"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

Remind us, Oh Lord, that Thou givest us not one but many chances to correct our faults, or to change the direction of our lives.—Amen.

It Was A Bad Move

The African Congo has been engaged in Civil War since its independence four years ago.

Foreigners who have had opportunity to leave the country have failed to do so. Many have remained anchored to save rich mines and businesses which they acquired when the Congo was a Belgian colony.

So they stayed day after day as the anti-European crisis developed, hopeful that if the worst came some one would bail them out.

Someone did. Belgian paratroops, using U.S. planes, invaded the newly independent African Republic purportedly to bring out 1,000 Europeans.

It was a bad move.

Even if the U.S. planes fly in and right back out again, it is an invasion of a small country by a bigger one.

We don't dare invade a country our size or even Cuba for fear of provoking Russia to war.

We set a modern precedent in invading the Congo, usurping the place of United Nations, demonstrating to all the world that might makes everything right.

Intermarriage, Ho-Hum

Maryland and 18 other states have laws against interracial marriages or what is called in a big word, miscegenation.

Beside 11 states of the old Confederacy, the others are Delaware, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Indiana.

In 30 of the 50 states there are no laws against race mixing.

Since discrimination on the grounds of race has been so frequently outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court, the question naturally arises why these discriminatory marriage laws have not been tested in the courts?

There are two reasons:

One — It has been hard to find a plaintiff.

Two — scary states use all kinds of subterfuges to prevent mixed marriages cases from being appealed to higher courts on their merits. For example, the charge would be changed to disorderly conduct and a small fine imposed.

Now the Supreme Court has before it the case of a mixed couple charged with violating Florida's law forbidding their "habitual occupation of the same room at night time."

William T. Coleman of Philadelphia and Professor Louis H. Pollack of Yale, representing the NAACP, argued in the U.S. Supreme Court for the freedom of colored and white persons to associate without state interference.

They are right, of course. No state may discriminate against citizens on the ground of race.

The 20 states which are against interracial marriages will be angered and will rave.

However, we expect no such uproar as greeted the High Court's 1954 decision against segregated schools.

In their hearts, the segregationists know they are morally wrong.

Moreover, if a white female has a child by a colored male, it should be lawful for the couple to marry if they wish to protect the child.

Nor should any father of a child born out of wedlock plead his whiteness as an excuse to avoid his responsibility to support a mixed offspring.

Al Barnes Persisted

Albert Barnes was named plant engineer by Postmaster William Lautalis last week.

His office will be in the Baltimore main post office downtown.

His job will be to maintain and service all machinery processing letters, packages and sacks in the main post office, parcel post and truck terminal.

It is an important post and one for which his knowledge of engineering and experience in electronics makes him eminently qualified.

How long had he studied to qualify for this new post? Mr Barnes' answer was since 1947 — 17 years — and he continues to study.

There is something about this Second Ward High School graduate of Charlotte, N.C., who came to Baltimore to seek his fortune, that is altogether refreshing.

He set a goal for himself and kept at it without deviation. He didn't find 17 years of hard work too long or too burdensome.

At the opening of Morgan College's new footbridge last week, President Martin Jenkins recalled that the college had repeated its request for this facility for 14 years. Persistence pays off, was Governor Millard Tawes' comment.

There is precedence for all this in the Bible story of a man who knocked repeatedly at his neighbor's door in the dead of night in order to borrow a loaf of bread.

Because of his "importunity," Luke says (11-8), the neighbor finally got up and gave him the bread.

The new English Bible refers to the "shamelessness of the request."

"Importunity," "persistence" or "shamelessness" are all one and the same thing.

There is always rejoicing when hard work pays off.

Saint Edgar Hoover

The image of J. Edgar Hoover has been tarnished. He turns out to be neither Mr. Clean nor a Knight on a white horse.

The great FBI could not save President John F. Kennedy from an assassin's bullet nor protect the murderer.

The killers of three civil rights workers in Mississippi and the bombers of 34 churches in other areas have not been punished.

Mr. Hoover and the FBI may have done their best, but it has not been good enough to keep President John F. Kennedy alive or restore destroyed churches.

It is our image of Mr. Hoover that is tarnished. If in our minds he wore a halo, he has lost it or it is woefully askew.

