"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.

Prayer Of The Week

Our Heavenly Father, teach us the value of silence; To hold our tongues when we are provoked or maligned.—Amen.

Where The AFRO Stands

On the front page of this newspaper is the AFRO's selection of candidates for the Nov. 3 General Election.

Pull down Lever 1D for Lyndon Johnson for President and Hubert Humphrey. One pull does this.

Clip this selection. It is permissible to take it into the polling booth with you and utilize it to help you vote.

The ballot this year is the simplest and easiest to mark in years.

Johnson

We are for Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey.

Mr. Johnson has been President for a year and Vice President for a thousand days. Before that for 20 years he was a U. S. Senator and a Senate leader.

He has made a record and it is a good one. We know what he can do. We do not have to guess.

Humphrey

Hubert Humphrey will make a good Vice President. Four years ago he was a candidate for President who was defeated in the primaries by the late President Kennedy.

No Goldwater

The Republican Party is split wide open as it was between Taft and Teddy Roosevelt. Many Republicans have deserted Goldwater to support Johnson.

Goldwater was a school dropout bored by any task that required homework and study. He could read a book and later recite all that was in it but he wasn't creative. The terrible things he says are not his at all. They are someone else's and he has memorized them.

He failed in the City Council of Phoenix and in the U. S. Senate.

When others were studying legislation, Goldwater was playing with airplanes and models, filling his office with them and getting himself made a general in the Air Force Reserve.

There's something about him that frightens us.

We discover that he repeats lies even after he has been shown that he has made a mistake.

For example, he says repeatedly he is for reducing crime in the District of Columbia and making it safe for women, knowing that D.C. is 56 per cent colored.

But he ignores the fact that his own city, Phoenix, Ariz., has a higher crime rate than Washington and Phoenix is predominantly white.

Apparently Goldwater can not afford to retract or apologize for his errors or his cockeyed thinking because he makes too many mistakes and there is no way for him to go but to blunder on.

Tydings

Pull down Lever 2 D over the name of Joseph D. Tydings for U. S. Senate. His father was a distinguished U. S. Senator who would not vote for an anti - lynching bill. Joseph Tydings, too, is of the new and liberal generation which is for progress and civil rights.

Vote for Tydings for U. S. Senator.

Congressmen

Pull the Lever marked 4 D under the name of Carlton R. Sickles for Congressman at Large.

In the Districts 1 to 7 we favor the election of the following Congressmen.

Congressional District No. 1, vote for neither Rogers Morton, the incumbent, nor Harry R. Hughes, his Democratic opponent.

Hughes is opposed to Civil Rights and Morton has embraced Goldwater.

We think neither should represent the Eastern Shore in Congress.

Vote for these in your district:

Second District — Clarence D. Long (Dem.)

Third District — Edward A. Garmatz - 3 D

Fourth District — George H. Fallon - 3D

Fifth District — Harvey G. Machen - 3 D

Sixth District — Charles McC. Mathias (Rep.)

Seventh District — Samuel N. Friedel - 3 D

Judges

Next come names of candidates for Municipal Court and Supreme Bench. Vote for all of them too.

This is the way we urge AFRO readers to mark their ballots and on election day we will find some 90 percent of our Jewish and Catholic friends are voting the same way we do.

The polls show 90 percent of the colored, Jewish and Catholic people are for Johnson for President.

Loans-Questions

At the top of the ballot are 20 proposals for various loans. Vote FOR all of them.

No Bill Miller

Bill Miller, whom Goldwater picked as his Vice Presidential candidate, is a discredited congressman from New York State who knew he would be beaten if he attempted to run again and so wasn't a candidate.

No Senator Beall

Why Senator J. Glenn Beall chose to embrace Goldwater for President, we may never know. That was a fatal mistake. We cannot support him or Congressman Morton upon whom Goldwater has smiled.

This Presidential campaign has been on a low level because that is the only way Goldwater and Miller think they can get attention.

They take all the joy and fun out of what we have heretofore enjoyed as a great debate on reasonably high levels.

William Jennings Bryan, Al Smith, Wendell Willkie, Thomas E. Dewey and Adlai Stevenson were candidates for the presidency who were never elected but their campaign speeches elevated and educated the American people.

Mr. Goldwater is not in their class.

Things To Watch

Watch for the vote in the 165 AFRO precincts.

An analysis of these precincts will show what per cent of us voted and for whom.

Of the city's 541 precincts we are the majority in 165.

We do not guess about our performance, we can state it accurately. Watch for our analysis.

