"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

We thank Thee Lord for this glorious day and the privilege of being alive in it with health and struggle to enjoy the gifts Thou sendest.

What About The Next President?

What about the next President?

Some people who have been appointees of President Kennedy and supporters of President Kennedy have immediately announced their complete support of President Johnson. Some others have adopted a wait - and - see attitude.

As to what Mr. Johnson would have to do to insure complete confidence among the old Kennedy supporters, they have mentioned two things:

That the civil rights bill advocated by President Kennedy should be pushed through the Senate and House without watering down. This would include the public accommodations proposal, open occupancy in housing and fair employment, and the continued pressure to integrate public schools in the South.

There are those who are saying that we should do away with bitterness.

That we should conciliate the Southern element which they feel is responsible for the climate, here and indirectly the assassination of the President.

There can be no compromise with civil rights. That would be too high a price to pay.

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AT PRESENT no one knows who the next primary candidates for the Democratic party are going to be. The word has not been passed down yet. There is no question about President Johnson being one of the candidates. He is the President and is the logical leader.

But are the Kennedy's going out of politics? Has the Attorney General no aspiration to head the ticket and take his brother's place?

These are the questions to be answered before next summer's nominating convention.

There may be others who aspire to the presidency, for example, Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., assistant Secretary of Commerce.

The struggle for primary votes, interrupted by the assassination of President Kennedy, has been resumed again.

At the death of a senator, mayor or a governor, sometimes his wife has been acceptable to the constituency as a candidate, but in this case, since the presidency is at stake the logical candidate for the President is his brother who was his manager, directed his campaign, and was closely allied with him as an advisor and attorney General in the 34 months that he held office.

Most of the opposition in previous statements have personally attacked the Kennedys. The President's death may have robbed them of that major issue. Many of the personal attacks and much of the hatred and opposition of the late Mr. Kennedy, some from his own party, developed after the President ordered troops into Alabama and went to the country with the masterly address in which he said: "Every American ought to have the right to be treated as he wishes to be treated and as he would wish his children to be treated."

White, Male, 46

Kennedy, John F., White, Male—46, President of the United States.

Dallas police department filed this record.

The people of Dallas will have to change that.

No city is civilized where police records refer to citizens as white or colored and this includes Baltimore.

She Is A Great Lady

Mrs. Kennedy's public mourning was quiet and dignified. There were outlets for her grief in her room, in her visit twice to his catafalque in the Capitol and once to the grave after it was closed.

There will be other visits to that hillside in Arlington.

There will be places in Washington from which at night she can see the eternal light over that grave.

A sensitive, lovely, soft voiced woman robbed of a husband who was also a world leader.

There was no sobbing, no crying out, no having to be carried by an undertaker or aide or a relative.

Mrs. Kennedy has set an example for the nation.

Just because a woman is feminine, she need not display public weakness as evidence of her sex.

Doctors say in delivery wards, it is the untrained, and poorest educated mothers who yell the loudest.

Self control in bearing pain without going to pieces is a sign of culture and maturity.

Mrs. Kennedy's public appearances will be remembered for a long time.

They were classic.

Time For Mrs. Santa

The month of December begins next week and with it comes Christmas Day.

We mention this as we announce that for the fifth year, the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper will be sponsoring its Mrs. Santa Project.

Through it, thousands of persons will be aided at Christmas with everything from wheelchairs to baskets of food.

These are the unhappy people of our city—the poor and the friendless who must depend on the charity of others to find any happiness at all on the most noble of holidays.

Last year, with the help of readers, Mrs. Santa was able to provide help for over 1,000 families.

With the help of the Regent Theatre she was able to sponsor a Christmas Eve party for some 2,500 youngsters.

This year, because of heavy unemployment, we know that even more will be asked of Mrs. Santa than ever before.

To answer these plaintive and desperate calls, Mrs. Santa needs the help of everyone . . . no matter how small the gift.

In a few days the AFRO will begin publishing the cases of Mrs. Santa.