New Stamps

Auto traffic deaths are up 12 per cent and may total 48,000 this year. (966,000 in the past 26 years).

A million persons will be injured every year. Every third auto will have blood on it sometime during its existence.

Oregon's Governor Mark Hatfield, backed by the National Safety Council, governors of states and automobile manufacturers like Ford and General Motors have petitioned the Post Office Department in Washington to issue a special U.S. postage stamp on traffic safety in 1965.

It is believed that an appropriate message on millions of postage stamps would contribute to safer driving and walking.

We are for that safety postage stamp and we believe the postmaster general will give the proposal sympathetic study.

The Post Office has used imagination in the issuance of a special Christmas stamp, one of 15 issued every year.

The handsome new 5 cents stamp features only pine branches, wreaths, etc., suitable for holiday mail.

We have our suggestion for a special 1965 stamp too. It would picture the likeness of a teen-ager with books.

Too high a percentage of all school children drop out before finishing high school.

"Stay in school" would be a fitting message for a special postage stamp next year.

Prince Georges County

Not far from the handsome buildings of Washington are the small colored communities of Cedar Heights and Fairmount Heights in Prince Georges County. They have to be seen to be believed.

As one of our reporters described Cedar Heights:

"Shabby houses are surrounded by mountains of junked cars, tin cans, broken bottles, etc. (there is no trash service). Few houses have plumbing. Streets and sidewalks are dirt and gravel, a good mixture for mud holes when the rain and snow come. There are no playgrounds, so children play in danger . . . in the streets, on a junk lot . . .

Compounding the squalid conditions is a turgid, filth-laden stream, which runs through the area and is believed to have been responsible for several cases of typhoid.

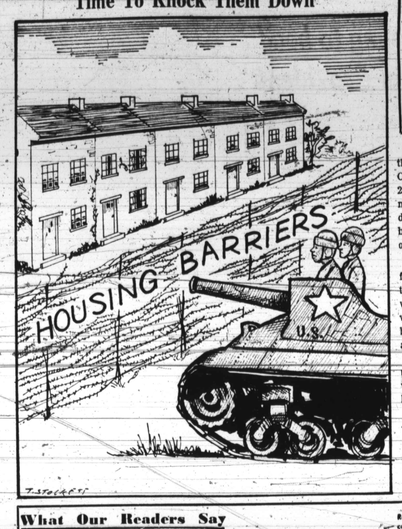
So bad have conditions become that AORE, the Cedar Heights Civic Association and a Democratic Society at the University of Maryland, have joined forces in a cleanup campaign.

The self-help project was started because the County Commissioners, behind a wall of official indifference, have refused constantly to do anything to clean up the areas.

Pleas have fallen on deaf ears giving clear indication that as far as the county commissioners are concerned the colored residents aren't important.

This attitude can only be changed by applying pressure on the commissioners to move forward. It is more than justified under the circumstances and since this seems to be only technique that the commissioners will heed, the residents have no other choice.

Time To Knock Them Down



What Our Readers Say

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Hoover and King

Dear AFRO:

In view of the controversy between J. Edgar Hoover and Martin Luther King, I honestly believe that Mr. King was not lying and that he did not offend Mr. Hoover.

In the past, many lies have been said. For example, the asked a certain person if he knew Jesus Christ. That person denied he knew Jesus.

I believe that since slavery the colored people have been mistreated. Whites can go anyplace but you (colored people) can't.

In addition colored people can't go into white places of business but the white can go into the colored places of business.

Whites go into colored bars and you can see them there.

There will never be a trial. Hoover vs. King or King vs. Hoover since human nature is involved. They told Jesus Christ that he was a liar because he took the name of the Savior to save all mankind.

It is the first time that I have heard Mr. Hoover call somebody a dirty name.

SAMUEL P. MINTHORN

Dear AFRO:

As a citizen concerned with the general welfare of our country, I find it necessary to react to statements of FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover appearing today, Thursday, November 19.

Mr. Hoover's conduct of the past has reflected great credit on his particular agency and on the country in general. Significant in this image has been Mr. Hoover's reluctance to engage in petty nagging, epithets and name calling. He has given the impression that he knew where he was going and was determined to reach his goal. This was entirely to his credit.

But of recent and particularly in his remarks in the article referred to above, there seems to be a new and unfortunately bitter and disturbed Hoover.