5 Congressmen

All five of our congressmen are up for re-election — William L. Dawson, Illinois; Adam Clayton Powell, New York; Charles Diggs, Michigan; Robert Nix, Pennsylvania; and Augustus Hawkins, California.

All of them are aggressive and effective. They should be re-elected.

Senior is Bill Dawson of Illinois who is opposed by Chicago newspapers but he gets the word to his constituents by printing and distributing 100,000 copies of his own newspaper every week during the election campaign.

Adam Powell, New York, is controversial but Presidents praise him for the work he gets done as chairman of the committee on Health and Education.

Congressman Diggs is active in matters affecting his home district, Detroit, and the District of Columbia.

Each of the three and their two colleagues, Nix and Hawkins, makes us wish that other big city areas in Baltimore, Cleveland, Kansas City etc., were not so gerrymandered that we have not yet been able to elect a representative to Congress.

Watch for the election figures on these five.

Watch Brooke

Edward Brooke, Massachusetts' first Attorney General, is up for re-election. He refused to endorse Goldwater and must, therefore, raise his own campaign funds of $200,000. Question is, will he make it.

Let's Vote

We can defeat Goldwater and we will, but we do it by voting.

We would prefer doing it by a large vote, but we will take any vote.

But way give ourselves heart failure when we have the votes to do a job of which we can be proud.

Remember.

Vote against Goldwater, November 3.

Don't let anybody stop you.

Vote early.

This is the day you decide who will run this country for the next four years.

Let's do it right.

3 Honors For Roy

As a result of a high-powered survey by an efficiency organization, Roy Wilkins, former executive secretary of the NAACP, was promoted to executive director.

An assistant will relieve him of details so that he can concentrate on selling the NAACP.

Not too long ago, President Johnson called Mr. Wilkins to the White House to receive one of the pens with which the President signed the Civil Rights Act into law.

Last summer, Mr. Wilkins received the Association's highest honor, the Spingarn Medal.

In the maze of so many achievements we are making these days, the tremendous services of Roy Wilkins to the NAACP and the nation may have been overlooked.

His achievements have been tremendous. His honors are earned.

Vote On Nov. 3rd

What Our Readers Say

Lemmel Short-Changed?

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:

In view of the nation - wide trends towards a longer school day and school year, I was somewhat surprised and dismayed to read in the column, IF YOU ASK ME, Oct. 17, that the school day at Lemmel Junior High School has been shortened by almost one half hour.

This situation concerns me a great deal because I live in the Lemmel neighborhood and I feel that children of my neighbors, friends and relatives, are being short-changed by this arrangement which denies them of approximately 2½ hours a week of school experiences, atmosphere and control.

While it was made clear that this time has been taken from the lunch period, I would like to point out that I believe that there are many lessons that our children can learn in the school cafeteria and from the policies and procedures that regulate its operation. Time which has been taken from the lunch period could be used in quiet relaxation and study in the school auditorium or library.

From the description of the plan, it is difficult to understand how the cafeteria can be properly prepared for receiving the children after the first group since there does not seem to be any time between groups.

What lessons are our children learning if they must eat in a cafeteria that is not ready to receive them or is this important?

Many newspaper and magazine articles have appeared recently suggesting and recommending that school days be increased in length and number.

In our own state of Maryland, the hope has been expressed that the school day can be increased from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

To my best knowledge, Lemmel is the only school in the country that has made it necessary to operate a double shift school.

This seems to be a most questionable school procedure, to say the least, and I do not understand how Lemmel has been able to install it.

—C. W. MARSHALL JR.

Wants Our Slate

Dear AFRO:

Since this election is so important I hope you will grant a special request.

In the past you have printed a sheet with the AFRO's choice of candidates, questions etc. and asked readers to take that sheet to the polls with them. It is usually printed in the paper on the day of election which is too late for most of us because most of us have voted by the time we receive our AFRO.

Please try to print this list on Friday. It will make a lot of your readers very happy.

MRS. W. A. WINSTED

ED. NOTE: The AFRO Election Slate is printed on the front page of this edition and we thank Mrs. Winsted and thousands of other readers who find our political recommendations constructive and in the best interests of the community.

Hayman Critic

Dear AFRO:

I think all people who want freedom should ask for the removal of the Rev. O. J. Hayman (who came out for Goldwater, then retracted) as a leader of the AME Church. He is of the old school. His thinking is not for the new generation of African descendants.

Being old and deep-rooted in his ways, he could do more harm than good to our cause. He belongs in the past and not the future of the colored American.

MRS. DOROTHY E. RANDALL

Train The Parents?

Dear AFRO:

In his very fine column of Oct. 17, Ralph Matthews tackles the problem of providing effective education for the tens of thousands of culturally deprived children in Baltimore.

