PRAYER OF THE WEEK

"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

O Lord, we come to the end of the day and pause for a moment of thanks and of meditation in which we await Thy blessing, and easing of our burdens, and finally one in which we can look forward to this fellowship as we break bread together.

Lord, all of us want this to be a better world.

The Muhl Case

There are growing demands that Magistrate Howard Muhl Jr. either resign or be dismissed from his judicial post in Baltimore County.

For his handling of the case of two anti - segregation demonstrators, the magistrate has been castigated by a county circuit court judge, the county executive, the Maryland Commission on Inter-racial Problems and Relations and other sources.

We do not propose to examine the reasoning that led the magistrate to order the two young men sent to a mental institution for observation, but we do state that such an order should never have been issued.

It is disturbing that a magistrate would commit people to an insane asylum in such a manner, and then publicly announce that his decision was based on statements made by police and his own observations.

Neither Mr. Muhl nor the police are trained psychiatric workers, and their judgment should not have been substituted for that of qualified experts.

There is little doubt that the magistrate acted unwisely in what he did, but the bench is not the place to make mistakes.

Therefore, we too believe that Muhl should resign for the good of the judiciary, and if he refuses, then he should be fired.

McKeldin's Bill

"This is the administration bill and I'm putting the full weight of the office behind it."

This forthright statement is Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's comment on whether he expects to make concessions in trying to get his sweeping civil rights bill through City Council.

It is an entirely different position from that of the national administration which at the very moment is in an all-out campaign to water-down a strong civil rights bill now before a House Committee.

It is our thinking that the greatest benefits will accrue from the position adopted by Mayor McKeldin.

The Republican Mayor's bill already has the full backing of influential Democrats in City Council, including Council President Thomas D'Alesandro and Council Vice President William D. Schaefer.

Passage of the bill would make Baltimore the "open city" that Mayor McKeldin envisions and place it in an enviable position as to eradicating itself of some of the damaging social ills prevailing and as to encouraging industry to come here.

There are no bounds to what the near future can offer Baltimore if all its citizens are able to contribute to its development according to their abilities and to share in the fruits of its progress in a like manner.

From various quarters, notably from some of our newspaper editorial writers, there are upon us already suggestions that concessions, promises and deferments might be the prudent course to follow.

The words employed most often to justify these arguments will be realism and practicality.

If the Council president plus the Fourth and Fifth District councilmen are ready to provide 8 of the 11 votes needed to pass this historic civil rights bill, a check of the registration figures in the Second District and a rehash of what happened in the Third District in the last election, places realism on the side of three votes being attainable.

We do not know what some politicians and leaders of Baltimore consider practical, but with 1964 offering a key senatorial race, a statewide congressman race, a Second congressional District race and three congressional races in this city, we can see no prudence in a Democratic City Council in Baltimore turning down a strong civil rights bill.

The statement from the Equal Opportunity Commission this week indicating discrimination exists to some degree in two city agencies, is the answer to those who say progress may be endangered by a strong bill.

One fact must not be overlooked in any argument for or against Mayor McKeldin's commendable package. That is this: the colored minority here is better than 37 percent of the total population and there can never be a bright future for Baltimore until they are made full partners in the business of moving ahead.

No Victory Here

It was an unsatisfactory victory—if it could be called a victory at all—that was won Thursday by the citizens involved in the campaign to save the lives of James and John Giles and Joseph Johnson.

Governor Tawes spared them from the gas chamber where they had been condemned on a rape conviction, but he imposed a living death sentence when he commuted their sentences to life imprisonment.

Having decided that the case did not merit the death sentence, the governor should have gone one step further and reduced the terms to their minimum, instead of imposing sentences that will keep the youths behind bars for at least 15 years.

Here was a case that demanded a sharp reduction of sentence in the name of justice and fair play, but the demands were not met.

The keystone of the appeal for executive clemency lay with the alleged victim.

Well documented reports were submitted to the governor, showing that the girl, who happened to be white, had a very poor reputation in the community.