I wish to refer especially to his remarks concerning Dr. Martin Luther King. Mr. King was dubbed as a liar, by Mr. Hoover.

As Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I'm sure Mr. Hoover must have ample information to justify so serious a description.

And if Mr. Hoover has such justifying facts—the public deserves to know. For Dr. Martin Luther King, like Mr. Hoover, is a public figure.

Mr. King has suffered too many indignities, sacrificed too much personal security and worked too unreservedly, to be so harshly attracted by one whom our country has honored so long.

If Mr. Hoover had said that Dr. King was misinformed on the issue or had the facts out of focus or poorly understood the workings of the local office of the FBI, then, his criticisms would have been at least gentlemanly stated.

But, to forthrightly call the man a liar puts the statement completely outside the circumference of the acceptable.

Does Mr. Hoover unequivocally deny that his bureau tends to take local color in the execution of its work? Does the respected Director of the FBI mean to say that his bureau is entirely color blind—even in the Deep South? If the case be so, then the situation is strongly complicated.

It would be helpful if Mr. Hoover would publish—if such is permissible, figures on the racial ratios of his bureau in general and in the local offices of the southern states in particular. These figures alone would go a long way in dispelling some of our fears.

Colored people have been shot, mutilated and killed. Homes dynamited and churches burned but very few FBI officers have been disturbed.

Is this due to a fear of the effective work of the FBI or to a feeling of affinity—however distant? These are simply questions in my mind.

In the light of the tremendous dangers all around us—the threat of integration, social and civil unrest, I would think that Mr. Hoover could serve his country best by applying his energies to the work of this office rather than castigating Dr. King.

For in spite of all that may be said to the contrary by the respected Director of the FBI, Dr. Martin Luther King has been, still is and shall remain a respected, loved and honored champion of love and justice.

R. L. PATTERSON

Two Tragedies

Dear AFRO:

The assassination of King Duncan and that of President Kennedy were both quite a blow to the public. However, there are several other aspects which make these two tragedies similar.

One similarity is that both assassinations occurred in a place where it was least expected. In King Duncan's case, the home of Macbeth had a warm and welcome atmosphere. Because Dallas has always been known as a city of brotherly love, President Kennedy probably arrived with high spirits and composure.

Anoter comparison is the fact that both of the assassins were motivated by selfishness. Macbeth, the murderer of King Duncan, thought he was entitled to the throne, while Oswald, the President's assassin, wanted public attention.

Again, both of these great men were loved by the majority of their countrymen. Therefore, as the memory of King Duncan was stamped on the minds of his people, so will we remember the noble and genuine person of John F. Kennedy.

MISS MINNIE CONYERS

Memorial Plans

Dear AFRO:

I and a large number of my friends would like to start a collection to build a statue of and to the memory of the late President John F. Kennedy.

We would like, if possible, to build this statue from funds collected exclusively from the colored people of Baltimore as a token of our thanks for the efforts he made on behalf of all colored Americans.

When the statue is finished we thought the campus of Morgan State College would be a good place for it.

We Who Remember JFK

Only In America

Horatio Alger In Life Beats Book

By HARRY GOLDEN

This is the centenary year of the Horatio Alger novels. This fact is brought to our attention by Thomas Meehan in a recent article. Mr. Meehan goes on to outline the dull life Alger lived and to assay the dull prose he created.

In his late years, Alger found his novels as boring as we find them now. And Mr. Meehan reminds us that though the Horatio Alger hero was dedicated, clean-living, chaste and hard-working, luck played more than an incidental role in his success.

Had Ragged Dick or Paul the Peddler not been in the right place at the right time, Alger's whole life might have resolved itself into dreary toil and poverty.

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BUT I DO not think this criticism is to the point. The Horatio Alger hero has passed into our national consciousness. When we talk about a Horatio Alger hero we mean that a certain peculiarly American set of circumstances have contributed to his success, circumstances which have brought him from rags to riches.

That a handy millionaire was always ready to reward the Horatio Alger hero for his virtue is a satisfactory coincidence for most Americans, few of whom have ever subscribed to the notion that virtue is its own reward.

Virtue to most Americans is meeting a payroll which is what the Horatio Alger hero eventually did. That this hero was poorly conceived and badly executed on a literary level rather proves the point that there was something deeply compelling in the juvenile myths Alger wove.