"Where the child is damaged by the mental or social inadequacies of his parents," Matthews urges, "train the parents."

He further urges that the slum child must be "... given skills that afford him the chance to stand alone and survive in a complex society."

These fine suggestions are impossible to implement in our society as it is presently constituted. All things being equal, all the skills imaginable will not lessen the unemployment growth because employment is based on the contradictions of the Capitalistic economy — not upon the availability of skilled personnel.

A training program would, it is true, make the underprivileged child more competitive with the privileged child and in the individual case provide him with an opportunity to enter middle class America. But the only effect it would have in overall employment would be that the unemployed were skilled — but just as unemployed.

How effective can the training of parents be when they too are beaten down every day by a cruel, inadequate jim-crowed life.

A. ROBERT KAUFMAN

To Say Thanks

Dear AFRO:

This time of year is such as National Newspaper Week - is just right to say "thank you!" for the wonderful support you have given throughout the year to our numerous and varied Red Cross activities.

Since the purpose of Red Cross is to be of service — not only in times of emergency, but in various continuing ways in our local community — we are saying "thank you" on behalf of countless others whom you have served indirectly.

BRYSON B. RASH
Chairman
Public Relations Committee

Only In America

John Birchers And The ADA

By HARRY GOLDEN

Both Senator Goldwater and Congressman Miller as well as many of their supporters are working feverishly to convince Americans that the ADA (Americans for Democratic Action) is "the extremist group of the left," a sort of "opposite number" of the John Birch Society and the Ku Klux Klan.

I doubt seriously such a charge will succeed.

The John Birch Society boasts openly that it has adopted many of the methods of the Communists, such as infiltration, secrecy, stealth, and terror in general.

The North Carolina Kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan charted a similar idea the other day. He told a reporter for the Charlotte (N.C.) "Observer": "Well, the Jews have their organizations and so do the Catholics and so the colored American and the Ku Klux Klan is a white Protestant society."

The opposite number of the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society is not the ADA, but the Communist Party, that and no other.

For proof, read the July bulletin issued by the Birchers. This bulletin lists all the names of the Xerox Company officers. The Birchers are intent on forcing the Xerox people to withdraw their sponsorship from a television series about the United Nations.

Says the Bulletin: "Do not threaten boycott, nor think of boycott, even if you happen to be in a position to purchase, or to influence the purchasing, of the kind of duplicating equipment which Xerox manufactures."

The Bulletin continues: "in devastating material about the UN we ought to be able to convince these directors of what the United Nations really is. . If they are of the ideologically movable variety, then 50 to 100 thousand letters of protest ought to convince them at least of the unwisdom of their proposed action from a strictly business point of view—just as United Airlines was persuaded a few years ago by a similar avalanche of letters to back down and remove the UN insignia off their planes."

XEROX, however is not backing down. One of its executives said it seemed to him premature to criticize a television program before it was seen. Since so many of the Birch letters were absolutely similar, word for word, Xerox believes only 300 letters of the 1,200 represent real people.

I belonged once to an ADA chapter here in Charlotte. It petered out after two years. The only letters we ever wrote were to the two North Carolina Senators. We never wrote to any businessman concerning policy, nor did we ever call up anyone in the middle of the night. Nor did we ever demand the library remove books offensive to us nor did any of us propose infiltrating any place.

And as far as secrecy—the main project during the entire two years of existence was to persuade one of the two newspapers here to please send a cub reporter even to our meetings so he might reprint our views anent the Uflted Nations and the "right to work" laws.

We also agitated for the City Council to build a public toilet uptown for colored people. This was in the 1940's before the Supreme Court decision and we agitated for a segregated toilet uptown.

We were aware of the inconvenience colored mothers underwent when they came uptown for shopping with their children. Either these ladies had to take their brood home or find them a backyard fence This was no way to treat customers.

This was the "front and back" of the Charlotte ADA, and as far as I have ever been able to determine, these were the same activities and attitudes which were duplicated in every ADA chapter across the country.

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 injustice, race prejudice or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

Sightseeing

Day Of Decision For All Americans

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

George Collins' 'PIN POINT' Column will return to this spot next week.

The shouting, the mud slinging, the blare of horns and the beat of drums, the crowds brought to the narrow edge of hysteria by flaming campaign oratory, the lies and the truths and the combinations of the two.

All of it comes to an end on Tuesday. Another national political campaign, that savagely- American institution, reaches the end of the long road. If there is any regret it is not that it has ended, but for the reputations that have been attacked, the victims of political expediency who have been sacrificed in the name of what's best for the party.

