Remember how Mr. Hampton began work in the post office, studied at night and in his spare time, until he earned his law degree at Howard? Remember?

Had Mr. Hampton lived until Christmas, he and his wife, the former Miss Rosa Nixon, would have observed their 32nd wedding anniversary.

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Orchids to those principals who have made pizza carts and candy wagons in the vicinity of their schools offlimits to pupils.

At one school where the ban was announced recently, youngsters retaliated by boycotting the cafeteria.

Actually, however, the students are hurting themselves. A well - rounded meal in a cafeteria, available at low cost, beats candy and pizza pies.

Children who have cafeteria meals available are lucky indeed. Many children do not have food service in their schools.

Which all goes to prove some people don't know when they're well off!!

Send sunshine

Address get - well cards to Provident Hospital for: Frederick Bell, storage company employee of 1428 Madison Ave. He's been in Room 320 since Nov. 21.

Henry Best, B and O employee of 4710 Pilgrim Rd., is in room 312.

Elmer Patterson, supervisor of grounds at Morgan State College is in room 310. He had surgery on Tuesday.

James Hunter, Yellow cab employee of 640 W. Mosher St., is in room 118.

Mrs. Eliza Young, wife of William Young, retired postal employee, 3035 Pressman St., entered on Tuesday, is in room 215.

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More Provident sick: Aubrey Briscoe, liquor board inspector, 1815 Park Ave., is in room 320.

Miss Aresa Richardson Carver High teacher, 2600 N. Longwood, in room 211 since Nov. 28.

Mrs. Margaret Richardson, Employment Security Worker of 1730 Linden Ave., is in room 213.

Mrs. Albert Burwell (Helen), wife of the physician, who was in for surgery last week, is now recuperating at home, 3214 Barrington Rd.

Dr. George Pendleton, the physician, is winning his bout with pneumonia, is reported much improved in room 313. Still no visitors, yet, though.

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In room 220 at Provident is Mrs. Robert Matthews (Vashti Murphy), who entered Tuesday for minor surgery.

In same room Mrs. Ida B. Jones, 3029 Southland Ave., a patient since Nov. 28, and Mrs. Ann Gross, 2784 W. North Ave., confined since Nov. 23. She's the mother of Clarence Gross, the BURHA employee.

In Hopkins Hospital, Mahlon, Oswell, AFRO credit manager and assistant business manager. Address cards to him in Halsted Room 807.

Mrs. Margarite Harmon, 2224 Madison Ave., is ailing at home.

In University Hospital: Benjamin Mitchell, 1604 N. Payson St. He's the steel company worker who was seriously injured in that Washington Boulevard crash a month back.

The Mitchells (Jessie) still plan to occupy their new Dorchester Rd home.

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Baltimore friends of Mrs. Winona K. Collins will be glad to hear she is out of a Seattle hospital following surgery, and doing well.

Mrs. Collins (one of the Koger sisters), is a retired Baltimore teacher, now living on the West Coast.

Mrs. Robert L. Jackson (Clara), has been in Montebello Hospital since Nov. 28.

Hellos to her in room 205. Remember, she was in Hopkins for a month after suffering a stroke?

As of now, she is beginning to recognize people and is trying to talk.

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Hellos to Mrs. Elsie Dotson, the school librarian.

She is convalescing at home — 3410 Duvall — after a month in Union Memorial Hospital.

Remember when she collapsed at that school meeting?

More people, places and things

Robert Umphery, the widower and teacher, and Mary Woodford, also a school employee, were married last Friday.

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Remarried a Wednesday ago: The once - divorced Fred Z. Nicholses. (She's the former Carrie Dunlop).

Mr. Nichols, a former urban League exec., is now a claims examiner with the Government. Mrs. Nichols is a school nurse.

I was there, Charlie

At his press conference last month when he announced his candidacy, Gov. Millard Tawes said he did not promise before his last election to appoint a colored judge on the Baltimore Supreme Bench.

He was asked what his promise to colored voters would be this time since he had not made good on his 1958 pre-election promise.

Well, Governors have a right to change their minds. And, sometimes Governors have short memories.

But, I was there, Charlie. The promise was made on Aug. 28, 1958 when the then Comptroller Tawes, in a bid for voters, visited the AFRO office at 628 N. Eutaw St.

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We were in the group which escorted him through the building, gave him an opportunity to meet 100 or more voters.

At the second floor entrance to the composing room we posed the judgeship question.

The then Comptroller Tawes said he would, if elected, appoint a colored judge on the Supreme Bench.

Maybe that was not so important to a Governor, but it was important to a lowly newspaperwoman who was interested in determining which candidate would best serve the ends of our readers.

If Gov. Tawes says now, he did not make that promise before his election in 1958, this reporter will bow to his statement.

But, not being a politician, I have to keep reminding myself that lay people are very naive. Even though you're present when statements are made, you're likely not to be hearing right, especially if the incident comes before an election.

Sooo, what about 1962? There is no colored lawyer on the Supreme Bench. The Governor has a chance to fill a vacancy on the Bench this month.

He would increase in stature and gain additional support at election time if he named a qualified colored attorney to that vacancy.

It is not too late to keep a promise.

New citizens here

These new citizens arrived at Provident Hospital:

On Nov. 29, a 9-pound girl for Theodore and Marlene Jackson, 4019 Grantley Rd.

Same day, a 6-pound girl for Robert and Pauline Ryles, 1304 Homewood Ave.

Also on the 29th, a 7-pound girl for Webster and Dorothy Brunson, 1212 Etting St.

On Nov. 30, it was a girl, 8 pounds, for Louis and Queen Adams, 832 Harlem Ave.

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Dec. 1st, it was a boy, 6 pounds, for Melvin and Barbara Stamper, 712 Melvin Drive.

On Dec. 3, a boy, 6 pounds, for Gregory and Shirley Lipscomb, 1411 Chesapeake Ct.

Same day, a 6-pound boy for Elwood and Gloria Johnson, 2128 Penrose Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Weems (Alease Yorkman) of 608 E. 43rd St. welcomed their No. 4 child, first in 11 years.

Babby arrived on Nov. 1 at Johns Hopkins, has been named David Lightfoot Weems.

Other children are Warren Jr., 11; Wenda, 12; and Vonetta, 15. The Weemses you know, recently returned to the states after a three-year stay in Germany.

It is a six-pound boy for Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Williams (Imogene), 1319 N. Carey St. Dad is an AFRO employee. Their oldest child is Frederick Jr., 20 months.

LATE BULLETIN

MITNICK BROS. WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT STORE
1829 Pennsylvania Ave. will be open to the public Fridays and Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:00
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