In the years Alger wrote, say from 1864 to the turn of the century, how many of his contemporaries conceived great literature? Mark Twain, Whitman, Melville, and a decade of lesser writers.

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THE BEDROOM comedy which has survived from the Renaissance right through Hollywood and Off-Broadway has not produced too many great works of drama, but it always served to teach us there is an uncompromising dissatisfaction with monogamy that motivates most of us.

The Horatio Alger hero satisfies a need thousands upon thousands have entertained that there is a way out of blinding poverty and despair that can be laid by hard work, diligence and purity of motive.

Mr. Meehan points out that Alger reached his great audience during the years of unrestricted immigration. Immigrants to America always expected to pick up gold in the streets. When they arrived on these shores they not only found no gold, but no streets and more: they found they were going to have to build the streets, often yoked together like mules.

Perhaps the Horatio Alger hero was one of the many myths that sustained them in the face of blinding disillusion.

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I DO NOT mean to imply that these considerations can metamorphosize the Horatio Alger hero into an artistic and profound figure. Indeed, they cannot. There is a qualitative difference in character between the English equivalent, say Tom Jones and the American Horatio Alger.

The qualitative difference between Tom Jones and Phil the Fiddler is what makes Fielding's book literature. But it does not on that score make Alger's book trash.

There is a qualitative difference in conception between Don Quixote and Major Hoople but that does not mean we cannot respond to the Major's life in the boarding house.

The Horatio Alger hero has divorced himself from his context. He survives more hardily outside the literature that produced him than he does inside. To try to put him back in that literature is to do him a disservice and to deprive ourselves.

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 compromise.
JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

★OPINIONS AND COMMENTS★

People, places, things

Down Memory Lane: George W. B. (Scud) Overton, retired New York public school teacher, died in New York's Delafield Hospital, Oct. 2

A graduate of Howard University, his first post was principal of Cumberland, Md. Later at Annapolis, as principal of Bates High, he led the successful movements for a new building.

As an undergraduate at Howard, he arranged for the first Alpha Phi Alpha convention which met in Washington 46 years ago.

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Mr. Overton was a native of Bellfonte, Pa. He met is wife at Howard, where she was clerk under the late George W. Cook and chief clerk under the late Secretary Emmett Scott.

Shortly before his death, Mr. and Mrs. Overton had celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Overton, the former Carrie Burton, is a native of Laramie, Wyoming, was the first graduate of the Howard University Conservatory of Music, and is now studying for her doctorate at Columbia University.

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The Miss Violet May Burnside, 47, who died in Washington last week, was better known as Vi Burnside.

She won acclaim as the greatest woman saxophonist. Remember when she toured Europe for three years during World War 2?

Remember when she and her all-girl orchestra ("Sweethearts of Rhythm), played the Royal Theatre here in Baltimore?

She is being buried (today), in her native Lancaster, Pa.

Thinking of you cards to her mother, Mrs. May Burnside at 420 W St., NW Washington.

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Reunion Note: Members of the Douglass High June 1945 class are planning a reunion.

Interested? Samuel Tonkins, 31 S. Culver St., and Marshall E. Dawson, 3309 Alto Rd., will furnish details.

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Promotion Note: Call Baltimore's Paul E. Waters lieutenant colonel now.

He was promoted last week.

He's with a U.S. Army engineering unit in St. Louis. You may remember him as a 1948 Morgan grad.

Concert Note: The Sunday 3 p.m. event in Peabody's Concert Hall (1 East Mt. Vernon Place), features gifted teenagers who are going places.

There will be original music and dance numbers composed by the students who are associated with the Junior Conservatory Camp which seeks funds for its scholarship drive.

Among the young artists: Nansi Carroll, Boston U. freshman. She wrote the original numbers. She is the daughter of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Carroll. He's the Methodist minister.

Also to be featured: Lauretta Dorsey, the lyric soprano, who's a Juilliard grad, and a staff member of the Junior Camp.

Many know her as the Eastern High grad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dorsey.

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BJC Note: Baltimore Junior College's new plant, due to be ready next year, is taking shape.

A dream of a building is the one which dominates the main campus area and sprawls over the equivalent of three blocks.