While this does not excuse any crime committed against her, it did raise some question as to whether the alleged intimacy had been forced on her as she claimed, or whether it was by mutual consent, as the boys had stated.

The girl's reputation, which made the boys' story believable, was never discussed at the trials. According to several jurors, had it been so discussed, their vote would have been different.

These points were germane to the issue of whether the death sentence was excessive, and the governor should have given them some weight in reaching his decision.

However, according to his own statement, he was influenced by the records of the boys and his theory that the commission of a rape at their age, indicated they were a danger to society.

Such reasoning is hard to understand, especially when lives are involved as they were in this case.

Try as we will to divorce the racial angle from this case, we can not. We have long been painfully aware that there is a predilection toward harsh sentences, when the victim is white and the alleged attacker is colored.

The governor had a chance to correct what was a patently unjust sentence.

Instead, he chose the safe way out. We confess disappointment.

Civil Defense's Big Test

The value of the Baltimore Civil Defense Organization is facing its toughest test now in the fight to win approval of a $316,906 budget request $212,579 of which would come out of city taxes, the remainder from the Federal Government.

Already the budget director has recommended the request be slashed to $297,788 with the city putting up $198,884 and the federal government $98,904.

Howard H. Murphy, businessman and civic leader, called on the Board of Estimates to abolish the local Civil Defense organization and spend the proposed funds to help with the critical needs of the school system.

Thursday, in a slashing attack on Civil Defense before the Board of Estimates, Fourth District Councilman Henry G. Parks called on the board to reduce the organization's budget for 1964 to $15,000.

This amount, he said, would afford the agency a coordinator and a secretary to administer the civil defense volunteer program in conjunction with the appropriate departments.

Councilman Parks noted that the House of Representatives has cut the requested appropriations of the Office of Civil Defense from $346.9 million to $87.8 million.

The Civil Defense Organization of Baltimore, after a long fight with volunteers, decided to put the police station commanders in the various districts in charge of its district setups.

For one reason or another, the district Civil Defense set-ups which had been operating as agencies to which Baltimore citizens could turn in case of disaster, were found to be wanting.

We think that the burden now is upon the civil defense organization to prove in a satisfactory manner that it has an essential service to render and that it is so doing.

Baltimore's tax situation is in too strained a condition to bear the luxury of a well-meaning but ineffective organization—especially at the cost this one requires.

'I Don't Know — I Was Picketing, I Was In Court, And The Next Thing I Knew . . .'

SPRING GROVE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL

Sightseeing

Commit Them All, Says The Senator

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

In Washington — the hub of the western world — the question of race is still a pressing one, perhaps the most important domestic problem facing this nation.

To obtain an insight into the latest thought pattern of some of our representatives, a correspondent was dispatched to the city on the banks of the Potomac to seek out Senator Hiram P. Mugglewump, known to his foes — whose numbers are legion — as Hot Air Hiram, the Sage of the South.

Our correspondent located the senator, somewhat to the south of the Mississippi and Alabama delegations — which is roughly about where the senator stands on racial matters.

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AFTER PLEDGING allegiance to the Confederate flag and bowing three time from the waist in the direction of Biloxi — a process required by the senator of all his visitors — the reporter posed his first question.

REPORTER — Good morning, senator. It's a fine day.

SENATOR — Are the Kennedys still in office?

R — Yes they are.

S — Then it ain't no fine day. But let's get on with the questioning cause I've got to go home to mail off this month's dues to the KKK.

R — Since you are so close to Maryland, I assume you have heard of the two anti - segregation demonstrators who were committed to a mental hospital for an examination.

S — I sure have heard about it son, and I'm all for it. Send all them demonstrators and them sit-inners to the nut house. that's what I say.

R — Don't you think that sending them to a mental institution is rather drastic?

S — Are you trying to kid the old senator? Of course it's drastic, but how else you going to keep these people under control?

And besides that, it's justified. Any danged fool knows that when a colored boy begins this freedom stuff and starts talking back to white folks he's just got to be crazy.