Much of the heat generated during the campaign will be dissipated during the next few months, as the colors of the campaign posters fade, people begin to forget — as they always do — and the historians, from their vantage point of time, attempt to bring some sense of order out of the chaos that is an American national campaign.

IN SOME other countries, they are perhaps kinder to defeated candidates than we are. They shoot them.

Here, when the balloting is over and someone wins and someone loses a pall of gloom falls over the defeated candidate's headquarters.

He turns from a fire - eating campaigner into a pathetic loser, deserted by the people who all through the campaign kept telling him that he couldn't lose.

They are over at the winner's headquarters telling him that they knew all the time that he would win, and the only reason they worked with that other so-and-so was to assure that the ultimate victor would win.

In a political campaign, nobody loves a loser, except his wife, and she can't help herself.

As the defeated candidate sits alone with the stack of unpaid bills and faced with the defection of all the well - wishers who promised him funds but never came across, he can't help but wonder whether the whole thing was really worth while.

The answer to that question is that it is worthwhile. The campaigns force people to make a choice and prevents a stagnation of the political stream, that would result in the country being run by self-perpetuating hierarchy.

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IN THE present presidential election the voters are being asked to make a clear choice between a candidate who pretends to be a conservative, but is actually a reactionary, and a sane and moderate man who sees the world as the complex place it really is.

One can hope that they will make the right selection.

Much attention has been devoted in the colored press to the civil rights stand of Barry Goldwater, and this is as it should have been.

Serving as it does a minority group, the press had an obligation to explore those issues in the campaign that were of paramount interest to its readers.

There are, however, other factors involved that also require attention since they affect all Americans —and regardless of what some of our enemies would like to think — we are Americans.

The most overriding in importance of these issues is that of peace, and whether an impulsive, shallow and impetuous man such as Goldwater, could be trusted not to blow the world apart.

Every man, unless he is a complete fool, is afraid of dying without purpose or reason, and this is the fear that Goldwater creates.

When the Cubans turned off the water to the American naval base in Guantanamo, it was Goldwater who suggested that we should go in with Marines and turn it back on.

This set well with the super - patriots who are capable of seeing everything in sharp shades of black and white. As the most powerful nation in the world, they felt our honor had been compromised and the only answer was a military one.

We could have disposed of Cuba in less than a month, but in the process we could have triggered a nuclear war with Russia, which was committed to aid Cuba, and so destroy all mankind.

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THESE ARE the type of solutions that Goldwater proposes . . . dangerous solutions that threaten the existence of the entire world.

We have enough bombs on hand to kill every man, woman and child on the face of the earth and to so pollute the air that no living thing can grow.

Russia has the same type of arsenal and just as we are capable of hurling our bombs into her very heart, so is she capable of doing the same to America.

If we are lucky, we might hurl our bombs first, but in the final analysis it won't make too much difference since nobody will be around to be concerned with who was first on the trigger.

There is no victory in a Nuclear war, only the dust of total destruction.

Goldwater bitterly resents the accusation that he is trigger happy, but his past statements would indicate that he is.

Perhaps he has really changed his war - like stance, but America can't afford to take that chance. In a world such as we live in, one chance is all that you get, and it is not to be used lightly.

That is why when I hear the words about Goldwater — "in your heart you know he's right" — I have to ask myself — "yes, but right for who, not America".

There's too much at stake not to vote on Election Day and vote for a sensible man, Lyndon B. Johnson.

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OPINIONS AND COMMENTS

He sang for the President

President Lyndon Johnson clapped enthusiastically, so did the other 10,000-odd persons at Fifth Regiment Armory on Saturday evening.

Recipient of the ovation was 29-year-old Robert J. Wilson. His magnificent tenor voice resounded through the huge hall.

There was a brief silence as he finished the last note of the National Anthem ('and the home of the brave..'), and then came the thunderous applause. It was breathtaking.

There were many who asked 'who is he?' 'is he a Baltimorean?' 'Where does he perform."

The following is in answer to these queries.

Robert J. Wilson is a Baltimorean, the youngest child of the late Reginald Wilson and Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

Many know her as Fuller products manager and an active member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Shortly after he started first grade at school No. 112, his music teacher, Miss Elmira Miller, discovered he had a beautiful voice.

Soon, he was hailed as a boy soprano.

One of his first public appearances was at a Red Cross meeting in the Lord Baltimore Hotel. AFRO music critic, Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins, was there.

She recalls, 'He was so tiny they had to stand him on a chair.'

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Oddity: The number he sang in that first concert twenty - years - ago was the same national anthem he sang for President Johnson on Saturday.

