PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Come into our hearts, Oh Lord, with the brightness of the morning sun so that we shall know and see and feel Thy presence, the warmth of Thy spirit working everywere for peace and kindness and justice. Amen.

"I am a man of peace; God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
Hungarian Freedom Fighter
Kossuth

Dear Bobby: Act Now!

To the Honorable Robert Kennedy
Attorney General of the United States

Dear Bobby, that is Dear General, Sir: — You surprised the heck out of Governor Barnett of Ole Miss.

Fact is, you astonished us too when the Federal Appeals Court ordered criminal contempt action against the gang which blocked Jim Meredith from registration at the University.

We didn't think you had the nerve to do it.

Yet, all of us have urged you to put Barnett and his associates under the jail.

Not only for the riot which they instigated, and in which law was defied and two persons killed, but for what is going on now.

Explosives and arms found in the University of Mississippi dormitory come from adult organizations like the White Citizens Councils or KKK.

They provide the relays of students who keep furniture bumping up and down over Meredith's head all night long.

They break into rooms, destroy furniture and clothing of any white student who speaks to, or eats with Meredith.

They mouth the threats that Meredith will soon be killed.

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WE HAVE pointed out repeatedly that after the Civil War, Southern states declared they would never permit colored people to vote, hold office, attend public school, or file charges and appear as a witness against white persons.

First, we sent troops into the South, then we put all the bums in jail who blocked enforcement of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

We just didn't jail them once. We put them behind bars five and six times until they got to know the inside of a dark room real well.

Governor Barnett has boasted he will go to jail before he yields to our laws ending segregation.

He is asking for jail. General, for God's sake give it to him!

Now we do not mean any 24-hour jail or 10-day jail. We mean 30 days for the first time.

Then, if he doesn't behave, give him one year.

The third time, five years.

General Bobby, General, Sir, if you were to do that to Governor Barnett, don't you know the White Citizens and the Dixiecrats would run for their lives in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana?

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GENERAL BOBBY, Sir, there is something funny about a jail.

If these Southern boys discover you really mean that jail talk of yours, they'd reform at once.

Eastland, Stennis, and some other senators say Bobby Kennedy won't put a governor in jail and that you, Bobby General, Sir, are nothing but a bag of wind.

Well, we say you filed charges against Congressman Johnson in Southern Maryland just before election and the people quickly voted him out of office.

We don't believe you are afraid of Barnett like Ike was timid in front of Faubus.

It is too late to take care of old Faubus now, but that Barnett, it would be just lovely if you wouldn't take any more sass from him.

Dick Gregory And Pen

Three things need to be said about Comedian Dick Gregory's refusal to perform on Saturday at the Maryland Penitentiary until his audience was desegregated.

No. 1 — We need a new warden and commissioner of correction fast. The Governor should be petitioned to find another warden and correction chief who does not talk about gradual integration because prisoners may not like to move faster.

No. 2 — Governor Tawes should consider the appointment of a colored member to the Board of Correction promptly, since the present members of the prison board have permitted segregation of the inmates as a routine matter.

No. 3 — We have abolished segregation in public schools, playgrounds, swimming pools, and restaurants but have taken no hard look at penal institutions where prisoners are segregated on the basis of race.

Responsibility rests upon Warden Peppersack, commissioner of Correction James W. Curran and on the prison board for a very humiliating situation.

They have not measured up to public expectations, but they have an opportunity to change things right now.

Everybody Is Right

Three days after the November 6 election, the AFRO said Judge Robert Watts was not elected to the Municipal Bench because 3,000 Verda Welcome voters in the Fourth District did not vote also for Judge Watts.

Last week, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell put the blame on Governor Tawes, declaring the Governor had failed to include the names of Democratic Primary winners, including Judge Watts, on the official sample ballots.

Chief Judge Niles says names of judges do not belong on sample ballots. He adds the present system is wrong.

Once named to the bench, he says, voters should cast ballots only to keep a sitting judge in office or remove him. A good judge, therefore, could not be unseated by an opponent in a primary or general election.

Judge Watts avowed he was defeated by the alphabet. His name was at the end of the list of 9 candidates. Only 8 could be elected.

Strange thing about all of these expressed opinions is that they are part of the truth.

Let us hasten to add that until Judge Niles' proposed system becomes law, Judge Watts or any other candidate will have to campaign vigorously for office. He can not take reelection for granted. In the vernacular, he must "run scared."

