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

—Assembly will

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were in first with a public accommodations bill of their own last Thursday.

This bill — H.B. 44 — carries primarily the same provisions under jurisdiction of the Interracial Commission as the two bills placed before the House today.

One exception is that the FAIR proposal carries a penalty of up to six months in jail on and/or up to a $2,000 fine for offenders.

This bill, now in the Houses' Judiciary Committee, was brought in by J. Glenn Beall Jr., (Allegany) minority leader, and 18 other Republicans.

Thomas H. Lowe (D., Talbot) chairman of Judiciary Committee, has tentatively set Jan. 29 as a hearing date on the bill. The hearing is to be held immediately after the afternoon session.

Mr. Lowe said he hoped to have the bill cleared and out on the floor during the same week.

Among the bills introduced Thursday was one to double the minimum financial responsibility requirements for bodily injuries and property damages resulting from auto accidents.

Another Senate bill by Sen. John J. Clarence North (D., Talbot) asks that a branch of the University of Maryland be established on the Eastern Shore.

Last week Sen. James A. Pine (D., Balto.), introduced a bill asking that a branch of the university be established in his county.

A House bill, introduced by members of the Anne Arundel delegation, proposes that parents of children under 18 years of age be made financially liable for their acts of vandalism.

—Hergenroeder

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marks in an examination for assistant superintendent, and named a white man much lower on the eligible list instead.

The Parks and Recreation Committee report said it found no evidence of discrimination in the bypassing of Mr. Jennifer, though he was top man on the list.

Councilman Liss introduced the resolution asking for the investigation.

2. On June 20, 1960, Councilman Hergenroeder, head of the Judiciary Committee, brought to the Council floor a watered down ordinance which originally provided for open public accommodations and strong enforcement powers for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

His committee, which had held the ordinance for several months, struck out all reference to open public accommodations for all citizens, and gave EEOC less power than the ordinance proposed.

Councilmen Hergenroeder and Angelos voted for this weak ordinance on second reading. Councilman Liss, who favored the original ordinance as introduced by Walter T. Dixon (4th D.), voted against it at the time.

Mr. Liss voted for the ordinance on third and final reading, however, after it was approved by a 12-7 vote on that second reading.

3. ON MAY 28, 1962, Councilman Hergenroeder's Judiciary Committee returned to the Council floor without recommendations for or against passage a public accommodations bill.

The bill, introduced by Councilman Dixon, provided tha tall places of public services and accommodations within the city be open to all citizens, regardless of race, color or religion.

Councilmen Angelos and Frank X. Gallagher (3rd D.) promptly amended the ordinance to exclude boarding houses, services in places of recreation such as bowling alleys and swimming pools, and establishments which derived more than 50 percent of income from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Councilman Hergenroeder was among seven councilmen who voted against this ordinance on its third reading and final second reading, and against passage.

He explained his vote at the time by stating he favored open public accommodations, but preferred a more wide-ship law rather than one for Baltimore.

Councilmen Angelos and Liss voted for the public accommodations ordinance.

4. ON JUNE 18, 1962, Councilmen Angelos, Gallagher and Hergenroeder, brought in a resolution asking for strong enforcement of a previously passed block-busting ordinance.

This was an ordinance aimed, in reality, at slowing an discouraging the sale of homes to colored cittzens in white neighborhoods.

The Angelos - Gallagher-Hergenroeder resolution asked that it be enforced as strongly as possible.

The resolution was adopted by an unrecorded vote.

These vote records thus show that Councilmen Hergenroeder and Angelos, the former in particular, have been cold toward human rights legislation proposed in the City Council.

Councilman Liss has been a champion of such legislation in the Council.

Messrs. Hergenroder and Liss have been members of Angelos is serving his first the Council since 1955. Mr. term. term.

Story of black Cubans

From sunny Miami, Fla. where most of the Cubans landed after fleeing Fidel Castro's Communism, the AFRO is bringing to its readers for the first time the story of the more than 20,000 colored refugees.

The three-part series, which began in Tuesday's AFRO, is being written by prize-winning assistant managing editor James D. Williams, the Maryland-Delaware Press Association's top feature writer in 1962.