Just as she did on his first public appearance, Miss Miller provided the piano accompaniment. She is now a recourse music teacher at Schools 102 and 139.

Of her prize pupil she says: 'He just loved to sing, way back in the first grade, he sang all the time.'

Both she and Mr. Wilson give credit to Mrs. Hugo Dalsheimer, the late Mrs. Vivian Alleyne and Mrs. Ada Watts for helping him become the outstanding concert singer he is today.

After public schools, Mr. Wilson earned his degree at Morgan State College (1956), and then went off to Europe, where he studied at the Paris Conservatory of music under a Whitney Fellowship.

AFRO files of 1957 show that while at the Conservatory he was selected for the leading tenor role in one of the operas.

He has given concerts abroad, and earned recognition as an accomplished opera singer.

In 1962, he recorded semi - classical numbers on the Decca label. This past year, he took opera - theatre courses at Peabody.

By the time you read this, Mr. Wilson will be off to take up residence in New York.

Come January, he will return to the Continent, likely will settle in Holland, where he and Violinist Patricia Greenberg plan to marry.

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How did Mr. Wilson happen to sing at the LBJ rally?

He's a friend of Herbert R. O'Conor Jr., state Democratic campaign manager, and he is for Joe Tydings, the U. S. Senatorial candidate.

In his charming French accent, Mr. Wilson volunteered:—

"But I had no idea I would be singing for the President. I was really astounded to have that honor bestowed on me. . I hope I'm here for President Johnson's inauguration. ."

In addition to his mother, Mr. Wilson's close relatives are three brothers and a sister.

One of his brothers is Brother Donald, a teacher at the Franciscan Brothers' Siena College in Albany, N.Y.

Others are Reginald, a D.C. government worker who lives in Baltimore; and Donald, a Philadelphia shipworker.

The sister is Mrs. Heywood Mayo (Margaret), a New York teacher.

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More on the LBJ rally: Platform guests included State Senator Verda Welcome, City Councilman Henry Parks, and State Legislator Clarence Mitchell 3rd.

The President delayed his entrance into the rally to stop and chat with members of the Morgan State College band directed by Dr. R. Hayes Strider.

He posed with the bandmembers and called their performance 'fabulous.'

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Also entertaining at the rally were Lionel Hampton and members of his band.

Political Notebook

Predictions

By MAX JOHNSON

These final few days before an election is a period in which political writers are generally expected to produce an assessment of what has happened—and predictions of what to expect in the balloting.

I am in strong disagreement with this line of reasoning.

The final week end before election day, as I see it, should be held strictly free of electioneering — and public comments on the candidates.

It should be a period to allow the voter's eyes and ears to rest from constant campaign pronouncements and thus facilitate his approach to the polls without confusion.

For all the candidates say in the final few days — and all they do are just repetitions of things they have said and done many, many times before.

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I THINK the public ought to be given a rest from this sort of thing — at least the week end before an election.

By this time — folks have long since made up their minds how they are going to vote, anyway.

Those who haven't—just aren't interested enough and aren't going to vote.

In all my years as a newsman—I have yet to talk to a voter three days before an election who hadn't made up his mind how he was going to vote.

There may be some such folks — but I've missed them.

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YET, THERE appears to be a general public looking forward to last minute assessments from political writers — and they usually are obliging.

In the national picture — there seems to be high agreement in two distinct areas.

Most commentators and editorial writers agree it has been a hard presidential campaign — and most of them see President Johnson winning with an overwhelming vote.

I see no reason to argue with this national outlook.

But — Maryland itself presents a different picture.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON might well carry the state—but I am not one who envisons him doing so with any too comfortable a majority.

Every Johnson vote is needed at the polls Tuesday — and his supporters shouldn't be lulled into thinking otherwise.

There is a queer brand of Goldwater folks in this state—perhaps just as in some areas of the Deep South.

They will risk his atomic war tendencies, they are blandly accepting his stand against medicare, his pronouncements against social security — just to be happy with his stand against civil rights.

These Goldwater folks here, generally, appear to be only interested in halting civil rights advances for the colored citizen and seem ready to risk their own downfall to keep him down.

It's a stark reality of this campaign in Maryland broke open with Gov. Wallace's appearance here — which points up the need for much work in the area of relations between the races.

That the recently enacted state - wide public accommodations law is being brought to referendum on Tuesday's ballot with far more than the necessary signatures — attests strongly to this.

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THE OTHER contest of note on Maryland ballots is, of course, the Joseph D. Tydings - J. Glenn Beall U. S. Senate race.

This appears, at this writing and from this vantage point, to be shaping as a close one.