If a judge may not personally ask the electorate to vote for him, his wife and family and his friends should.

They will need campaign expenses too, as long as other judicial candidates use every known political method to appeal to the voters.

Catholics And Haiti

Does a nation have a right to deport foreign - born clergy?

Specifically, did Haiti have a lawful right to expel Catholic bishops and clergy and send them home to France?

Catholic Christopher Columbus, looking for a route to India, discovered America instead and raised the Spanish flag in Hispanola (San Domingo).

The Spaniards imported Africans as slaves, then lost the island to the French by means of a revolutionary war just before our own country won its independence.

In the veins of its people flows the blood of Africa, American Indians and Europeans.

Today, the island once called San Domingo, is divided into two. One half is still San Domingo. The other is Haiti.

Haiti is black and French is the language. San Domingo is mixed and its inhabitants speak Spanish.

It is from the French half of the island that Catholic clergy, after nearly 500 years, have been expelled.

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RELIGIOUS intolerance is nothing new in this world.

Ancient Egypt defied Pharaoh Amenhotep who sought to institute the worship of one god.

Jews expelled Christians from Palestine.

Romans made martyrs of the first Christians.

England expelled the Quakers. Nazi Germany murdered three million Jews.

In fact, nothing so quickly makes savages of human beings as prejudice based on religion.

We do not go into the question of the reasons for or against the expulsion of the clergy from Haiti.

These reasons must have been deep-seated, for the church has had nearly 500 years to establish itself in the hearts of these islanders, and become an integral part of them.

Whether the church gave ordination and promotion to the native clergy as fast as the government wished may be one question that entered into this dispute.

But Catholic contributions to Haitian development have been significant, and it is unfortunate that these differences of opinion between church and state could not be peaceably resolved.

Let Fists Talk

Twenty-year-old Cassius Clay, 205-pound heavyweight, defeated ancient Archie Moore in a prize fight last week.

Clay boasted he'd take Archie in the 4th, and he did.

Moore, who is 45 years old with a record of 220 fights, wept.

Like a schoolboy, Clay bragged that he was the "double greatest" fighter, and would challenge Sonny Liston for the heavyweight title. In fact, he would fight Liston that instant.

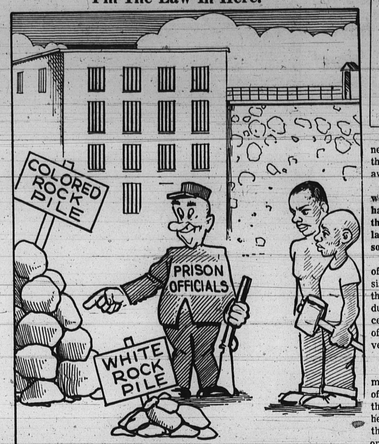
Sonny Liston, accepting the challenge, said he'd fight Moore and Clay the same night and Clay wouldn't last 8 seconds.

All of this leads us to believe there is not much modesty among prize fighters any more. Perhaps, there never has been any humility among the unexperienced.

We remember when younger, Archie Moore proclaimed to all who would listen, that he could defeat any fighter who would face him.

However, a real champion should be expected to speak with his fists rather than his mouth.

'I Don't Care What The Law Says Outside, I'm The Law In Here.'



What Our Readers Say

Thanks From Citizens

Dear AFRO:

We of the Citizens Committee for a New Provident Hospital wish to thank each and every one of the voters who voted "yes" at the polls on election day, showing their approval of Baltimore City to match the state's grant of $2,400,000 in order that much needed new facilities for the institution may be initiated.

The strong favorable vote indicates that Baltimoreans are cognizant of the inadequacies of the present Provident Hospital, and we feel the credit for this awareness is due to your newspaper which so ably analyzed the situation and urged the passage of the bond issue throughout the entire campaign.

For this, we are most grateful, and as we embark upon our fund raising campaign in order to raise the additional funds needed to make the new $8,000,000 hospital a reality, we trust that we will have the same wholehearted support we were able to realize on November sixth.

GEORGE L. RUSSELL, JR.
CHARLES E. MOYLAN, JR.
Co-chairmen
Citizens Committee
New Provident Hospital

AKA Sorority Innocent

Dear AFRO:

Let us acclaim you for giving the Greek-letter organizations of Morgan State College front page emphasis in the AFRO, October 30.