We suggest that our readers select the case or cases they want to help, as early as possible so that Mrs. Santa may have some idea of how much help can be expected.

To those who would like to contribute money to be used to purchase food, Mrs. Santa will be extremely happy to receive such contributions.

Another way to help the needy is to attend the special red carpet showing of the film, "Gone Are The Days!" on Monday, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Santa.

Whatever it is that you want to do, you can be assured that your help will be appreciated by some smiling youngster on Christmas morning.

Votes Needed

Needed to pass the Mayor's Civil Rights Bill are the votes of at least 11 City Councilmen.

In the Second District alone there are three councilmen who should be counted on to support the bill.

Their constituency is roughly 40 per cent colored, and even should the new district lines be approved by voters, the Second District will still have this heavy representation.

It would seem that the second District councilmen have a moral commitment to support this much needed piece of legislation.

Resignation Demanded

Baltimore County executive Spiro T. Agnew has asked for the resignation of Michael Holofcener, temporary chairman of the Human Rights Commission, on the ground that the organization has lost its cohesion and is delving in things he'd prefer it delay.

Mr. Agnew thinks the commission has become too controversial, particularly in the area of open occupancy in housing.

Mr. Agnew says Holofcener is going at such a pace members of the commission are not willing to follow him.

As yet the commission has not voted its disapproval of Mr. Holofcener as its temporary chairman.

Is the Baltimore County executive attempting to influence the commission?

It would seem that Mr. Agnew would let the commission he appointed function until it has officially taken a vote asking his intervention.

As it is now he appears to be trying to appoint its members and determine its agenda, and that more on the basis of how he sees the problems than how they actually may be.

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, man prejudice or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

Days Are Numbered For This Old Bird, Too

What Our Readers Say

Assassination Of President

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

Dear AFRO:

A great effort by our late President to pull together this world of ours is ended. Let the whole nation bow in prayer.

Death is no party—Democratic or Republican—nor is death the final answer to the assassins. If you ever believed in unity and the democratic way of life, it must be now.

Death knows no color line or religion—only the assassins know this—and their hate. If you ever believed in brotherhood, let it be now.

All of you must democratically unite to keep all America and the Christian nation alive.

The Foundation for Music Therapy and Research, Inc., is in line with the program for the mentally retarded that President Kennedy crusaded for. We are geared to serve in a training capacity, operating in Baltimore.

We are federally accredited and tax exempt and we need your help.

MRS. SERENA G. MANN

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Dear AFRO:

I would like to see a headline "Who Bears The Burden Of Guilt?" Then I would like to see the answer. All the TV announcers seem to be at a loss for an answer.

The only answer that could be given is that if ever there is to be a trial of the President's assassin it should be of Congress and all of Washington.

When this government let Gov. Orval Faubus insult and defy it, that was the beginning. After that take your choice—Mississippi, Ross Barnett; Alabama, George C. Wallace.

All had defied the government and the law of the land. These men are still free. Why?

Move on to Emmett Till, the Muslims in Los Angeles, all the bombings and other mob violence against colored people and some whites. Then ask how it is possible that all such killers are still free.

Ask all the people who are now shocked because of the President's death. Why?

RUFUS WILLIAMS

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Dear AFRO:

If I were a musician I would compose a sonata in memory of the passing of a great man. If I were an artist I would create something of beauty in memorial of a great person.

If I were a poet I would sing the verse. If I had any great talent at all, I would use it at this time to express my deep mourning of our beloved President.

But alas! I, a simple being with no particular talent, can only express my feelings in this small insignificant way.

If by some miracle, you could find a small corner in your newspaper for my little eulogy, I would consider it a great honor, and through it feel a great release for my emotions.

M. O. BLACKWELL

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Dear AFRO

The assassination of our great President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, is a stupid and heinous crime against all humanity and a waste of the genius, courage, and morality not often seen in one man.

Colored physicians in this country feel and share the tragedy of this loss the more, when we recall how, at a meeting at the White House on August 1, 1963 with colored medical leaders, President Kennedy reaffirmed his pledge to continue to use the influence of his office to rid the health facilities of our nation of racial bias and inequality.