On our Sunday visit, we were unable to get a closeup look because the barricades were still up, but things are moving on schedule so that sidewalk superintendents can get a closer look soon.

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Orchids due parents of kindergarteners at Robert Fulton Elementary School No. 138.

They prepared and served a Thanksgiving meal to pupils and faculty on Tuesday 'Twas a surprise.

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Moving Note: Mr. and Mrs. Avon Chatman (Bertha), long residents of Old York Rd., Phoenix, Md. are town residents as of last week.

Their new address: 1011-Beaumont Ave., in Baltimore's Govans section.

By the way, come Jan. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Chatman will mark their 52nd wedding anniversary.

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Setting record straight: That uptown minister who has what he calls a "Legal Separation" from his wife, says it is not true he will accept another pastorate.

He turned down two offers, one from a Philly church, and the other from the Government (Civil Defense.)

The minister calls the vote of confidence given him by his church and the denomination's governing body "a very strong vote of confidence."

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Visitor: — Sunday worshipper at St. James P.E. Church was Father Cecil Marshall of St. Mark's Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Should he be prevailed upon to join the St. James family as associate rector, Baltimore will have in its midst a young (32), handsome and brilliant bachelor-preacher.

He's a graduate of Boston U. and Hartford Seminary.

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Moving West are Mr. and Mrs. Nathan R. Jerald (Dot). He's been regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for the past eight years.

They'll go to San Diego, where he will organize a new chapter of NCCJ. He leaves in January. Mrs. Jerald, a city teacher, follows in June.

P.S. We shared a table with the Jeralds at the George Brain testimonial a week back. Both are so young looking and alive, it is difficult to convince one that they've been married 30 years.

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Calendar Note: There are just 23 shopping days left until Christmas!

Political Notebook

GOP Decision

By MAX JOHNSON

At first attention—the Republican City Committee's recent overwhelming vote to repudiate the extremist and racist elements of their party here might appear a noble, magnanimous gesture.

And it might well be—but there is much more to the thing than that.

Actually—city GOP leaders had no choice.

It was either press for this action—or let the party degenerate into a some-whites-only type organization.

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THIS IS not to belittle the motivations behind the spearheading of this decisive stand by some moderates—such as Walter E. Black Jr., city GOP chairman.

Instead—it's just a matter of putting the situation in its true perspective.

Mr. Black et al have unquestionably saved, for the moment at least, their fast-dying party in this city.

Whether the GOP will do this on a state-wide basis remains to be seen — when party biywigs get together Dec. 3.

If Newton I. Steers Jr., state chairman, has his ways—it's a safe bet a same stand will be taken.

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LET'S GET back more specifically, however, to the situation here in Baltimore.

The Goldwater campaign had split the party wide open—with much eyebrow-raising over the folks who jumped to the Arizona senator's bandwagon.

The movement was such that when colored party members were designated as Republicans by other members of their race—it sounded like a dirty name.

And the Goldwater flop at the polls did little, if anything, to change this new image of the party.

It was a question of doing something quick to get the GOP back in general public esteem—if the party is to function as such.

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THE AFRO was first to report this pending action in its Nov. 14 edition. In on the training program if, you wish to become a nurses' aide or orderly.

The two-month program will begin Nov. 30 at Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace. Only thirty people will be accepted and you will be paid while training.

Federal grant of $28,000 makes possible this opportunity for you.

Confidential sources inform this column there will be an opening as Senior Clerk Stenographer in the City Comptroller's office first of the year. Starting salary is $3600 per year. If you qualify—move fast in applying. I suggest you contact Comptroller Hyman Pressman.

Back to national opportunities — the Federal Government is hiring printers at $4.02 an hour; steamfitters, masons, and laundrymen, $2.81-$4.12 an hour; librarians, $5,000 per year up; elementary school teachers $3600 - $4400 per year; accountants, $5,000 up; and warehouse examiners, $5,000 up.

If interested in any of these, contact the Job Desk of Congressman Long at his local office in the Post Office Bldg. or in the Senate Office Bldg. in Washington. Be sure to let him know you are a Maryland voter. The Washington number is 224-3121.

Yet—25,700, or 94 percent, of these new voters registered as Democrats.

The GOP didn't do too much better with the white newcomers registering during that campaign.

Of the 19,615 such new voters registered in that period—a high of 15,800, or 81 percent, of them went Democratic.