It appears, however, that worthwhile activities such as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity's Christmas Party for orphans, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's fostering of children in Africa, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Annual Scholarship Award, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Graduate Scholarship Awards (just to mention a few of these prominent Greek - letter organization's contributions) go unmentioned, or shall we say, "hidden" in another section of the newspaper.

By contrast, let the Greek - letter organizations be suspected of doing wrong, and they receive front page citation and one particular organization above all others!

It would certainly seem that you could have done well to authenticate your source of information about Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Because of your typewriter, our chapter, Alpha Delta, here at Morgan State College has been maliciously slandered. This is not fair to the sorority, especially when the report was absolutely false.

Has it not occurred to you that a student essential of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority or any Greek - letter organization, for that matter, could have perpetrated this malicious lie to discredit the organization in the eyes of the faculty and administration and further to arouse suspicion among school officials about the Greek-letter organizations in general?

The school knows nothing of a mother calling in reference to her daughter being abused as you asserted. The administration did, however, announce a parent's calling about a pledgee having to spend too much money. — ELLEN DIXON, Basileus, Sorors of Alpha Delta Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Morgan State College.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Week after week, activities of fraternal groups, particular those at Morgan, are reported in AFRO news columns. The writer refers here to a page one story concerning college suspension, later lifted, of all pledgee activities by Greek-letter groups until 'certain matters were cleared up.' Morgan President Martin Jenkins confirmed the AFRO's published report that the suspension followed a parental complaint. The AFRO story did NOT say AKA was the sorority involved. It said reports were to that effect. A Nov. 6 story gave prominence to the statement of Eugene Stanley, assistant dean, who advised investigation showed such reports were untrue. If the AFRO story put AKA in bad light, we are happy to print these excerpts from AKAs' letter.

Comments On Election

Dear AFRO:

Our community has emerged from a political conflict diminished. It is diminished in stature because of the obfuscations and vanity of men more than of issues.

All energies were attendant upon a battle without raisn d'etre, upon a battle that proved the immaturity of judgment and concern of a large and potentially powerful vote, a vote which when properly directed can change the course of a city or of a state.

Consumed by emotions, and a degree of reason — reason demanding a transfer of district power to the people (I hope) who largely constitute such district, we turned from the urgency and greatness of winning citywide office; we turned our backs upon three excellent men running for higher elective office, and did not realize the magnitude of the challenge to them nor their difficulty until the embers lay dying and we found ourselves naked to the cold wind of reality.

There was an over-riding obligation and trust placed upon the leaders of our group to provide warranty to our people, to our candidates for the judiciary, and for our states. This failure attaches itself to all who wear the cloak of leadership.

After shock comes assessment and realignment. What have we here?

We have a novice in public life, wholesome, personable, and intelligent with a background that makes him not insensitive to the needs of people.

His brilliant parents and his illustrious and courageous grandmere will afford him the advice he will sorely need until he acquires the sheath, maturity, and quality necessary for one of the highest elective offices.

And his electorate should return him time and again until he becomes seasoned to service. This is an addition.

We have a woman representing us in the senate for the first time. She stands indebted to the constituency which sacrificed so much to heap high honor upon her head.

She must remember the people who put her there, their kind, their station, their needs, and that they look to her for at least partial fulfillment.

Ranks must be closed behind her. These are no times for the petty, the incomprehensible whom history proves wrong. Lest they refuse to turn her pages, let there be recited a very few instances of women who have participated so effectively and so eloquently in the advance of the ages, bringing humanity to its present stage of glory—

Of Helen who wrecked a thousand ships; of Cleopatra who humbled Rome; of Catherine who ruled the Russians for thirty years, of Isabella's vision that exceeded her king's; of Mme. Curie standing beside her man cracking and refining the elements that led to a discovery in magic; of a calculating Queen and Empress whose daring and great humor made Brittanica ruler of the waves, an empire on which the sun never set, and whose kin now rules in her stead.

Until we learn to recognize with a greater degree of sophistication that man lives out most of his life in the gray areas, until we learn to make of the ballot a thing less ominous and esoteric, and to vote compellingly, our leaders have a long hard row to hoe. — And this is no peraflage.

LENA K. LEE
President, Maryland
League of Women's Clubs

Pin-Point

He Keeps 'em Laughing, But Sees Nothing Funny

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Dick Gregory comes as close to being two people as anybody we've seen — brilliant, topical comedian, and angry young man who sees nothing funny.