And here, too, the Johnson-Goldwater influence may well be a prime factor.

Should President Johnson run very badly here—Mr. Tydings, riding on his banners will undoubtedly be hard pressed to win.

On the other hand — the Goldwater link could be a serious handicap for Sen. Beall in the matter of the Democratic voters who would otherwise be backing him.

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IT'S A paradoxical situation—one to almost defy analytic conclusions toward a projected result.

There are, of course, other factors involved.

Perhaps, the biggest next one, as I see it, is to what extent will the Old Guard Democrats support Mr. Tydings.

In the answer to that lies to a major degree the answer to his victory or defeat.

Nobody will openly say so — but many of his disgruntled party members are preparing to "cut" him in Tuesday's voting.

At this point — I wouldn't bet a nickel on either Messrs. Beall or Tydings.

Pull my arm, though — and I'll pick Joe Tydings.

POET'S NOOK

SYMPATHY

My joy leaps with your ecstasy,
In sympathy divine;
The smiles that wreathe upon your lips,
Find sentinels on mine:
Your lightest sigh I'm echoing,
I tremble with your pain,
And all your tears are falling
In my heart, like bitter rain.

GEORGIA DOUGLAS JOHNSON

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

Anna Graves, champion

Anna Melissa Graves died this week at a Baltimore nursing home. She was 89, white and well-to-do.

Stories in other newspapers describe her 'proper' upbringing in the Green Spring Valley area, her teaching career and her travels abroad, where she befriended the poor and supported liberal causes.

But AFRO readers can learn here that Anna Graves was also an early advocate of glorifying the history of colored peoples.

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Back In 1943, she published a volume of letters from West Africans (Waverly Press, Baltimore, price $2)

AFRO Reviewer Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill called her book one which detailed the 'rich inheritance' of colored peoples, 'a story that should be known to all those who think the colored man has no history but that of slavery. . .'

And, of Miss Graves herself, the reviewer added:

"Miss Graves has been an indefatigable, stimulating correspondent, uncompromising in her determination to stand everywhere for the equality of colored people, whatever the cost to her.

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Dr. Hill continued: "She has heroically persisted in her effort to help colored people in Africa and elsewhere to the recognition they deserve.

"One Anna Melissa Graves is worth hundreds of those in every land who deny the brotherhood of man, which she has long ago discovered and proclaimed."

"It is good for our souls that such a woman lives and moves among us.'

People, places, things

Tip For voters: You do NOT have to present your voter's card in order to vote.

All you have to do is establish that you are the person whose name appears on the vote list in your precinct and have proper identification.

Of course, if you find your voter's card, you might save time. Do not forget to vote Nov. 3.

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Extra special thinking-of-you cards to the family of Mrs. Isadora Bacote, 3101 E. Preston St. They've had it this year.

Mrs. Bacote, 76, was buried on Wednesday in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, the same place where her son and grandson were buried after their tragic deaths.

The son, Milton, a Merchant Marine, was killed by a gang of thugs in December 1955. Just this past April, a grandson, Edward Tyrone Bacote, 18, was fatally shot between the eyes by hoodlums. He was on the way to a Civic Center show.

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Funeral For Mrs. Bacote was in Grace Memorial Baptist, where she was a member for 50 years.

She was active in several church groups and belonged to the NAACP.

Nearest of kin numbering 44, include great-grandchildren, 3 brothers and great grandchildren, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

Cuff Note: Mrs. Ada K. Jenkins, AFRO music critic, was reelected a vice president when the Music Critics Association Inc., met recently in Montreal, Canada.

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Best Wishes to Miss Betty Williams, Lemmel High vice principal. She buried her father, Ignehart Williams, on Tuesday.

Remember illness necessitated amputation of both of his legs?

Remember he was a 55-year-member of St. Matthew Methodist Church?

Address thinking-of-you cards to the family at 3109 Barclay St.

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Clip-Up Cards also to Mrs. Thelma Addison, the teacher, 2337 W. Lexington St.

Her husband, came home from his B and O Railroad job on Thursday in his usual good spirits. He romped with neighborhood kids and his grandchildren, and passed the time of day with neighbors.

In the night, he complained of what he thought was indigestion. He died of a heart attack.

Many knew Mr. Addison as the 32nd degree Prince Hall Mason, as a member of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 of Shriners, and as a member of the Liberterians Club. He was elected president of the club this season.

He did not live to preside at the first meeting.

PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS

About this and that

Last Thursday was Senior Day at Douglass High School.

The 843 members of the June 1965 class (465 girls and 378 boys), gathered in the school auditorium for a special program.