We are just now beginning to reap something more than a token crop of his efforts...(the recent decision for the Greensboro, N.C., doctors by a U.S. Court of Appeals, in Virginia calling the "separate but equal" provision of the Hill-Burton Act unconstitutional; the report and recommendations of the Civil Rights Commission to the President regarding funds to health facilities under HEW and USPHS which practice discrimination and the inclusion of health facilities in the Civil Rights Bills now pending before some of our city and state governments Baltimore included), come to mind.

EMERSON C. WALDEN, M.D.
President - Maryland Medical Association

Pin-Point

Sharks Lay In Wait For The Ignorant, Gullible

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

Now, of all times, to concentrate on man's inhumanity to man is like taking coal to New Castle.

Ancient and profound truisms such as "I Am My Brother's Keeper," "Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them to Do Unto You" have a strange and meaningless ring in these days of grief, shame, bitterness and apprehension.

Evils which produced the current pall of shock and revulsion which hangs over the nation, are tragically well known to us all.

This brings to mind some classic local examples which reek with dishonesty, connivance, and the eternal urge to "do somebody in" — figuratively speaking.

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AFTER A brief chat with Det. Capt. Vincent D. Gavin and Det. Lt. Dennis P. Melo of the Investigation Bureau of the State's Attorney's Office, it isn't difficult to conclude that there are far too many people whose sole purpose for living is to get something for nothing at the expense of others.

A partial list of complaints investigated by Captain Gavin and Lieutenant Mello grew out of transactions involving:

Wigs, home improvement, auto insurance, real estate, furnace repairs, employment security bonds, budget payments and used cars.

While the majority of these enterprises are operated by reputable and responsible persons, it should be noted that some are being used by unscrupulous operators to bilk unsuspecting, honest and hard-working souls out of money they can ill afford to lose.

Several complaints now getting the attention of investigators indicate that the demand and supply of wigs, stimulated by a current fashion fad, is being used by shady operators who talk young and old women into paying incredible prices for 'pieces' that run a poor second to the average kitchen floor mop.

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HERE IS one example:

A 70 - year - old woman was conned into paying $150 for a wig which sells for $35, investigators found.

Another elderly customer told officers she paid $130 for a weaving job to supplant thinning hair on the back of her head. To date there has been no weaving and she's $130 poorer.

The employment business — a legitimate enterprise — is being subverted by some heartless schemers who are victimizing job seekers.

In one case an unemployed worker posted $300 to 'guarantee' a job that didn't exist.

The normally responsible and reliable home improvement industry, which boomed with the spread of urban renewal regulations, proves to be a vehicle for some "fast buck" operators to extract thousands of dollars from the honest, humble and decent people merely trying to improve their station in life.

Many have been the poor souls who trundled to the door of an office trying to recover — rarely succeeding —large sums of money for furnace 'repairs' by 'engineers' who have violated the integrity of the important heating industry.

And there is no way of telling how many motorists paid for insurance only to learn — after an accident— they were not covered.

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EXPERIENCE HAS shown that ignorance and gullibility are the chief allies of those responsible for the above situations.

There's no defense against the former but there is one for the latter, as agencies at the Better Bureau points out.

"Before signing on the dotted line, be sure you have the facts in mind," it counsels.

If you need legal advice before signing, get it. It's better to have it BEFORE than AFTER and in most cases more profitable.

There are still far too many people who really believe that "one is born every minute!"

Rights Hearing

Dear AFRO:

On Tuesday night, I attended the City Council hearing on Mayor McKeldin's Public Accommodation Ordinance and was profoundly impressed with the varied opinions of persons opposed to its passage.

Of particular interest to me was the statement made by many of these persons, "I'm not prejudiced, but . . ."

For six years I served as a member of the United States Armed Forces. On several occasions during these years, I as many others, would have gladly given my life for the cause of freedom, justice and the continuance of our democratic society.

Never did I pause to say, "I am American, but . . ."

Although many times I thought, "I am American, but a second class American."