The second part of this colorfully narrated and previously untold story of the colored Cuban in this historic drama of men searching for freedom in a new country, will appear in next Tuesday's AFRO.

—Inmate

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Ministerial Alliance have been pressing the Department of Correction on this segregation issue.

Last fall, students picketed the Maryland Penitentiary protesting segregated facilities there and what they felt was "token" employment of colored correctional officers.

Just before Christmas, 1962, prison officials agreed to let these two protesting groups tour all prison facilities to see the extent of segregation in these institutions.

For the first time, private citizens were allowed to make a thorough examination of the state's prisons.

Some view this as a hopeful sign that administrators are not so rigid on the matter of race as supposed.

Still with all the furore about segregation in Free State prisons, the people most affected by segregation or projected integration have only been heard from through the pages of this newspaper.

While the segregation issue marches slowly toward resolution and prison administrators and integrationists bicker, it would prove instructive to hear what the effects of prison segregation have on prisoners themselves.

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HERE IS one inmate's report. His name is withheld.

"This data has been compiled in response to an interview held with Warden Charles Steiner of the Maryland House of Correction by newspapermen recently.

The Dec. 22 issue of a morning newspaper quoted the warden as saying of CIO investigators: "We didn't try to hide anything from them." This report will show that the warden also didn't show or acquaint these investigators with all areas either.

"This report is aimed solely at supplementing the AFRO's endeavors at ending segregation."

"First, consider the House of Correction institutional warehouse-commissary. This is a clean place of work. It has never nor does it now use colored inmates. The work is mostly of a clerical nature:

1. Work here would help a man gain experience he could use in a legitimate job once released.

"2. The institutional store—as with the commissary—only white clerks work in clerical jobs. Although inmates come and go, never do colored inmates replace earlier workers here.

"3. Clerical work within the buildings — As your visitor disclosed, all the shops have white inmate clerks. The only colored clerk is in the school here.

Strange but many colored inmates here, before arrival or through their own efforts after arrival held high - school diplomas.

"Never are any of them placed in any jobs except sanitation, farming, road work, cinder block factory and other menial jobs.

"Two - thirds of the inmates are colored, yet they are kept from work that would benefit them upon release.

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"OUTSIDE JOBS — I will divide this work into three groups.

"In Group One, you will find both white and colored inmates. The ratio is usually two - thirds colored to one-third white.

"Most of these men could and are eager to do something of value that would help them toward a better future.

"Yet in this group you will find many good men assigned only laborious tasks, those muscle - building activities traditionally assigned colored men.

"Group Two has no workers of color at all. Work in this category requires some clerical know - how. Of all the men that have come and gone, or are still here, none can meet the requirements.

"Group Three — all colored save for one or two whites. Maybe one would be tempted to think this was a good sign. An all - colored section. But look at the type of work done. "This "Bull Gang" unloads coalcars, digs ditches, all jobs requiring sledge and air hammers. Any task that comes up that is "heavy."

"Include the Greenhouse Crew also.

"And the Ice and Coal squad. All colored. They and they only carry the trash, handle garbage, deliver ice to the "white inmates only" dormitories. They also deliver and pick - up bed - clothing, sheets etc.

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"INMATES working at the State Police Barracks in Pikesville and Waterloo are fitted into the traditional pattern.

"Kitchen help, car washing, errands, no white inmates are to be found doing this because dust, dirt soiled pots and pan form the bulk of the work.

"Is this a good referral experience for a job after being released from here? To do what? Is this fine therapy for the maladjusted?

"I will now give you an honest description of a routine day for a colored inmate who is assigned to work in College Park.

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"PERHAPS 35 workers rise at 5 a.m. The ratio is three whites for every one colored inmate. They proceed to the House of Correction's segregated dining room.

Then the whites go out first to be counted and are sent to the left, then the colored are counted and sent to the right.

"The "C" shift officer and the [illegible] carriers compare tallies. Then colored inmates only pick up lunch sails and coffee pots and then all prisoners (after this nervious interest segregation and separate counting), go through the same Center Hall portal later - mingled.

The Center Hall officer does not bother to count again when the group is thus mixed.