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CARRYING THIS registration a bit further—figures now show only 23 percent of the colored voters are Republicans.

This compares favorably, however, to the 14 percent of the total white voters registered here in the GOP.

Two years ago—30.3 percent of the colored registered were Republicans.

And at that time—14.5 percent of the whites on the books were registered with the GOP.

Faced with these facts — conscientious GOP leaders were faced also with need for decision.

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THE PARTY was not only losing in colored registration — there was no offsetting gains in attracting whites.

Something had to be done—and done quickly.

So, what they now say they have done in Baltimore—is to put the party back on the same principles that attracted its membership in the first place.

Whether this will work out satisfactorily — nobody knows at the moment.

At any rate—some perhaps well-meaning white Republicans are almost sure to say to some colored party members:

"Look what we are doing for you—to keep you happy with us."

If and when they do—I suggest this reply:

"And look at what we colored Republicans are doing for you—just making it possible for the party to stay alive, that's all."

Word from Congressman Clarence D. Long says there is still time to get in on the training program if, you wish to become a nurses' aide or orderly.

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WHILE ON the subject of job opportunities, this column salutes a person who can be credited with a large number of employment opportunities that have opened up to qualified members of our race at military installations in this area. He has worked quietly, diligently and determinedly in resolving complaints and even hints of unfair hiring practices.

He sends out no-news releases on his activities and when he speaks to an audience, he speaks about other things.

His work at Ft Meade has done much to open new doors and also to achieve up-grading of old employees there.

His diplomatic intransigence is always accompanied by his face-saving (for his opposition) silence. His victories are always followed up with, "I thank you for your kind cooperation."

This column salutes — Dr. Furman L. Templeton of the Urban League, BUSINESS BALTIMORE

Top business event of the week is evidenced with the official opening of the new Reisterstown Rd. office of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co.

The modern Baltimore branch office was constructed at a cost that greatly exceeded the cost of the original home office building in Durham.

NCM started out 65 years ago with a few paltry dollars chipped in by seven men in Durham. Their first office cost them two dollars a month for rent.

For a while they were the only policy holders. Later a few members of the families and some close friends came in.

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BUT IT WAS a long time before the first colored insurance company was accepted by its own people. But they kept pushing.

When the first death claim called for the payment of $40 the Board of Directors had to be called in and each dug into his pocket to make it up.

Today North Carolina Mutual owns properties valued at more than $2 million. Branch offices alone are worth more than a half-million.

NCM has a total insurance in force amounting to more than $347 million.

Company employs more than 1400 people in such positions as executives technicians, lawyers, doctors, investment specialists, secretaries, stenographers, salesmen, managers and many other.

Policy holders number over three-quarter million and the company now rates as number 185 among the more than 1400 life insurance companies in America.

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NCM PRESIDENT Asa T. Spaulding, along with vice president W. A. Clement, was on hand Sunday to greet the hundreds who came to Open House.

Manager Frank Walker, ever the genial host, was a near-victim of a shrunken hand after six hours of constant handshaking as the throng passed through for a look at this 20th Century monument to Race Progress.

Again I say to you readers; If You Think You Have It—Keep On. It Can Be Done.

This column at a later date will bring you an inspiring message from the president of this successful business.

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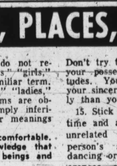
OUTSTANDING salesman is young Izell Crump, route salesman for Royal Crown. Employed by the company for only three months, Izell topped all the other salesmen in business volume during a recent sales contest. Within a 3-week period he increased sales on his route by 29 per cent, broke all records, and won a television set which was presented to him by Art Linkletter. Art is a member of the Royal Crown board of directors.

Win was made possible by cooperation of same E. Balto. merchants this column threw orchids to a short time ago.

Nicest part is that the outstanding salesman, after winning, went back and personally thanked those customers who helped him.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS



Timely tips for speakers

Over in Washington last week, the new police chief (John B. Layton), was in hot water because he referred to us as 'you people.'

Right here in Baltimore there are people who profess to be our friends who persist in 'talking down' to us or use terms which offend us.

Baltimore Urban League has available (free), a pamphlet entitled 'Tips To Talkers,' which lists 15 points for "white speakers," before colored or mixed audiences who sometimes use expressions or make references which offend their listeners or otherwise convey an impression which the speaker does not intend.