The number of times I participated in activities while serving on foreign shores, designed to illustrate the American principle that all men are created equal, are so numerous, I cannot recall.

And I must confess that at these times, I often became disgusted.

For I was born an American, The blood and sweat of my grandfather and his father, went into the soil, into the very foundation of American life and history.

And I often thought of Baltimore, and the bay that makes our city famous. I thought of Francis Scott Key as he wrote the words of our national anthem.

Yet within me I knew, that I, an American, was not truly free.

The passage of the Public Accommodation Ordinance will make a hero of no one but will assure for all Americans, regardless of race, creed or color his inherent right to freedom, justice and equality for all.

W. L. P.

Sightseeing

Four Faces Of The Revolution

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

As the civil rights movement changes tempo and direction from time to time to meet the demands of the moment, there is the very real danger that in the immediacy of the problem, the ultimate goals of the movement will become obscured.

Limited goals — such as the integration of a particular restaurant or the lowering of employment barriers in a single store — are accepted as the true goals of the movement, when actually, they are only limited objectives.

This is why it is often difficult for those not directly involved in the movement to understand why, as soon as one crisis is settled, another springs up.

They confuse a single situation with the overall problem, thus betraying a certain reluctance to come to grips with the brutal fact that segregation spreads through almost every area of our national life, and until the entire pattern is eradicated, we must move from crisis to crisis.

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THE ULTIMATE goal of the movement is this complete wiping away of discrimination, and to reach that goal, there are four main areas along which the social revolution has to move.

These are — not necessarily in order of importance—employment, education, public accommodations and housing.

We live in a capitalistic society in which emphasis is placed on private industry and the ability of every man to rise as far as his talents will allow.

The further one rises, the more good things there are for him and his family, but America has set a limit on just how far many of us will rise—and the level is not a very high one.

As long as there are barriers in employment, then freedom is a myth, the great American dream is a confessed failure, and the social revolution must go on.

Employment means bread and butter, which is why so much emphasis has been placed on the ending of racial barriers in the construction trades and in business and industry.

It is not only the business community that is under attack, but also certain of the labor unions which through the years have practiced racial discrimination in the most brazen of fashions.

The picket lines and the work stoppages that have been caused by pickets, is only a forerunner of what is to come, unless sweeping changes are made.

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INFERIOR EDUCATION has been a way of life for colored Americans for so long that it has produced a bitterly ironic situation in which there are employment opportunities available for colored applicants, but no colored applicants available to take them.

Little wonder then that the colored community, in many northern areas of our country, has attacked "de facto" segregation — that process of maintaining segregated schools in the guise of preserving neighborhood patterns.

The days of sheer brawn are over with. This modern world demands brain power, not muscles. Unless our youths are allowed to develop their mental capabilities to the highest degree, then we will continue to be cut off from the main stream of this nation.

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MOST OF the publicity attendant to the social revolution has dealt with public accommodations, for it was in this area that the movement began in earnest.

However, it is only a part of the overall picture and will become increasingly less important as laws are passed and the message filters through to some of the die-hards that open doors are good for business.

The integrated restaurant was never the sole goal of the movement only a way station.

The remaining field of action — that of housing — is one that must be made equitable before anyone can talk of final goals being reached.

It is perhaps here that the movement will run into its most determined opposition, for in the area of housing, people are inclined to be at their most prejudiced.

Even granting this, the movement has to push forward in the area in order for anything to make sense.

If we gain jobs, if we have decent schooling and if the doors of public places are open, what will it mean if we are still forced, by virtue of our race, to accept a limit number of places in which we can live?

Jobs, education, public accommodations and housing — they are all tied together in a permanent relationship that allows for no other course than to solve them all.

POET'S NOOK

NAACP WEEK

They gave no ground, least not an inch,
It wasn't easy, they will tell,
For bigots scheme, and bigots plot,
When stigma makes free men rebel.
God meant no man to be a slave,
By legal means, or ball and chain,
And those opposed, would rot in jail
And some, by coward's pistol, slain.
Give me my freedom, cried a race,
Each day went by, we loud implored,
And congressmen, and Presidents,
Displayed the fact, we were ignored.
But sure as there is God above,
The raging storm moves out to sea,
And like a lighthouse near the shore,
My ship comes in, at last I'm free.