"Transportation is usually a school bus and pickup truck with canvas tarpaulin. The whites occupy the front bus seats all the way to the rear. The long seat in back is reserved for colored prisoners. Remaining colored inmates ride in the pick - up truck.

"Thus are inmates carried on segregated vehicles to segregated jobs. At College Park, colored inmates get the most lowly jobs.

Whites do clerical work, some help in a staff cafeteria where they don white suits and act as waiters.

will not find any inmate workers here of color around civilian personnel without the escort of a Caucasian. This measure is to assure the safety or welfare of somebody . . . I wonder.

"Such a pattern takes place daily with no diversity until someone discovers even lowlier work for colored in this section to do, then they are dispatched immediately to carry it out.

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"THIS POLICY is carried out under the supervisors, Mr. "C" and Mr. "Y," the latter being the subordinate and enforcing this policy strenuously while the former permits it to continue. Both co-ordinate their efforts to keep things separate and unequal all day - long.

"We return on segregated busses, sit on segregated seats, return to segregated quarters, wait until time when we file into a segregated dining room and drink coffee from segregated pots —all the time as the ugly head of segregation encumbers our every association.

"Inmates seethe under this treatment and therefore an atmosphere of tension is continuously in the dining area. Inmates remain docile under such conditions, however, because of the ever-present rule of "immediate dination" that lies close at the disciplinarians' hands to use whenever objections are voiced.

"I have not exaggerated. In fact, many things have been left out.

"But I ask, is this kind of situation going to give inmates a deeper sense of obligation and a clearer picture of morality toward his fellow man?

"Or does this sort of policy contribute to the hostility many colored inmates carry away upon release? Does such a correctional "policy" prompt further ventures in crime?

"After a stay here in the segregated House of Correction has the inmate gained any new 'positive' concepts? These are some of the questions a man asks himself and usually comes up with unsavory answers.

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IF AS the warden was quoted as saying, segregation is only in general areas:

—Babysitter

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any money from you for prostitution?

Miss Bennett — No.

Judge Baer — Why did you tell police he did?

Miss Bennett — I was scared. They told me if I didn't testify against Mr. Smallwood, they would get me three to 10 years in jail.

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THE BABYSITTER told the court she didn't know what was in the complaint because she did not read it.

"They had everything on paper, but I wouldn't sign it," she testified.

When Lt. Judd asked her didn't she read the statement, Miss Bennett answered:

"No, you put words in my mouth."

At another point in her testimony, the witness told the court:

"They explained something about they wanted me to testify against Mr. Smallwood so they could put him in jail. But I didn't know what they were talking about."

Court records show Lt. Judd's squad arrested Miss Bennett and Miss Adele Gordon, Dec. 28 when they raided the Ruxton Ave. house.

Miss Bennett was charged with prostitution and disorderly house charges were placed against Miss Gordon.

Charges against Miss Gordon are still pending but Miss Bennett, who was arrested under the name of "Doris Brown," was given probation by Judge Baer.

The judge said she became a state's witness when Lt. Judd and his men brought her to his home at night to get the warrant for Mr. Smallwood's arrest.

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1. Why are white inmates provided a barber's chair, colored none?

2. Why are white officers provided a state - paid inmate barber and colored officers not accorded this service?

3. Why when there is sick call, white inmates are first to be called? Must a colored inmate wait even if he is sick?

4. Why are inmates permitted showers once a week —winter or summer. Is this sanitary? And why are white men first when are these baths are scheduled?

5. If a colored dining room worker spoons out more food on a tray than a colored prisoner he should he is "checked-in" immediately.

"Within dining room workers can pile on the food, but several dining room officers follow the food cart on the colored side, not on the "white" side.

6. Why will the warden not permit movies touching on "race" be shown. This is an adult population here.

7. White inmates are placed in front living quarters with a view of the outside at least, colored have the view - yard to gaze upon.

8. Why is C Dormitory, all white, privileged to have its own mailbox? Other inmates must carry mail to the supposed - only box in Center Hall.