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CLIP THIS out and pass it along to a friend who needs such guidance.

1. Avoid racial jokes, which derive their humor from racial or religious identity of their characters and are seldom funny to the members of the group involved.

2. **Pronounce the word "Negro" plainly. Unless the broad "o" is pronounced distinctly the word can sound like an epithet. Also, always remember that "Negro" is capitalized when written.**

3. Don't talk about your "colored mammy." Colored audiences do not accept reference to your colored domestic as proof of sound interracial attitudes. They resent the master-servant relationship it suggests and interpret it a desire to maintain that relationship between groups.

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4. Be consistent in your praise and criticism. Apply the same standards of judgment that you would apply to persons of any other group. Remember there is no racial monopoly on ability. Nor is any one group all bad or all good.

5. Use the ordinary courtesy titles. Use first names only if you are willing to have your first name used. Do not use first name as an index of sound intergroup attitudes or permit their use to convey an impression that you feel superior.

It is far better to have such familiarity develop as naturally as in your normal social contacts and associations.

6. Read the Negro press. Newspapers and magazines are available at neighborhood newsstands and will give you current news and trends in Negro opinion.

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7. Avoid blanket indictments. There are good and bad, clean and dirty, ignorant and educated, prejudiced and liberal people in every group. Every person has right to be judged on his or her individual merits and qualifications. Avoid untrue, unscientific and undemocratic generations.

8. Be factual. Most audiences do not know such basic facts as the size, percentage and distribution of colored or other groups in the United States, or their contributions to American life. Much good can be achieved by explaining how and why these groups live as they do.

9. Be objective. Colored people are not the only under-privileged minority in this country or in the world. The problems and welfare of one group are related to those other minority groups.

Show that all minorities are victims of prejudice and discrimination, with differences only as to kind and degree.

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10. Do Not be apologetic. Give your listeners a full and frank discussion of the project with which you are dealing. Do not apologize, either as a member of an spokesman for minority groups. Your listeners have an obligation as great as yours to make democracy work and to insure equality of opportunity to all.

11. Avoid Unnecessary labels. Don't use designations as "You People," "My People," "Negroes," "Jewess," "You Folks," etc. If designations must be used, select those that show a oneness in American citizenship and democracy.

12. Negro vs. colored? Either term is acceptable when referring to non-white citizens. "Colored" is preferable because it is more inclusive, less suggestive of citizen differentiation and cannot be mispronounced.

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13. Respect Adulthood. When addressing adult audiences, do not refer to your listeners as "boys" "girls," or any other juvenile or familiar term. Use such words as "men," "ladies," "friends," etc. Juvenile terms are objectionable because they imply inferiority, immaturity and other meanings of inequality.

14. Be natural and comfortable. Take comfort in the knowledge that you are talking to human beings and fellow citizens.

Avoid affectation and nervousness. Don't try to sell yourself in terms of your possession of sound racial attitudes. Your listeners will perceive your sincerity or lack of it more quickly than you think.

15. Stick to your subject. Don't waste time and antagonize your audience by unrelated references to the colored person's skill in cooking, singing, dancing or personal service. Such references are ingratiating, unfounded and resented.

★PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS★

More people and things

Thanks Time: Orchids to Dunbar Evening High School; Students and faculty who paused on Tuesday to think of others.

Result: Forty families received full baskets of food. Names were supplied by Family and Children's Society.

Special credit to the co-chairmen: Mrs. Dorothy Chambers and Raymond Purvear; and the principal, Henry Horsey.

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Words of Week: "If I could leave this life and come back, I would have three wishes. First, that I may be able to sing; second, that I would be able to teach; and third that I might have Miss Williams as a student."

Speaker was Todd Duncan, the famous concert singer (Remember he had the original male role in 'Porgy and Bess'?) and Howard University professor.

Mr. Duncan, who remembers Miss Mildred M. Williams as a "conscientious" and "challenging" student, was among speakers at the Wednesday testimonial which cited her for 29 years service as organist and choir director at Sharon Baptist Church; and as a public school teacher of music of high standard.

Ailing:—Mrs. Marie Smallwood, 424 E. Lafayette Ave., the civic worker, is still confined to Provident Hospital, (Room 204). Sunshine to her.