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R — WHAT about all the white people who are also demonstrating? Are they crazy too?

S — They're even crazier than the colored folks, because they don't have to demonstrate. They're white and they have everything going for them, so why tip the boat or rock the canoe, as my old grandpap used to say? Old Granddad we used to call him.

R — Maybe they think it's the right and Christian thing to do?

S — Son, where I come from there's only one right and that's white and anybody who thinks different is plumb out of his cotton picking mind.

R — I can tell you now, senator, if that is what it takes to decide whether a person is crazy or not, then you have quite a few nuts here in this country.

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S — I'LL admit that not all of them are really crazy, some might be suffering from a touch of temporary insanity, and to find out who's really kick, I've devised a sort of a test.

R — How does it work?

S — We get them committed to a nut house, first of all. What we do is that when we arrest them sit - inners at a demonstration, we don't even bother to take them to jail, we ship them right off to the booby hatch . . . Saves a lot of paper work.

Once we get them to the hospital we take them one by one and place them in this little bitty room where they get two doors.

One of them doors is marked "white gentlemen" and the other is "colored men." Now if a colored boy goes through the door marked white . . . we know he's crazy so we keep him.

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R — WHAT if he goes through the door marked colored?

S — Then there's hope for him. We let him go as soon as he signs a pledge not to take part in no more demonstrations, not to sing no more of them freedom songs, not to read no more of them radical colored newspapers and to boo every time Martin Luther King appears on television.

R — What if a white demonstrator goes through the door marked colored.

S — Then we shoot him, he's really sick.

R — For what you are planning senator, there are not enough mental hospitals in the states to take care of all the people you would have to commite.

S — Oh, I've thought about that too and I've got the solution.

R — What is that?

S — After we give the demonstrators a fair trial and decide that they're crazy, we ship them over to Cuba where we'd build a big barbed-wire fence around the whole island.

R — What are the Cubans supposed to do?

S — MOVE OVER.

What Our Readers Say

On Pharmacies

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Dear AFRO:

I read with interest the story in last week's AFRO about the colored owned pharmacy. Since my pharmacy is in fairly close proximity with theirs, I have had numerous contacts with the proprietors, and pharmacists.

I have found them to be honest, sincere, and highly ethical people, indeed a credit to their profession, and their race, and their country, and a pleasure to do business with.

However, your story contains several insinuations, and impressions which I feel are wrong, and I would like to set the record straight.

1. You imply that this store is the first to give job opportunities to colored people.

I have been in my present location for almost 20 years, and have always employed colored help, including those in supervisory capacity. Many of my associates have also employed colored persons in all capacities for years.

2. You imply that white pharmacists have gouged their colored customers where prescriptions are concerned. I, and I am sure, the great majority of pharmacists have always had one set price on prescriptions, regardless of who the patient is.

In fact, many of us have lowered our fees when in an area of lower income. I know of none who refuses to fill medical care prescriptions for any patient, though these medical care prescriptions are filled at practically no profit.

3.—You imply that other pharmacies "refuse medicines to those who need it." I, and I'm sure, most of my colleagues, have never refused medication to anyone who had no money to pay for his prescription.

We make every effort to see that the patient gets his medication, even issuing them on credit to people who we have never seen. I have many good customers, and a stack of unpaid bills, to attest to this fact.

4. — Certainly, it is right and good that colored people enter the profession of pharmacy and own pharmacies, as they are in every field of activity. This is not to imply that colored persons should, or will replace white pharmacists, who have served the entire community conscientiously and well since history began.

ALVIN ROSENTHAL
(ED. NOTE—The article in question dealt with the Hilton Court Pharmacy. There was absolutely no insinuation made that colored persons were not hired by drugstores. The article did point out that in the past there had been a lack of opportunities for colored apprentice pharmacists.

(As to the second point, Dr. Robert W. McDaniel, was quoted as saying that there had been some variation in the costs of prescriptions in racially different areas. No mention was made of medical care prescriptions:

(On the third point, it was noted that the firm has a policy of not refusing medicine to anyone who needs it. There was no implication and no statement made dealing with any other pharmacies that "refuse medicine to those who need it."