"Let me close by saying the visit of local ministers, CIO and the AFRO brought gladness to the hearts of many here. We hope a better policy comes out of that. We hope this will enlighten you further about the House of Correction and prove beneficial to you in your quest and to aid us as a misused group."

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THIS REPRESENTS most colored inmates view of this place of confinement. It should be noted that at no point, was any complaint of unjust conviction registered or the usual and understandable prisoner griping.

What was stated is an indictment, not of prisons, or persecution, or anything except the plain and simple fact that colored prisoners in Maryland are neither treated intelligently or equitably.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The House of Correction inmate quoted in this article requested on behalf of the men he represented that "The AFRO should kindly place an announcement in a future edition headed 'IN MEMORIAM'—and cite these words "When we can think of segregation as an ugly memory, all people will live in harmony."

NEXT WEEK: MORE ON MARYLAND'S PRISON MESS — Overcrowding, legislators' shortsightedness and further details on the death of Braxton Allen at the House of Correction.

African heads of State set Summit meeting

By J. V. CLINTON

LAGOS, Nigeria (ANP) — The conference of heads of state of all independent African countries will take place May 23 in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia.

This was announced on Dec. 21 at the close of the one-day conference of Foreign Ministers of the Monrovia Group of African and Malagasy States, in Lagos.

—FHA has

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ing is the city—if they were interested in residing in the suburbs to get new or nearly new homes at reasonable prices.

"They also would be doing the federal government a favor by buying these homes and freeing some of FHA's funds which are now tied up in all these houses it has had to buy."

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THE REV. MARION C. BASCOM, pastor of the Douglass Memorial Community Church, who had broached the subject earlier in an Emancipation Celebration address before the Prince Hall Masons of Maryland, declared:

"The most fundamental needs of our community now lie in the areas of jobs and housing.

"Whereas we are sorry the economic conditions of our country are resulting in so many persons losing their homes, this situation well could produce an opportunity for some of these families to have never have enjoyed the advantages of suburban living to do so.

"This is another one of those times the colored citizen might make in order to help educate the general community to the fact that anybody can be a neighbor if given a chance."

MOST OF THE FHA insured housing projects which ring Baltimore City are not open to colored buyers unless the original owners lose them and the federal government has to take them over.

This situation was not altered by the recent Presidential Executive order because it did not cover housing already approved.

Nationally, at the end of September the FHA had on hand for sale more than 25,000 homes on which it had foreclosed and another 43,188 on which payments were three months or more in arrears.

FHA's Zone 2 Commissioner, J.F. Neville, Washington, said Maryland had 194 homes for sale on Nov. 30. He said the part of Maryland under the state agency's jurisdiction has a moderate rate for the zone.

Commissioner Neville's zone covers Delaware, Washington, D.C., New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and W. Virginia.

The Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, St. Mary's and Calvert are under the Washington area office.

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A NUMBER of the Baltimore area homes for sale are in Baltimore County in the Dundalk and Essex areas. About 30 of them are in that area, six are for sale in Glen Burnie.

Many are in Baltimore City.

In all, 105 of the 204 for sale in Maryland as of Dec. 31 are in the Baltimore Metropolitan area, with none of them being in Howard County.

The next largest number are in the Elkton area, 74, many of which were erected under the Korean Act to provide homes near the Navy's Bainbridge Center, 18 miles from Elkton.

Charles H. Borcherding Sr., director of the Baltimore FHA insuring office, said the Elkton area defaults are to be a great measure responsible for the increases in the area.

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MEANWHILE, Ed Holmgren, executive director of an organization which aims at stabilizing neighborhoods and supports an open occupancy policy, said:

"If anyone has a specific problem in obtaining one of the homes we would be willing, in fact delighted, to offer whatever help we can."

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ANYONE interested in buying these homes foreclosed on by the FHA, many of which are in Baltimore City, should call or write the Federal Housing Administration, Property Management Division, 404 N. Bond St.

Listed here are examples of locations of the homes now for sale in Baltimore and the Metropolitan Area (figure after address is the zone number):

510 S. Longwood-23; 442 Burbank Ct.-27; 111 Allview Ter., Glen Burnie; 3113 Leighton Ave.-15; 8173 Del Haven Rd.-23; 394 Juniper Dr., Glen Burnie; 4310 Norfolk Ave.-16; 1217 Locust Ave.-27; 6508 Rosemont Ave.-6.