PAUL McALLISTER

DEDICATED TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY

'Tis a sad day in everyone's heart
and mine,
Because of the loss of our
President Kennedy so good and
kind.
Many a year will come to pass,
But in our hearts he will always last.
With a good heart, and a level head,
He brought to many, hope that was
dead.
It is now left to us,
To see that his efforts does not turn
to dust.
To the family of the deceased
we pay homage and praise,
The name of the family name
Kennedy,
In the people's hearts shall remain
always.

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If YOU Ask ME

By B. H. PHILLIPS

People, places, things

The Rt. Rev. Harry Lee Doll was installed as tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland on Friday.

The ceremonies, colorful and impressive, took place in the Church of the Redeemer on Charles St.

Unfortunately, the flash about President Kennedy's assassination came at the climax of the services, and dampened the enthusiasm.

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Among The 1,000 participants were two Edmondson High School students.

Michael Cheatham, 16, was the brown-skinned youngsters who carried the American flag.

Robert Anderson, 15, carried the Episcopal flag.

Both boys are acolytes at Holy Trinity Church, where Father Van S. Bird is rector.

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The Cheatham youth is the son of the Levi Cheathams (Zelma), of 1620 N. Appleton. He has a brother, Marvin, and a sister named Janis.

Anderson's mother is Mrs. Pochahantas Anderson of 1040 Elicott Dr.

Bishop Doll, 60, succeeds beloved Bishop Noble C. Powell who retired Oct. 27, at the official retirement age (72)

The new Bishop, like his predecessor is a man of great stature.

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This is the season for family reunions. Such a gathering took place on Sunday at the Koko Lane home of the Philip L. Poulsons (Fannie).

They and their son, Alan, hosted 15 members of the Bevans family in honor of their brother, Harold. It was his birthday.

Young and old participated in the informal program. Small Carla Ann Small a niece, read an original poem.

There was lots of fun, with the dinner conversation being recorded on tape and movies to spark the evening's entertainment.

Joining in the fun were:—Mr. and Mrs. George Walkes, Mrs. Golden Burke and son, Stanford; George Bevans, Miss Bernice McFallon, Mrs. Ruby Lee Henry Moore, Miss Jessie and Reggie Addison;

Masters Brett Walker, Michael Moore, Alan Pulson Miss Maxine Walker and Mrs. Ella Walker.

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Mrs. Kye Lewis (Ruth), is in Richmond because of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Florence Fields.

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Continue Sunshine, please, to Mrs. Myrtle Clark Burns. She remains ill in Hopkins Hospital.

Remember Myrtle when she and her husband, Charles (Charlie) Burns, were co-proprietors of Club 1017? Charlie now runs the Hilton Court Pharmacy. She is a teacher.

Let Myrtle know you care and are thinking of her during her illness.

Do you have troubles? Myrtle's beloved father, Henry Clark, is also hospitalized. Say a prayer for him and send best wishes. He is in Provident.

Continue cheer to Provident Hospital for Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter, proprietor of the home for the blind which bears her name.

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New Citizens born recently at Provident Hospital:—

Nov. 20, girl for Lewis and Eliza Cane, 531 Widwood; girl for Harry and Elizabeth Muncey, 1525 Presstman.

Nov. 22, girl for Robert and Blanche Goodman, 1416 Argyle.

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Calendar Note: As of today, there are just 26 days until Christmas.

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ADD TO your list of people who are engaged in worthwhile activities for the community the name of Miss Anne Mercer.

Inspired by the fact that an informed voter is an intelligent voter, she is giving courses which explain national, state and city government structure.

Classes are at the 4th District Democratic headquarters atop the Met Theatre at 1324 W. North Ave.

By the way, her book, "Know Your Government an Vote," will soon be available.