She is the wife of William Smallwood, who is the parking lot manager and member of Zion Baptist Church.

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Theatre Note:—"Stairway to Heaven," a fast-moving Gospel drama, is now at the Arena Playhouse Down town. (406 Orchard St.)

This is the original production written by two Morgan State College professors R. Hayes Strider and Richard A. Lond.

Two shows scheduled: Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29 at 8:30 p.m.

Call 727-8953 for your reservation!

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Coast Visitors: Louis E. Webb, member of a large Baltimore family now living in California, is in this area this month.

He is in the East in connection with his job as computer analyst with the Computer Sciences Corp. of El Segundo, Calif.

He recalls he got his basic training while an Air Force sergeant in World War II.

Mainstream

Jive Struggle

By RALPH MATTHEWS, JR.

NEWARK, N.J. — Eulis "Honey" Ward, Democratic leader in this town's Central Ward, crammed full of soul brothers and sisters, is perhaps the "last hurrah."

"Honey" is the American dream, the poor boy who rose above aborted education and ghetto dues to become a respected politician, albeit at the local level.

And what has he come around to in this checquered career?

"Right is the side I'm on," is what life has taught him and when you get down to it, that is where we all are really, only "Honey" doesn't bother with hiding his notions of power under a Ivy League vest.

"Honey" doesn't even design to look like Madison Ave. or Princeton. It is not his bag and he has been out here too long to masquerade.

He dresses sharp and drives a Cadillac and will tell you in a minute "they know all about me downtown," meaning the law, and he invites anyone concerned to examine his records, saying his misadventures proved one thing: "I never took no stuff . . ."

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ONE TIME he was invited to lecture a non-colored ladies group on politics, which is his life, and this glamorous blonde thing had a knife out for him.

"Mr. Ward," she rose to ask after his talk, "I understand you have had trouble with the law." Oh, she was so sweet about it.

And "Honey" dipped into that bag of instinct which has saved us from Klansmen, John Browns and assorted other demons and threw the dagger back at her, answering: "Yes and all I want to say is that all that money you people spend on rehabilitating juveniles who go astray has not been wasted, I am proof that your tax money can straighten fellows out. . ."

Which shot her down. You can believe it.

On the face of it, I shouldn't even like "Honey" because politics comes out of all of his pores and he splits infinitives (when he wants to) and talks that street talk our families have sent us to schools to wash away, but I dig him precisely because he is what IS and not what is coming after CORE busses us all to Harvard and the NAACP sues the majority into loving us, even after Brotherhood Week.

He is a tough man, not to be crossed, and yet there is a poignancy about him attractive to writers if to no others because in more recent times, younger of his brothers have deemed him a "sell-out" among other unkind Labels.

This hurts and hurts "Honey" doubly because sometimes his accusers have to double back late into the Central Ward Democratic door and say "Hey baby, can you get me a job?"

In the current poser struggle for control of the local NAACP, "Honey" stands with the old guard. He knows all the young rebels and under his breath will admit that some of them "are brainy as you will find." But Ward is fighting them tooth and nail.

In a recent encounter with some of the young turks, "Honey" loudtalked them into withdrawal from their bar stools. It was a classic demonstration of an old pro in combat.

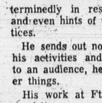
There was no point, as I could see, to the argument and it was several nights later when "Honey," in a more mellow mood, was to conclude that "right is the side I am on, the other fellow can raise a hundred points why he could win and I can come up with a hundred of my own but when you get right down to it, nothing is going to change his mind or mine, I'm right because my side is right."

Which is perhaps the only accurate assessment of what the intra-NAACP fighting in this town is really all about.

In the midst of tavern debate, another observation of Ward's is etched in memory. To a debater, he said, "Don't try to sell me no jive struggle. You running out here integrating one colored man into one token job, say as a bus driver. Man, that's a jive struggle. What I want us to do is blast the city into giving us our own franchise so's we can own the whole d. . .n bus line."

Idealists, sit-in junkies, revolutionaries, all will shudder; but "Honey" is America as it is, white or Irish or black or Seminole, he works for his party and his party sustains him and "right is the side he's on" and with that I bid Newark a fervent adieu.

Labor-Business



Job Openings

By STERLING A. PAIGE