Applicants Pleased

Dear AFRO:

I want to thank you very much for the help you have been in publicizing the plight of colored applicants for jobs as managers of school buildings.

Now for the first time we colored men are permitted to take the examination for jobs as maintenance supervisors and managers of school building operations in the business division of the Department of Education.

It is the first time colored men have been admitted to the examinations. Thank you for your help.

W. B.

Against Halloween

Dear AFRO

Now that Halloween is near, lots of parents and non-parents are concerned, and really hate to see the day roll around.

As for myself, I have never liked the clowning and pranks. I think it is a day that colored people should very well forget, unless they would just wear a costume if they are going to a ball or party.

To a majority of us, Halloween is a nuisance, and it spells trouble. The vandalism—destruction of properties; interruptions of dinners with the ring of door - bells.

That silly trick or treat, by the way, is very dangerous for the children. Some of the girls have been raped, given poison, and faced many other hazards.

People should not let their children eat from others, they don't know.

It is also time to stop playing Uncle Tom (making up), parading up and down the line for the whites to drive around looking for us, like we are crazy.

A READER

Liked School Article

Dear AFRO:

Thank you so much for the fine article about The Carrollton School, by your Walter R. Dean. It was quite descriptive and effectively organized The pupils, as well as the teachers are quite pleased with the impression that it has made upon the community. In addition, many people have commented upon it.

Kindly keep us in mind for future articles.

MRS. MILDRED J. SEABORNE
PRINCIPAL

Pin-Point

Emergency Phones For Jones Fall Expressway

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

A week ago we were amazed to see workmen busy as beavers tearing up sections of the recently-completed Jones Falls Expressway.

First thought crossing our mind was that they were desperately trying to retrieve some valuables mistakenly buried under the tons of cement and sand.

All of this was cleared up when the newest device to aid stranded expressway motorists was unveiled—emergency telephones.

Traffic and Transit Commissioner James Foley Jr. said the phones (12 of them, strategically located on the leg of the super highway within city limits) will hopefully reduce hazards created by disabled vehicles.

The battery of telephones, marked "emergency only," are spaced from one-half of one mile apart and put motorists in touch with the department instantly, which dispatches assistance with a minimum delay.

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HERETOFORE, the commissioner said, motorists have had to wait indefinitely before getting help with flat tires, disabled engines or gasoline.

These delays have accounted for numerous accidents, especially during peak traffic periods, despite periodic check by traffic police and safety organizations, according to Mr. Foley.

In making use of this newest safety aid, the department asks stranded motorists to observe these rules when summoning assistance through the dispatcher at T and T headquarters:

1. Give location.
2. Nature of trouble.
3. Name of caller.
4. License number.
5. Color, make, model, and year of car.
6. Indicate whether you wish to be helped by auto club (members only variety) or nearby service station.

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PRIVATE STATIONS near the thoroughfare have agreed to cooperate with police and transit officials in relieving stranded motorists at regular costs, the commissioner said, but warned that such stations are closed after 10 p.m.

There's no argument here that this is a much - needed improvement, since, as Mr. Foley puts it, at least one disabled vehicle is on the super highway at all times.

It would have been a blessing for over-burdened taxpayers, however, if this idea was thought of WHILE the expressway was being built.

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A LITTLE-KNOWN operation in the courthouse is doing its share of easing the load on supporters of the public debt.

This is the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement Law.

Its function?

Corralling errant fathers and husbands who skip town to duck support payments ordered by Domestic Court.

Miss Carole Treulieb, who keeps check on the operation says 419 cases were handled between January and July.

This means defendants either anted up the required funds to estranged wives or mothers of illegitimate children or were sent to the clink—regardless of where they were when located.

According to Miss Treulieb this includes the 50 states and territories.

"You can run but you can't hide," a quote attributed to Joe Louis during his heyday would seem to be an appropriate warning for those seized by wanderlust to avoid supporting dependents.