Robert Elliott, class president, presided (an excellent speaker is he).

Music was by the mixed choir, directed by Mrs. Lois Wright and Mrs. Muriel Smith, with William Grigsby at the organ. (Choir members wore blue robes with yellow dickies).

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Seniors' class song, 'Climb Every Mountain,' had an unusual arrangement. Soloist Evelyn Dildy showed great promise in her rendition of 'Through The Years.'

Heartwarming was the reception the student audience gave the principal, Mrs. Lilliam Murphy, and the guest speaker, Miss Essie Hughes, former Douglass vice principal, now in a similar spot at Western High.

The audience applause coupled with the standing ovation was just grand!

P.S. — This visitor noticed that the boys led the standing ovation and clapped the loudest.

Hats off to Douglass young men... nothing like showing appreciation for your own principal, teachers, visitors and classmates!

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Get Well wishes to Theodore (Teddy) Mills, long time postal employee, who has been confined to the hospital since October 12.

Cards will reach him at U.S. Public Hospital, 31st and Wyman Park Drive, Third Floor South.

Cheer fo Parren J. Mitchell, Interracial Commission executive secretary is ailing at his Brooks Lane home.

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Belated Birthday Greetings to a good neighbor, Mrs. J. Logan Jenkins (Fannie), 2415 College Ave., Morgan Park. She was 80-plus years old on Oct. 24.

Also missed: The Oct. 23rd birthday of Miss Mary Bertha Wright, 1504 McCulloh St.

Mainstream

Street Boy

By RALPH MATTHEWS, JR.

I'll call him Bud and not by his real name because he already has enough trouble with cops and school teachers and juvenile authorities.

He is a smallish boy, 13, dark and with knowing eyes.

He is already a thief but by voice and manner it is evident that he has not yet decided whether to be a con man, a soft crook or just plain out-and-out thug. He could go either way.

Bud watches me while I work on my slum house.

"Hey, Mr. Matthews, **you want me to do anything for you today"**

"Bud, how come you're not in school?"

"I was there earlier, ain't nothing going on there."

I nodded because Bud was probably right, as far as I knew.

But we all like to think of ourselves as one-man rehabilitation agencies.

"You ought to stick in school, Bud," I avowed.

He has heard this before. He still has good manners. "Yessir, I guess I should."

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BUT WE both know there is not much point in this line of talk.

"If you don't want to go to school what do you want to do, Bud?"

"He wants to steal."

Bud smiles at this because the friend's response is the simple truth. But he cannot quite admit this to me, after all. I seem to be like an authority figure, one of his school teachers or a case-worker.

But he has his honesty. He whispers cunningly; "steal", in answer to my original question and then more loudly, "Aw come on, Joe, you know I don't go for nothing against the law."

Joe, Bud and I know this is a big joke.

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BUD IS interested in carpentry and the building trades.

"Hey, Mr. Matthews, you going to put iron grates up to your windows," he wonders. "so those stealing boys can't get in?"

I said: "Bud, I know where you live so why should I go to all that trouble."

"Awww dirty," he lamented. "I thought you was on my side."

"I am, Bud," I told him, "but you already said you steal, so as long as I know it and you know it, if anything is missing I can come to you and we can get it straightened out. Fair enough?"

He thinks about this. "No sir, because some of these other boys may not know you and me have an understanding and they'll break in anyway."

"Then maybe I'd better put bars up after all."

Bud gives me benefit of his expert advice. "You'd better put them on the second floor too, we got some boys around here that can climb their . . . . . off."

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ONE AFTERNOON Bud came running up. He had made a decision. "I'm going to quit school and go into construction work."

I said he was too small for that. You have give the Buds reasons that make sense to them.

He looked at me: **"You always saying no to something. You don't hear me coming up and telling you that you ought to do something or shouldn't do something."**

He was right. I offered him a cigarette. He took it. I felt no compunction, after all, Bud had reported that the cops gave him a weed when they took him for questioning, which was often, and I did not want to seem less human than the gendarmes.

"All right, Bud, let's do it your way. What do you want to do with your life?

He smiled like an actor being introduced on stage. He stood straight and with that mocking smile said, "I want to be a school drop-out."

"Come on, Bud, be serious."

"I am. Then I want to be put in Children's Center, then after that in Boys' Village."

I was losing patience. "I thought you had something on your mind."

"I do. You asked me what I wanted to do so I told you so now you're getting bugged with me. I figured you was different than Mrs. . . . . (his school principal) and them other phonies."

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I REVERSED field again. "Okay, Bud, why do you want to drop out of school and be put in Boys Village?"