This was the impression gained Saturday while listening to Gregory on and off stage.

If his off-stage feelings were born of fiction, he'd be as funny off stage as he is on.

But they are the feelings of a man who knows what poverty is and has felt the sting of racial prejudice — and neither left him laughing.

Instead, he's hurt and angry. That's why he has sworn never — ever for the love of money or prestige — to compromise on the evils surrounding the world of black and white.

Hear him:

"Charlie has never compromised and there's no reason why he should ask me to. He beat the Indian from Manhattan to California and wouldn't have stopped then if it weren't for the Pacific Ocean."

"I'm doing the same thing others do with a switchblade — fighting!"

They are also the things about which Gregory the angry young man finds nothing funny. That is why the latter Gregory will recognize them, but "will never compromise" on them.

Segregationists are always harping on mixed marriages, mixed schools, mixed that or the other, said the comedian, who asks:

"I'm not as black as I should be, why? We certainly weren't raping them!"

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AS GREGORY gets the picture, America's officialdom can never eradicate racial prejudice as long as it fosters it.

"I'm not smart enough to know what, but something is wrong with all those Cuban refugees being white. . ."

. . . can somebody tell me why was Gen. Edwin Walker paid to run a segregated army, but thrown in jail when he did it for nothing?"

On crime and punishment:

"It's no accident that the very symbol of justice is blindfolded. Otherwise, how can you square the fact that justice for the black man and that for the white man is weighed on the same scale?"

Gregory — swearing he was in no joking mood — said in one Southern state a few years ago, there were two electric chairs — one for colored and one for white!

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ON ECONOMICS:

"Make me a second class citizen, but don't make me pay first class taxes. Keep me in inferior schools, but don't give me the same job examination you give that white boy . .

"Give me a job loading the garbage truck — although I can drive it — but don't say I stink when I ride home on the bus."

These are the things that Gregory the comedian makes $5,000 a week joking about.

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Sightseeing

It Blows, It Passes It Is Forgetten

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

The one fatal mistake (and you just need one) in ignoring a disease, is that ignoring it, won't make it go away.

The same thesis holds true when we regard the ugly disease of race hatred that sometimes springs up in the midst of what savages must laughingly refer to as our "civilized societies".

A too - well remembered example of what can happen, when people insist upon ignoring the unpleasant but the obvious, occurred in Germany during the early years of Hitler's ascent to power, when a principal prop of his makeshift philosophy was revealed as bitter anti - semetism.

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THERE WERE Jews then who dismissed the rantings of Hitler as those of a madman, and refused to believe that the blueprint for destruction that he outlined in Mein Kampf was anything more than the delusion of a disordered mind.

They were aided in their self induced hypnosis by the "good people" of Germany, who while they did not actively support Hitler, at least, made only the most feeble of attempts to stop him.

By the time Hitler was ready to seize the reins of power, it was too late for anything but the gas ovens and crematories of Dachau and Buchenwald, and Hitler, who masqueraded as the savior of Germany, was exposed, with his blood stained hands, as the destroyer of Germany.

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HITLER ATTRACTED his followers from the lowest classes, from those who had the least to lose, and the most reason to hate those who did possess some of the good things of life.

His lieutenants were scum, dredged from the gutters where they had wallowed in filth, and from the depths of the gutter they brought all the virulent hate that their kind scores up for society and law and order.

Had there been colored persons in Germany, the wrath of the Nazis would have been directed against them, but instead they fell upon the necks of the Jews with the demonic fury of half starved wolves.

THE NAZI movement ended in a world wide blood bath, but the virus it spawned, was not rendered completely extinct.

Germany had no monopoly on those who would use vicious race hate as a rallying cry, and here in this country, we have them in our society.

I've seen these people with their washed out faces, their scrawny bodies, their mean eyes, their duckbill haircuts, and their dirty blue jeans.

In the sum total of their parts they are laughable, but the danger in laughing too hard is that one might forget that they are like an evil cancer, waiting in the dark to spread their poison through the body of our community.

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AS LONG as we know what they are, and the hellish doctrine they espouse, our nation is safe.

It is only when we relax our vigilance and permit them to take advantage of the very institutions they would destroy, that we tread on dangerous ground.

That is why I believe that we should all be disturbed because these racists have been allowed inside our public schools, to spew out their vicious lies before immature minds, unable to cope with such vile poison.