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 assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

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

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By B. M. PHILLIPS

If YOU Ask ME

Meredith is charming

James H. Meredith, the courageous student who pioneered at the University of Mississippi, visited Baltimore on Wednesday evening.

It is interesting to meet famous - named people and discover that they are not at all like you pictured them.

Meredith, just 30, looks about 23. He is soft-spoken, has a beautiful Southern accent (his first - greeting, (How You' all)

He is small in stature (about 5 ft. 5, weight under 140). His handshake is firm and warm. He is courteous and well - versed, and has plenty of sex appeal.

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And ladies, he relies on his wife's facial expressions to tell him when he should slow down or take it easy.

Wife, Mary June, is also a youngster, resembles a high school student and is much more attractive than TV and news photos have shown her. What a lovely smile she has!

Case in point: — Meredith was the feature attraction at the NAACP Life Membership Committee meeting held at the Carl Murphys' home.

This was the meeting where those in attendance paid or pledged over $5,000.

Great big orchids to Mayor McKeldin who was present and enrolled, and to Father Carleton Sage S. S. (St. Mary's Seminary) who paid his full $500 life membership!

Now he's in the company of other leading Catholic churchmen.

But back to Meredith: — He told the gathering how he would be forever grateful to the NAACP for backing him in his fight to enter Ole Miss. ("All that I am I owe to the NAACP")

Then he answered questions. He said yes, he had met many friends at the university (despite the fact that there was rioting and federal troops had to guard him until he graduated last June.)

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Nonetheless, he explained, "if there has been anything to keep me from studying, it would have been friends. I could have spent 24 hours a day with them.

"But that is not important. What is, is that they were in the bonds of the System."

He explained: — Many students, afraid to speak or smile, smiled out of the corner of their eyes.

They either have to be against you in public or they can not live there. It's the System. You would too if you were in Mississippi.

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He drew laughter when he remembered, now he and a fellow student chatted freely in a rest room, but the minute some one else came in, there was name - calling and cussing.

There was evidence on Wednesday that Meredith now weighs his words very carefully. He had been criticized in some quarters this summer for what were described as 'unfortunate' and 'inappropriate' comments about NAACP and his well-wishers.

When Meredith was asked on Wednesday evening how he felt about support of weekly newspapers and others he stood perfectly still and did not reply immediately.

The silence (fully two minutes) was deadening.

Finally, he commented, 'Don't look so mean at me.' He explained he was talking to his wife who had a frown on her face.

The group laughed. The ice was broken. Meredith continued to weigh his words and told of the help he had received from many quarters.

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Just in case you want to know: The Meredithes have left this native Mississippi, now live in D. C. He is in the process of opening an office to administer his scholarship foundation.

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P. S. — The two tall handsome NAACP workers who have been in our town the past week answer to the name of Morris De Lisser and William C. ('just call me 'Bill') Jones.

They are the national life membership secretary and executive assistant with offices in N. Y.

If Baltimoreans continue their life membership contributions (over $5,000 so far), these two gentlemen promise to return, and help further the campaign.

Send them sunshine

Plenty of sunshine to Mrs. Annie E. S. Wells, a grand matron and good neighbor, long active in our town. She is shut in at her home, 2836 Rayner Ave.

Hellos to Mrs. Leonard Underwood (Agnes), 1905 McKean Ave. She stumbled down eleven steps in her home over the weekend.

Her doctor says she is lucky she did not break her neck. She is thanking God that she escaped with bruises.

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AFRO Music Critic Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins was in from a trip abroad on Wednesday, feeling 'very much refreshed and rested.'

Her doctor had ordered a rest, you'll recall, so she and her daughter, Rebekah Mitchell, took a leisurely trip to Europe abroad the S.S. France.

This weekend, Mrs. Jenkins is off to Kansas City for the annual meeting of the National Music Critics' Association. You'll read details on this in her column (Moments Musical). It appears regularly in this newspaper.

Glad-you're better cards to Oliver Clark, 2909 Presstman St.