For more info, write her at 1626 N. Monroe, or phone her at 323 - 8688.

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IN A truly democratic society, one needs to take time to learn about his neighbors — their traditions, etc.

Here is a good opportunity for YOU to learn about the folks next door.

Fellowship House, 3200 N. Hilton — holds its annual Christmas Hanukkah observance on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Take the children along and join in decorating the building for the holiday.

YOU'LL ALSO have an opportunity to share the joy of the children as they learn from each other the traditions of their homes and religious mentors, and the story of each holiday.

Of course, there will be singing of traditional songs and refreshments.

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THIS MOTHER is agin' high school cliques, sororities, frats and other exclusive clubs, but when our teenagers and others acted like adults in the pledging of their Nu Alpha Mu sorors, I was inclined to take another look.

At their luncheon on Saturday at Wilson's, the girls were well groomed (hats gloves, etc), and they looked good. But, my goodness how our babies have grown!

Orchids are due Audrey Fountain, the president, who presided. She gave an adult explanation of the meaning of their sorority. It would have warmed your heart.

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MORE FRAT - SOR news: Phi Gamma Kappa marked its third anniversary recently with a banquet at Maria's 200 last week.

Their sponsor, Milton and Mrs. Elickson (they're the prominent morticians), attended.

This group is active in the Cecil Ave. community — annually holds a mother's day tea and sponsors a bus tour.

Chatter re JFK

If a social club meeting this writer attended on Tuesday evening is typical, favorite chatter these days revolves around the tragic assassination of President Kennedy, and related events.

For example, biggest topic of discussion in one group was conjecture as to where Jackie Kennedy would now live. Opinions were divided—some said abroad — others said here at home.

Another comment: Now we know why colored people in custody are shot and killed before they can get a trial in court.

Said one matron, "I saw it on my television. The man who was holding Oswald (Harvey Lee Oswald, the man accused of killing President Kennedy), was looking at the camera, not protecting the prisoner."

Another noted: Why were the Secret Service men so far away from President and Mrs. Kennedy. They should have been in the car with them instead of on the car's bumper).

A Texas - born member of the club, who was robbed about the hair name the state, has asserted that Dallas, scene of the tragedy, is no better or worse than most Southern areas.

"It could happen anywhere," she added.

If past murders of colored people in Alabama (remember the bombing of four children in Birmingham), and the frightful killing of Medgar Evers etc. are any indication, she is perhaps right.

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Another Comment: With the Kennedys gone from the White House, it will be a long time before we have quality people residing there —she brought art and beauty to the White House.

There was lively debate as to why Mrs. Kennedy put her wedding band in her dead husband's hand and kissed him before the casket was sealed forever.

Some supported the view that the gesture indicated that his mourning had cut the bond between them, and she wanted everything dear to them to be buried with him.

Others suggested it was an emotional reaction, without rhyme or reason.

Those who say this have suffered loss of a dear one in recent years, this is to suggest that no one can understand why people do such things.

We're momentarily emotionally upset.

But this writer feels all will agree that when death suddenly strikes down a partner, one acts the best way he knows how.

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P. S. — Overheard conversation between my eight-year-olds: and a friend No. 1 — Has Jacqueline told the children yet? (Note the Jacqueline).

No. 2—No. I haven't heard yet. Do you think she'll tell them today

No. 1—Maybe. I wouldn't like to be in her shoes. Do you think they'll cry

No. 2—I don't know . . . yes, they're rich, but now they're just like I am, they have no daddy either.

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Scollions to those rumor-mongers who kept newspaper city desks alive with reports that Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, the late President's father, had died, and that Jack Rubenstein (Ruby), had hung himself.

Such untounded reports flooded our desk while President Kennedy's funeral was going on.

Ruby is the owner of that Dallas shake club who shot Oswald in full view of TV cameras.

Commented one school teacher: "I friend: When I looked at television and saw the shooting' this on top of the killing of President Kennedy, I said to myself, this is worse than a Wild West movie. They certainly break bad down in Texas".

They certainly do!