1650 Poles Rd.-21; 5602 Belle Ave.-7; 1928 Deering Ave.-30; 3708 Duvall Ave.-16; 1758 Melbourne Rd.-22; 5530 Silverhill Ave.-6; 1312 Meadowville Ave., Glen Burnie; 7835 St. Clair Lane-22; 1013 Sunnybrook Dr., Glen Burnie.

641 Tunbridge Rd.-12; 1856 Colmar Circle-7; 7321 Elmore Ave.; 7011 Bridget Lane -22; 3623 N. Rogers Ave.-15; 1370 Kenton Rd.-34 and 190 Meadow Rd.-25.

Teachers Union publishes History Week supplement

NEW YORK CITY — The Teachers Union of New York announced the publication of the 12th annual Negro History Week supplement of its weekly newspaper, Teacher News.

The four-page supplement is published to help in the celebration of Negro History Week, which takes place this year during the week beginning Feb. 10.

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AMONG THE FEATURES in this year's supplement is a series of 10 original drawings on the theme "Struggles of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries," depicting graphic a l ly outstanding events in the fight for freedom and equality.

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Teen-ager faints as judge finds him guilty of murder

"Your honor, you have found me guilty of first degree murder. I didn't kill that man. I want a new trial."

Seconds after a teenager made those statements to Criminal Court Judge Reuben Oppenheimer Wednesday he collapsed.

He was carried bodily from the courtroom by three policemen who revived him a half hour later.

His mother screamed and also had to be helped to the corridors in a state of hysteria.

This drama unfolded after Judge Oppenheimer found Leon Mack, 16, 900 block N. Broadway and Robert A. Hamilton, 19, 1000 block N. Chapel St. guilty of first degree murder. Sentence was deferred pending new trial motions.

Both face sentences of life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber.

THE YOUTHS were convicted for the fatal stabbing of Joseph Wentz, a 66-year-old retired man who was killed last August at Edwin and Fairmount Aves. when he tried to prevent them from snatching his wife's pocketbook.

Mrs. Margaret Wentz, the victim's widow, testified they were attacked while walking home.

In statements to police, read by Lucy Ann Garvey and Edward Wyatt, prosecutors, Hamilton took the blame for the slaying.

However, on the witness stand Hamilton testified that Mack "was in it."

Harry A. Cole, attorney for Mack, argued that both Hamilton's statement and Mrs. Wentz's testimony were evidence that his client was not involved.

Mrs. Wentz said she was grabbed by the youth walking next to the building, and while she struggled with her assailant, a second youth attacked her husband.

UNDER CROSS examination, however, she admitted she probably faintly and could not identify who struck the fatal blow.

Hamilton refuted his original statement where he said he grabbed Mrs. Wentz and stabbed Mr. Wentz with a knife. "I had in my belt."

He testified that he doesn't know how he ended up with the knife in his hands when they ran from the scene.

Judge Oppenheimer ruled that "there was no doubt that Hamilton struck the fatal blow and in convicting Mack, he explained:

"This defendant denies participating in the crime of attempted robbery or the stabbing.

"However, it is clear that he was with Hamilton before, during and after the deed. Under those circumstances that makes him guilty."

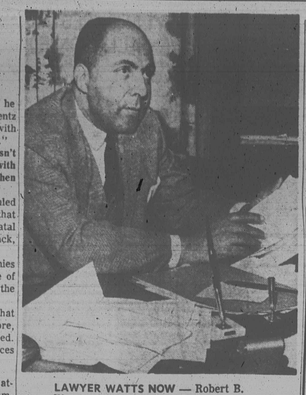
MAURICE T. SIEGEL, attorney for Hamilton, in summation, put his client at the mercy of the court:

"There's no question that he is guilty of first degree murder, but because of his youth I urge the court to impose a sentence of life in prison and not death," the lawyer stated.

In another murder trial before Judge J. Harold Grady, Homer Smith, 47, 2800 block Eutaw St., was convicted of second murder.