I don't see how any teacher, really concerned with the development of children, can justify exposing them to such apostles of hate.

It might be argued that by exposing the students to the worse in our society, we teach them the best . . . To this, I answer "bosh."

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IF YOU want to teach an infant about a gun, you don't hand him a loaded revolver and tell him to judge for himself which end to point away from his body.

If you want to teach a teenager about sex, you don't purchase a quantity of pornographic literature and pictures, and drop them in front of him, and tell him to look and learn.

Neither does it seem reasonable to expose youngsters to the doctrine of hate your fellow pupil just because he is dark.

Any teacher committing such a blunder, should be released from the school system, he doesn't belong.

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EVEN THOUGH I personally abhor and detest these peddlers of race hate, I am not arguing that they do not have the same right to free speech as all of us.

I do argue, however, that we are under no mandate to provide a tax supported forum fo. their statanic and un-Christian philosophy.

I am not afraid of their bellowings and their posturings, for the hate that they espouse will in turn consume them as it consumed their predecessors, the Nazis.

We have nothing to fear from them as long as we continue our efforts to make America live up to her dream, and as long as we realize that the struggle we are engaged in is not only for ourselves, though God knows that might be enough, but for the right of every American to be an American.

These neo-Nazis are as the wind. It blows, it passes, it is forgotten.

Youth Decency Stories

Dear AFRO:

The Maryland Crime Investigating Committee sincerely appreciates the publicity given to our recent Youth Decency Project — the Aerospace Exhibit. Many persons have told us that they learned of the exhibition through your newspaper.

Often the many community agencies call on you for free publicity. Almost as often, this publicity is taken for granted. Perhaps the Maryland Crime Investigating Committee also has been guilty of this in the past. Again we offer our sincere thanks for your cooperation.

ALVIN J. T. ZUMBRUN

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 no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future ensured;

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 cowardice.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

People, places, things

Rev. The. George A. Crawley Jr., pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, is known as the minister to the friendless.

No matter what time of day or night it is, he can be relied on to answer a call for help, give advice, to serve. And, he does not consider whether the person who seeks his help is able to pay or not.

So, it is ironical that police should arrest him in front of his church at midnight Tuesday.

The Rev. Mr. Crawley says he was parked in front of the Guilford Ave. home, and church, unloading baggage, when police approached, demanded his registration.

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He and his wife and six-year-old daughter had just returned from Richmond, where they had attended funeral services for William Goodwin, musical director of Va. Union University.

The trip had been a long and tiresome one, but George Crawley never forgets a friend. He made the trip to pay his last respects.

To return home and face arrest is enough to break a camel's back!

How can such a thing happen to a man like Rev. Crawley who has devoted his life to helping others? How can it???

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In City Hall on Tuesday afternoon, there was a discussion by the Board of Estimates of an appropriation for a police department public relations man.

Councilman William D. Schaefer (D.-5th), suggested that if the request is approved, the person would not be a 'Madison Ave. public relations man,' for the police commissioner, to serve as a sieve for the press.

Instead, he said, such a person should concern himself with explaining what is expected of policemen, what citizens can do.

He said some policemen do not know how to talk to people, that there is entirely too much misunderstanding.

How true! The Crawley arrest is a good example.

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Unique was the Thanksgiving program presented at Houston Junior High under the direction of Mrs. Julia Richardson.

At the school's assembly on Wednesday afternoon, six ministers spoke. Each took a letter from the word, 'Thanks,' and developed a sermonette.

Participants were: the Rev. Howard Cornish, director Morgan Christian Center; Father Henry Offer, St. Peter Claver; Father Van S. Bird, Holy Trinity Episcopal; the Rev. Vernon Dobson, assistant pastor, Union Baptist; the Rev. John B. Dyson, Methodist district superintendent; and the Rev. Sidney Daniels, Emmanuel Christian Community Church.

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Speaking of ministers, reminds me that St. James Episcopal Church members will have to wait a week or so longer before their pastor, Father Cedric E. Mills, makes known his plans.

'If you ask me, he will more than likely accept the high honor — bishop of the Virgin Islands.

But nobody knows definitely yet. This reporter's thoughts are pure conjecture.

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Memorable words; "Thanks God for the vivid memories of Justine Snowden. Thanks for the love which came to us through her. ."

Speaking was the Rev. Marion Bascom, pastor of Douglass Memorial.