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P. S. — Our column this past Tuesday was devoted to a tribute to Jacqueline Kennedy's amazing courage, even though griefstricken . . .

We noted she walked straight and tall, directed all funeral details etc., and that she did not crumble under the weight during her public appearances.

Since then, of course, reports indicate Mrs. Kennedy did break down when she left Arlington Memorial Park.

Comment: Inasmuch as she maintained her composure throughout the four gruelling days, she was entitled to a good cry.

She is a marvelous lady who has won the hearts of millions here and around the world.

With her charm and intelligence, she could become the first female president of the U. S.

P. P. S. — Favorite query at one meeting this week was why the President's mother (Mrs. Rose Kennedy), did not walk further in the funeral processions—at least behind the widow

There were various explanations, none official, of course.

Note to mothers of growing sons — enjoy them now. It's likely when they grow up and another lady takes the first spot in their hearts and lives, you might have to settle for a back seat.

And, in a way, I guess, that's the chance mothers have to take.

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Until the identity of President Kennedy's killer, became known, more than a dozen persons we met asked — was he colored or Jewish".

A Jewish friend explained: "I certainly am glad he wasn't a Jew."

Another friend added: "Yes, and it is good he wasn't colored."

This sort of reaction, I guess, comes about because too many people are inclined to indict a whole race or group of people if one of their number commits a dastardly act.

Right or wrong this is their reaction.

Time it seems to me, to get away from color, race and creed on such issues. It is almost as ridiculous as asking was the dog who died colored or white — meaning was the owner colored or white. Humm-

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Some nerve! Mississippi Governor's Ross Barnett, arriving for President Kennedy's funeral, had this comment for television viewers:

"The people of Mississippi are very sorry . . . I think it (JFK murder), a cowardly act . . . every Mississippian is indeed sorry . . ."

This from the governor of a state where he and his officials thwarted efforts of James Meredith to attend the U. of Miss. until Mr. Kennedy sent Federal troops.

It is also the state where NAACP Medgar Evers was slain from ambush with a highpowered rifle similar to the one which killed the President!

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Cuff note: Members of the Colonial Club revised their dinner dance plans for Saturday evening at Nixon's.

They dined, but eliminated dancing out of respect to President Kennedy.

Mrs. Grove is 80

Send belated birthday hellos to Mrs. Alene Grove, 1527 Edmondson Ave. She was a 80 years old on Nov. 17.

Relatives will mark her birthday with a Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Ella Spell, 1639 Ashton.

Many know Mrs. Grove as an active member of the Apostolic Holiness Church, where she is a missionary and friend to the shut-ins and needy.

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SHE IS ALSO known as a member of F. E. W. Harper Temple of Elks and of the Morning Glory Society.

Mrs. Grove's husband, Edward, died 18 years ago. He was employed by a Boston grocery firm, remember?

In addition to the daughter, Flowree Montgomery and Mrs. Spell, named above, other daughters are Mrs. Mrs. Cora **Harrison.**

There are also 22 grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

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MORE NOVEMBER birthdays: Nov. 28 for Mrs. Ralph Young (Addie) wife of the physician. Address: 3232 Carlisle

Same day cards for another senior citizen and a lovely mother Mrs. Delia Scott 2919 Powhatan. **She will be 88 years old.**

Couple your birthday hellos with plenty of sunshine as Mrs. Scott is a shut-in.

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DEC. 2 IRTHDAY GREETings to Dr. Bernard Harris 1207 N. Caroline.

Same day hellos to Dr. George Adams, now on the local VA medical staff.

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WEDDING COMING up: Mrs. Jeannette Chisholm, teacher at Montebello School, and Arthur T. Houston, the Los Angeles broker, have a Dec. 28th date.

They will marry at Bethel AME Church. In June, Mrs. Chisholm, and daughter, Roxanne, will move to the West Coast.

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BELATED WEDDING anniversary greetings to grand couple Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Rawlings (Edna), 2330 W. Lanvale St.

Special hellos, please, to **Dr. Vivian Winder (Mrs. Evan Gilkes), who has been ailing since that tickey trouble** several weeks ago.