He was charged in the fatal shooting of Roy D. Lyles 33, during an early morning argument in the 600 block of N. Rosedale St. near the victim's home.

Smith testified Lyles struck him in the face after stopping him in the street. He drove off, back up and fired two shots when the victim struck him again, according to Smith.



LAWYER WATTS NOW — Robert B. Watts, former Municipal Court judge, checks cases as he resumes his law practice.

Watts, former judge, returns to practice

"A lawyer's time and advice are his stock in trade."

That quotation is attributed to Abraham Lincoln, who made quite a name for himself as a lawyer.

It adorns the desk of a big, jovial man, who has also carved his niche in the legal profession, during the past 12 years.

His name is Robert B. Watts.

January 1, Mr. Watts shedded his judicial robe and again took his place on the left hand side of the bar of justice.

Eighteen months ago "Bob Watts the Lawyer" moved to the other side of the bench and became "Bob Watts, the Judge," when he was appointed as one of 15 Municipal Court judges.

He first saw duty on the "Lord's" side of the bench when he was appointed as Traffic magistrate under the Police Magistrate System.

Due to strange and unpredictable forces at work during the November general election, "Bob Watts the Judge" suddenly reverted to "Bob Watts the Lawyer."

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THIS WEEK the AFRO asked the lawyer how it feels to be back on his old stamping grounds.

"It feels as if I never left," he said. "After all, a few months can't change a feeling that had developed over 12 years."

Mr. Watts the lawyer said he had no difficulty taking up where he left off even in face of the traditional — and erroneous—concept of the two sides of the bench:

"Some view the judge's side of the bench as being the Lord's side and the other side as being the devil's," he pointed out.

"But that doesn't bother me because as a lawyer I never judge my clients, I defend them."

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WHILE SERVING on the "Lord's" side of the bench, Judge Watts became known as "everybody's friend."

"You can say my immediate and only objective," he said this week, 'is to be an excellent lawyer and still everybody's friend."

Before his elevation to the bench, Mr. Watts was senior partner in the law firm of Brown, Allen and Watts, at 1520 E. Monument St.

Currently the firm is being reorganized in preparation to moving to its new quarters in the Charles Center.

Advance plans call for the establishment of various departments within the firm to handle special phases of law —criminal, civil, domestic, etc.

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IN ANSWER TO the inevitable question; Mr. Watts answered:

"No, I have no political ambition whatsoever. I intend to devote my time to the practice of law.

"Of course, as a citizen, I'll help candidates who are interested in and earnestly work for good government.

"But as for me, I'm satisfied to be 'Bob Watts, the lawyer, everybody's friend'."

Clergymen to help find foster homes

Mrs. Mildred Johnson, chief of the childrens division of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore and Wilmer V. Bell, chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Maryland Council of Churches, have announced that an Advisory Committee of clergymen has been established to assist in the recruitment of foster homes, both boarding and adoption.

Hargrove makes switch from judge to lawyer

"I'm better prepared now than I was before. I'm looking forward to a long and successful career as a lawyer." John R. Hargrove, former deputy U. S. District attorney and People's Court Judge made this observation this week while commenting on his new title, John R. Hargrove, the lawyer.

Mr. Hargrove, like Mr. Watts, was unseated from the People's Court bench in the general election.

Before his appointment there last February he was deputy to U. S. District Attorney for Maryland, Joseph D. Tydings.

Mr. Hargrove was first a government prosecutor in 1955 and became deputy in an Eisenhower Administration appointee, Leon H. A. Pierson.

Experiences gained both from behind the bench and on the prosecutor's side of the bar are priceless, Mr. Hargrove told a questioner.

"The transition was easy because I'm no longer green around the gills.

"My service on the bench taught me more about people and my role as a government lawyer taught me more about law — all phases.

"I'm now confident of conducting a thriving general practice."

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MR. HARGROVE is now associated with William H. Murphy.

There's one thing the one-time prosecutor, judge now attorney-at-law is sure of:

"I'm interested in good government, but I'm not running for anything."

Mr. Hargrove said he will be available for community service, but that's "second play."

"Right now, I'm taking all cases that come down the pipe."

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