Occasion: Funeral services for Mrs. Snowden (the former Justine Jarvis), longtime member of the church, and the wife of AFRO coworker Samuel Snowden.

She died last week at the age of 50, a cancer victim.

Relatives, friends and co-workers filled the beautiful new Phillips Funeral Home chapel for the rites which featured no singing, just the words of comfort from the Rev. Mr. Bascom and organ music . . simple and dignified.

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Impressive was the Rev. Mr. Bascom's recitation of the 23rd Psalm.

"The Lord is My Shepherd . . ." etc.

Another Bascom quote which stuck with this reporter:

"No man places his foot in the same river twice. Once he lifts it, that part of the river is gone forever. . ."

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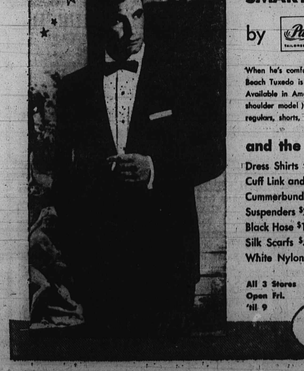

Memory Verse

Here is a memory verse taken from the current issue of Guideposts: "Life is too short to be little" — Disraeli

"This favorite quotation has helped me through many a painful experience.

"Often we allow ourselves to be upset by small things we should despise and forget. Perhaps some man we helped has proved ungrateful . . . some woman we believed to be a friend has spoken ill of us . . . some reward we thought we deserved has been denied us.

"We feel such disappointments so strongly that we can no longer work or sleep. But isn't that absurd?

"Here we are on this earth, with only a few more decades to live, and we lose many irreplaceable hours brooding over grievances that, in a year's time, will be forgotten by us and by everybody.

"No, let us devote our life to worthwhile actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real affections and enduring undertakings. For life is too short to be little." — (Reprinted in This Week Magazine, 1946).

Send congratulations

Belated birthday cards (Nov. 20) to the Rev. Harrison Bryant, Bethel AME Church.

Belated wedding anniversary hellos (Nov. 20) to Mr. and Mrs. Mayon Matthews (Alice), 2411 W. Mosher St.

Nov. 23, remember Dr. Ruth Brett Quarles, Morgan professor — 2305 Southern Ave., and the Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hunt (Elsie), 2303 Roslyn Ave., have a wedding anniversary Nov. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Jones and Det. Lt. and Mrs. Hiram Butler, celebrate wedding anniversaries on Nov. 24.

Nov. 27 birthday cards to Mrs. Hattie Tyler, 1322 W. Lanvale. Nov. 28 to Mrs. Ralph Young (Addie), 2232 Carlisle, and to Mrs. Della Scott, 3217 Powhatan.

Thanksgiving Day birthday cards for Mrs. Lester Norris (Audrey Butler, 2710 N. Longwood St.

Fond hellos to two grand people . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLeod Sr., 1415 N. Broadway. They observe their silver anniversary on Nov. 24.

Their talented children — Bettye, Evelyn and Maudeline, will honor them at a reception from 8 to 10 at Faith Baptist Church.

Remember Mrs. McLeod was a Maryland ideal mother winner in the AFRO contest?

About this and that

Cheer to these ailing: — Mrs. Andrew Wicks, mother of Iris Mapp, wife of retired Postal Supervisor and Mrs. Callie Dancy, mother of Irma Dancy.

Mrs. Elsie Dotson, school librarian who was ill last year but well enough to return in September for a short period, is back in the hospital reported fair at presstime.

Get - well cards to Provident Hospital for Mrs. Edna DeCourcey Johnson, the teacher. She had surgery.

Sunshine to Freedmen's Hospital in D.C. for C. Leslie Fowler, AFRO proofreader. He has been having quite a time of it. You cards will cheer him up.

It's the truth:— Morgan's Dr. Daniel Skinner — the brilliant professor of modern languages, was extended an invitation this past summer to teach at the University of Mississippi!

That's the so - called A-1 college which has been the scene of riots etc. since James Meredith integrated it.)

He declined, of course, explaining to the college, he did not wish to take such a job at this time. Hah!

How it happened: Dr. Skinner, you see, earned his A.B. and his Ph.D. at Harvard University. The Harvard Placement Bureau submitted his name to Mississippi.

Naturally, famed Harvard was interested solely in submitting the best trained person. The color of the instructor was not important.

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Want to see what a spanking new public school looks like?