She heads the Home Ec department at Morgan. Cards to her at 3300 Powhatan.

Miles conducts groundbreaking

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — More than 600 of Birmingham's local citizens and Miles College students turned out for the groundbreaking ceremony of the $433,000 Student Union building on last Monday.

The invocation was given by Dr. L. S. Brannon, Presiding Elder of the C. M. E. Church, Birmingham District.

Statements of dedication were given by Dr. L. H. Pitts, President, Miles College; Shelley Millender, President, Student Government; Dr. E. W. Taggart, Miles '28; George Jones, Dean, Miles College.

Many of the local community leaders took part in the dirt shoveling aspect of the ceremony. The building is expected to be completed by April 15, 1964.

Smile of the Week

One day a Vermont farmer was assisting in the seasonal chore of stocking an icehouse when he lost his watch.

Loudly bewailing his misfortune, he set about with his lantern and rake hunting for it in the sawdust on the icehouse floor.

His companions joined him in the search, but their clamorous seeking failed to turn up the watch.

When the men went away to lunch, a small boy slipped quietly into the icehouse and found the watch!

Asked by the astonished owner how he discovered it, the youngster explained, "Well, sir, I just lay down on the sawdust and kept very still and soon I heard the watch ticking."

How few of us realize the value of quietness. —Adrian Anderson in Guideposts.

Portuguese at Nigerian dinner creates crisis

LAGOS, Nigeria — (ANP) —The presence of Dr. Carlos Alberto Coelho, Portuguese charge d'affaires at a formal farewell dinner given in honor of Viscount Head of Britain, here recently has created a diplomatic crisis with repercussions so great that it might topple Nigeria's foreign minister Jaja Wachuku from his cabinet post.

Already there is talk of replacing Wachuku with M. T. Mbu, minister of state in charge of the Navy.

The incident occured here at a farewell dinner given for Viscount Head, former British High commissioner of the Lagos diplomatic corps.

Among those invited and in attendance was Dr. Coelho. When he appeared at the dinner, African and Asian members of the diplomatic corps staged a "walk - out" in protest. They were joined by Sen. E. A. Esin, who as deputy foreign minister, substituted for Wachuku while the latter was attending a meeting of the UN General Assembly in New York.

The walkout put the Nigerian government in an embarrassing position. The Ministry of Foreign affairs, which was responsible for sending out the invitations, held that Dr. Coelho is a properly accredited foreign official recognized by the Nigerian government.

Hence, it claimed, it could not possibly have ignored him when sending out the invitations.

Action demanded in Evers' murder

BILOXI, Miss. — Charging that the murder of Mississippi NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers has gone "Attended," the Mississippi NAACP State Conference last week called for the immediate trial of his accused white assassin.

Mr. Evers was killed by a sniper's bullet in June. Segregationist Byron De La Beckwith was arrested a few days later and charged with the crime.

Selegates to the annual meeting of the NAAPC Mississippi State Conference also heard from NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins. Included in the audience were several Yale students who had been in Mississippi campaigning for NAACP State President Aaron Henry who ran as a gubernatorial candidate in this month's election.

NAACP unit head killed in accident

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark. — The newly-chartered Mississippi County branch of the NAACP here lost its president - to - be week when he was killed in an automobile accident.

Billy Conn Bridges, instrumental in organizing the branch, was a member of the Air Force, stationed at Blytheville Air Force Base.

The 21-year-old airman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hershal Bridges of, Kannapolis, N. C. Prior to entering the Air Force, he had been active in NAACP in North Carolina.

Another airman, also in the car at the time of the accident, was injured. The accident occured on U.S. Highway 61 near here Nov. 10.

VA warning goes to pension group

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Annual income questions have been sent to veterans and dependents of deceased veterans on the Veterans Administration's non-service - connected pension rolls must be returned by Jan. 31 or payments will be suspended.

The VA announced Nov. 15 that if after suspension no questionnaire is submitted, the pensioner will be required to pay back all money received in 1963.

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