He is the Texaco man (Monroe St. at Windsor). He had surgery in Provident Hospital a week ago.

Do hope he is back on the job by the time you read this.

Congratulations due

Greetings by Oct. 26 to Ella and Jesse Hughes, 2824 Hillsdale Rd. It's their wedding anniversary.

Oct. 26 happy birthday cards to Dr. M. L. Barksdale, 526 N. Carey.

Oct. 28, remember Mrs. Jen Rich (Ethel), 1737 Druid Hill.

It is also tre birth date of Mrs. Sophie Williams Johnson, longtime St. Pius Church organist.

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Oct. 29 is the birthday of Gloria Lockerman, the spelling champ, now a Bates College student. Her home address: 1342 Druid Hill. Don't forget to mail cards by Nov. 1 for Mrs. Ethel J. Day, retired Coppin State Teachers' College executive. It's her birthday.

And, by Nov. 3, for Dr. Madge B. Hibler (what's her address?), and for Mrs. Maurice Adams (Catherine), of Morgan Park.

About schools, things

In this space on Tuesday there was not enough room to run our full comments on Monday morning's Board of Estimates meeting.

Citizens, school officials et al were present to urge the Board to grant public schools the full amount—no cuts.

As we indicated on Tuesday, the women stated the case well.

Typical: Mrs. Henry Seidel who said bluntly: "I am here today to object to the budget requests by the School Board . . ., they are NOT enough . . ."

This writer liked best the simple declaration of two other ladies: Mrs. George Webb, who described herself as an interested citizen, in urging the city officials to approve the entire school package.

"If this means my husband and I must pay $50 more (taxes), on our $10,000 row house, so be it!" she exclaimed.

Eloquent Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, representing the NAACP, told the city fathers, it was 'a tragedy,' to propose cuts in the school budget and reminded them:

"We elected you. We hold you responsible. We implore you, we lovingly ask you, we demand that you not sell our schools short. We're willing to pay the increase (increased taxes)."

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As mentioned above the city leaders were attentive and respectful to the speakers.

Bible - quoting Mayor McKeldin could not hold back a smile when School Principal Manuel Q. Goldstein resorted to the Bible to implore approval of the budget: — "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me (us) . . ." he said with feeling.

Among those seen in the hearing room: Mrs. Carl Wheelock, Mrs. Zenas Sykes, Mrs. Gilbert Banfield, Mrs. Carrie Ramsey, Mrs. Lloyd Brice, Mrs. Arnold Jackson; Mrs. Melvin Sykes and NAACP President Gentry McDonald.

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Also, Cortez Puryear, Urban League associate secretary (He, by the way, gave a very concise, but pointed statement, noting that his organization approved the schools' new transfer plan designed to end part - timeness, and was behind the school administration in its new policy program.)

Ditto, Howard H. Murphy, representing the Americans for Democratic Action. He drew the most laughs when he suggested the city might remove civil defense funds ($300,000), from the budget and allocate them to the schools.

City Council President Thomas D'Alesandro, chairman of the Board, quipped: "That's only a drop in the bucket compared to the seven million the School Board is asking for!"

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P.S. — Citizens interested in better schools (and aren't we all!), should give a great big orchid to Superintendent George Brain, Board President Eli Frank Jr., and Board member John J. Sweeney for their first-class presentation of the education department's case for adequate funds.

If you ask me, it would indeed be a tragedy if the powers - that - be in this city fail to provide needed funds for support of our public schools.

People, places; things

It's a girl! Dr. and Mrs William M. Hall (Mildred), 3210 Liberty Heights, welcomed her at Sinai Hospital on Tuesday.

Baby has not been named, but Dr. Hall (Billy to his friends), says he's inclined to call her "32", because she is the last.

The other Hall children are William Jr., 9; Patricia, 8; Pamela, 7; and Norman, 5.

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Forgot to mention last month's new arrival in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Van de Castle, (Blanche), 3400 Cedardale. He has been named Andrew

Dad is president of the Catholic Intercracial Council and quite active in civil rights circles.