You're invited to attend dedication of the Belmont Elementary No. 217 Belmont Ave. and Ellamont St., Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m.

Go and see for yourself what your city has done with the money you taxpayers voted for new schools.

More people and things

Another interesting pre-Thanksgiving school event was the catered luncheon the Mosher School PTA gave faculty members, staff and student teachers on Wednesday.

"Was quite an affair — turkey patties etc., linen table cloths, the finest of table settings. Luncheon served by Jefferson, was under the direction of PTA President Joel Newton, and Mrs. Virginia Thompson, Mrs. Mary Jordon and Father Van S. Bird.

Ealier in the week, this energetic PTA group presented two performances of the marionette show Pinochio, to children who crowded the school auditorium on Monday. Mrs. Mary N. Brooks is the principal here.

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Remembering: The death last week of Milton Dickman, principal of Garrison Junior High, recalled these words we wrote about him in this column on Sept. 9, 1961: —

"At Garrison Junior High on opening day, we watched for nearly an hour as counselors and teachers handled transfers, answered phones, and did what appeared to be an effective job of getting things straight.

"Principal Milton Dickman, who should have been tearing his hair out, wasn't. But, imagine, if you can, 2,400 pupils in a building meant to accomodate 1,500. Whew!

"Mr. Dickman and associates deserve orchids."

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And, this reporter remembers that the day was hot and humid, youngsters wore summer clothes, and there was hustle and bustle everywhere.

But Milt Dickman did not let the heat and the confusion get him down.

He was that kind of individual. I recall vividly how Mr. Dickman took time from his busy duties that opening day to tell us of his plans for Garrison, and his hopes for relief from overcrowding so that his school could spend its time preparing children for the future.

And, he was the kind of fellow who did not forget.

He remembered, for example, that he had grown up in Baltimore — he knew the problems of poor housing, inadequate school programs.

He had dedicated himself to make Garrison a first-rate school.

When they make an honor roll for superior services in the Baltimore school system, Milt Dickman's 32 years of devoted service will have to be acknowledged.

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Sunday's rain and show did not keep faithful Howard University alumni from attending the alumni meeting at Coppin.

Speaker was Dr. Margaret Just Butcher, home from an overseas post to receive an honorary doctorate at Boston U.

After her talk, her chum Mazie Barbour Rea, and hubby Robert, entertained for Dr. Butcher (Maggie) to her friends), at, their Yosemite Ave. Home.

About were: Mrs. Marguerite Harmon, another of Dr. Butcher's chums; Mrs. Vivian Owings, Dr. Harold Delaney, Mrs. Gayle Howkins, Ralph Mitchell, a former student who accompanied Dr. Butcher from D.C.

By the way, the Reas expect the stork in January. They're hoping he will bring a girl. He is an AFRO circulation distribution manager. She is a Carver High teacher. Baby will be their first.

NAACP asks Tawes to name Watts, Hargrove

The NAACP has asked Governor J. Millard Tawes to appoint Judges Robert B. Watts and John R. Hargrove to the next judicial vacancies.

The association also asked Francis Burch, city solicitor, to appoint additional colored members to his staff.

The actions were approved on Wednesday by the executive board of the NAACP and were outlined in telegrams to the two officials.

Both Judge Watts, who is on the Municipal Court bench and Judge Hargrove, who serves in Peoples Court, were defeated in the recent election.

Their defeat left the state without any colored judges.

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THE TELEGRAM to Governor Tawes read:

"The board of directors of the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP at its regular meeting today, went on record today to express to you our great disappointment and concern over the loss of the two sitting judges, Robert B. Watts, and John R. Hargrove, your appointees.

"It is our considered judgment that the absence of the names of the sitting Judges on your official ticket in the general election, contributed to their defeat.

"Colored citizens are more than one third of the municipal population. We earnestly request your appointment of these imminently qualified lawyers to the next judicial vacancies."

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THE TELEGRAM to Mr. Burch said:

"The Baltimore Branch NAACP board at its regular meeting today went on record to request a conference with you concerning the appointment of qualified colored lawyers to your 20-member staff.

"We call to your attention the fact that one third of the city's population is colored. At present only one colored lawyer has been appointed to your office, although a number of qualified colored attorneys are available."

honor Hobson at workshop Dec. 1

Julius W. Hobson, president of the D.C. Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), has been selected by the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations as 1962 recipient of the annual award for "distinguished community service."

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