"Well for one thing, I could learn how to steal better and number two is they feed you, they got to feed you."

I said: "If that's what you want, you got it."

Bud said that suited him just fine.

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BUD CAME tearing down our alley one night. "I want to talk to you," he yelled as he ran past into the night shadows. "I ain't got time now."

A moment later, the cruising patrol careened into the narrow street.

"You seen some kids with boxes?"

I said I had seen some boys but they had no boxes.

Bud was not so mocking on our next meeting. "You think if me and the other boys told you our side of the you would put it in the paper so people would know why we do what we do?"

I said, "You do it because you are hungry and have no dough."

Bud said, "That's some of it. Would you print it all?"

I said: "I'll report anything you say just as long as you are serious about it."

Bud said, "Wheeeeewwwww! I'm going to bring some boys around so you can hear how we think."

I said fine and he turned to leave. "Hey, Mr. Matthews, how much would you pay us?"

I said, "Bud, you're always scheming. Now you're going to charge for conversation that may help you"

"They pay you for what you write don't they?".

"Yes, Bud," I said, and envisioned a petty cash voucher for "talk with a bunch of young thieves."

Money could be worse spent.

Labor-Business

Finding Jobs

By STERLING A. PAIGE

The two reinstated workers were awarded a total of close to $1,700 retroactive pay.

Despite this favorable NLRB decision, the union drive to organize the plant appears to be bogged down.

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MOST union-management contracts today cover a period of at least three years: Often, at the end of a contract period, the agreement fails and workers vote to go out on a "no contract—no work" strike.

YET, despite the established pattern and the long-range strike projection, many steadily-employed workers find themselves in dire straits if the strike lasts more than a few days.

Such was the case with many workers during the recent UAW-General Motors strike. It would seem that men who pay insurance in case of sickness, car insurance in case of accident, bet on horses in case they win, would certainly set aside a few dollars each week to build savings that would tide them over in case **of strike or other work interruption.**

Certification election by plant employees of the W. P. Ihrie Potato Chip Co. was held last Thursday following organization efforts by Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, Local 68 (AFL-CIO).

Balloting resulted in 18 votes for the union and 18 against with another two votes challenged by the company.

According to Henry Koellein, Local 68 business agent, the challenge is being protested by the union and objections have been filed with the National Labor Relations Board asking for certification.

James J. Doherty, attorney for Ihrie Co., state that the company is challenging two ballots on grounds that two voters were ineligible because they were not working at time of qualification for election. The company is also filing objections with NLRB immediately, based on some of the organizing activities of the union and its representatives.

The current close balloting is a far cry from the union upset by a vote of 27-12 in favor of company in the last organizing attempt two years ago.

In another recent labor battle, the NLRB ordered reinstatement of two Rice's Bakery workers whose union charged were fired for union organizing activities.

This dispute erupted as result of Bakery Workers Local No. 68 attempts to organize the Rice plant. The NLRB decision included return of job seniority, and continuity of fringe benefits.

THIS column is just a little bit suspicious (un-informed) about the recently announced program sponsored by Rep. Clarence D. Long (D. 2nd) to spend $64,000 to train unemployed in how to find a job.

Sounds like political flag-waving "Do not open until after election."

With millions being spent for state and government-financed employment services; with hundreds of thousands being spent to train and re-train people for jobs and skills; with automation steadily increasing the number of unemployed, along comes Long.

We are informed that the program will have nothing to do with finding jobs or placing the unemployed on jobs. This money will be spent to teach the unemployed HOW to LOOK for a job, where to look—where to apply and how to avoid errors.

Mr. Long says: "Many jobs are available in the Baltimore area, but many unemployed don't know how to look for work."

Officials at the Department of Employment Security say there are not enough jobs to take care of people who are seeking positions through their agency. However, they say, the Long program will not conflict with DES functions.

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THERE HAS already been criticism leveled at some job-training programs because a large percentage of trainees have been unable to get jobs after training.

Also, labor officials have charged, that due to automation, jobs in some training programs have become obsolete even before completion of retraining. These were skills planned to replace jobs already automated out.

The question arises: are these people to be trained how to look for jobs, already trained-for specific jobs? If not, will they be trained for a job after being trained in job-finding.

And should a person who wants a job apply to the State Employment Service or to the How to Find a Job Service.

I sincerely invite Representative Long to fill me in on details of this program which will be set up in Middle River, Essex and Dundalk, in his Second District.

Meanwhile, the Long program was officially approved, with a formal signing ceremony in Washington last Thursday.

Thought of the Week: Modern science seems to have improved just about everything — EXCEPT PEOPLE.