Other Van de Castle children are: Ted, 15; Gus, 13; Ray, 11; Stephen, 9; Peter, 5; and the only girl who is teh-year-old Gina.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Barnes observe their 38th wedding anniversary tonight (Friday). She will wear a dark blue brocade frock.

He is superintendent of the West Baltimore District, Methodist Church.

After the re-marriage ceremony in Ames Church, with Bishop Edgar A. Love officiating, there will be a reception in the lower auditorium.

Congrats to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes at 3702 Dennlyn Rd.

Capt. and Mrs. Ralph J. Smith, and their two youngsters, formerly of Clifton Ave., are in their new home at 3505 Hilton Rd.

Mrs. Smith (Marian), heads the music department at Douglass High.

Captain Smith, retired Army officer, is on the Dunbar High faculty.

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By the way, the Hilton Rd. residence they purchased was formerly owned by James (Jim) Chambers, the Baltimore County guidance counselor.

Jim married his Frances last month.

She is the former Frances Reaves, a Bennet College grad and widow of a Miami, Fla. pharmacist. They are living in sunny Miami.

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This writer lunched on Tuesday at a downtown department store.

As the place filled up, the hostess seated on my left an attractive young woman. She did not speak and neither did I. (I was busy reading the report of the President's Commission on the Status of Women.)

When her lunch was served, my seat companion volunteered that there was a lipstick stain on her coffee cup, and that's how we got in a conversation.

And, guess what! She was a newspaper gal. Her name: Mrs. Edward A. Ellison Jr. (Alice). She is woman's editor of the Evening Sun.

Mrs. Ellison and her lawyer husband live in Baltimore County with their three children, ages 10 months to 21 years.

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Unusually pleasant matron met the same day: Mrs. Bertha Johnson, longtime department store employee.

Mrs. Johnson's very friendly manner attracts strangers to her.

She is, of course, retiring and shy about herself, but I did manage to learn that she one which was dynamited lives on N. Culver St., that her husband, Henry, is a longtime Lever Bros. employee, and that they are faithful members of Gospel Tabernacle.

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Musical treat in store this Sunday at 3:30 at Metropolitan Methodist Church (Carrollton and Lanvale):—

The Town Choir appears in concert under the direction of William H. Wright.

This is the same group which gave its services for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project last year. And, they are good!

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This Sunday's concert will benefit the 16th St. Baptist Church in Birmingham—the last month. Remember four children died in the blast!

Soloists with the 75-voice group include:

Sopranos Fioretta Palmer, Mary Randall and Lilli Nelson; Baritones Frank Bryant and Wallace Baden, and Tenor Marshall Waters.

Accompanists are Charles A. Parker and Mansfield Mitchell.

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An exciting Sunday event is the annual oriental tea which women of Jerusalem Court No. 1 (they're the Shrine auxiliary, Daughters of Isis).

It is from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 1301 N. Eutaw St. This is always a grand affair.

Thoughts of the week

One sign of maturity is the ability to be comfortable with people who are not like us.—Elmer G. Leterman.

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Pray to God, but continue to row to shore.—Russian proverb

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Nothing muddies the sheen of our days so completely as the habit of taking things for granted.—Eleanor R. Stock

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What one does when he has nothing to do is a revelation of his character.—Anon.

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The darkest hour of a man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it.—Horace Greeley

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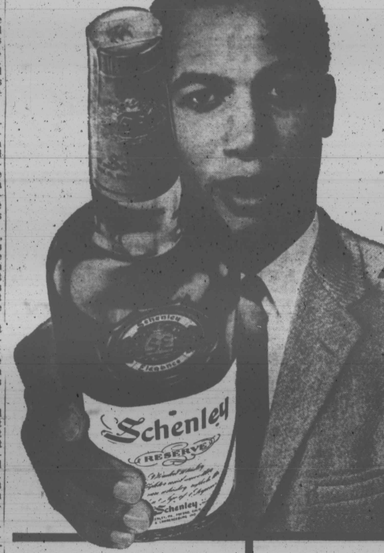

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