—Blessings at a cost

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for the $5 blessing; and a third for $12 blessings.

Among the 40 persons interviewed many did not hesitate to tell reporters the nature of the "blessing" they were seeking.

"You've got to take a chance sometime," said a man nonchalantly.

He remined his questioner that the bishop had been advertising on radio for several days previously asking them to "come out if you want to be blessed — if you have financial troubles."

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AT ANY rate, 128 people were counted in the first line — or the $1 blessing seekers.

Each was "rubbed with a fluid which the bishop called "High John the Conqueror" or received a cellophane bag containing a highly scented incense.

They were instructed to burn or bury the package at a specified time.

The second line — which drew more than a half hundred people — proved that temporary inflation had suddenly struck the egg industry.

Those in this line — including a doubting reporter — paid $5 for a "blessed" egg.

If the accuracy of simple arithmetic can be relied on, that puts a price tag of $60 on a dozen of "blessed" eggs.

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RECIPIENTS SAID they were instructed to break, cook and eat the egg at 8 a.m. Saturday.

By accident or design, the intruder was given no special time to cook his egg.

A reporter, who dropped $5 in the cardboard box in return for one of the eggs, is unable to determine whether the breaking-cooking-eating time given others held any special significance.

He chose to photograph it to give readers the benefit of seeing how a $5 egg looks.

On surface at least, it appears no different from the millions Americans consume at breakfast each day.

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"BLESSING" SEEKERS in the $12 line — 104 by actual count — received a whispered message.

Asked what message did she receive, one seeker told a reporter that she was referred to a passage of Scripture.

At the end of the first session of "blessing" giving, a reporter went behind Stage where Bishop Lee and his assistants had disappeared with the money-laden box.

While the assistants were busy counting the "fruits" of the blessings, Bishop Lee consented to a brief but unproductive press conference.

"It has been said that you are giving out numbers as special blessings. Is that true?" he was asked.

"I have no comment," Bishop Lee answered.

"What's so unusual about having a service? What's news about that?" the bishop said while turning questioner temporarily.

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"DO YOU consider a religious services in a theatre at 2 in the morning commonplace when there's no special holiday?" the reporter countered.

"Well, prophets don't have any special time to give a message." the impressively-clad bishop shot back, his patience obviously growing thin.

"I have no comment. I have no comment," was the reply to a series of other questions.

One of the assistants, heretofore occupied with the generous harvest of bills of various denominations, turned from his task to look at the reporter and Stephen Morris, assistant manager of the theatre.

"You'd better get this man out of here before I blow my top" he told Mr. Morris shaking an impeccably styled hairdo.

Mr. Morris and the visitor got the message. They left.

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SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, Bishop Lee returned to the stage, this time wearing a flowing sparkling white robe, as elegant as the green one.

More singing, shouting, dancing, clapping and dialogue followed, so did more lines.

While Bishop Lee was whispering the last of his special messages into hears of more blessing seekers, Prophet Eli took over the stage.

"I know that some of you here were not able to get blessed by the bishop," he began.

"I want you to give whatever you can and whatever the spirit tells you to give."

Continuing his speech, emphasizing the importance of giving, Prophet Eli instructed an usher to come forward and take his shoes off. A woman, clad in white, responded.

She removed his shoes and, upon his instruction, took off his sox a few minutes later and put the expensive-looking casuals on the railing at the front of the stage.

* * *

PROPHET ELI, after more speaking on the virtues of giving and receiving, walked out on the narrow railing stopping beside his shoes.

"Now I want you to come up here, put whatever you can in these shoes and touch my feet."

The line moved rapidly, with a noticable few persons by-passing the shoes but touching the bare feet of the prophet whose cape and robe cut an unusual figure at 4 a.m. in the Royal.

Outside, finding transportation home in the drizzling rain was less than easy.

Two women, more out of desperation than ability to pay, hailed what they thought was an unlicensed cab.

After they explained their plight to a reporter — one had to hurry home so she could fix breakfast for her husband who was leaving for work in less than an hour — they were offered a free ride to East Baltimore.

En route, one passenger noticeably sad of voice while discussing the services, was asked if anything was wrong.

"I just broke my egg. Just think I paid $5 for it. Now it's gone."

"What will you do?" she was asked.

"I have a little bit of it left in my pocketbook. I'm going to cook that like he said," she answered sadly.

She was asked what was whispered in her ear when she received the "blessed" egg.

"He told me to cook it well done at 8 o'clock," she said.

THE REPORTER learned for the first time that somebody had held back when he bought his egg.

An assistant, who was standing in for the bishop, recognized the reporter from the back stage interview.

"What should I tell him, bishop?" he asked the minister standing nearby on the stage.

"You just tell him how to cook it and forget it!" Bishop called back.

"Sunny side up," the assistant said as he reached for the $10 bill, returning $5 change.

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—Dad home

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have seven other children. They live at 2419 Brookfield Ave.

At the time of the attempted suicide, Mrs. Bosworth told the AFRO, "Michelle cares a lot about her father. Girls are usually more attached to their fathers."

The teenager was finally brought down by the firemen in a snorkel after a passer-by, the Rev. Raines Miller of 2106 Bolton St., went out on the ledge and cornered her behind a column to prevent her from jumping.

—Students

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contest.

Earlier it was stated that no student will be dropped for the duration of the contest. None will be — if they remain above the cut-off mark.

However, this does not mean that any student is out of the contest for good. At any point during the life of the race, a student may enter or re-enter with votes above the cut-off mark.

It is never too late to enter. All you need is enough votes to qualify for a place in the competition. So get those votes in and keep them coming.

There will be big winners and one of them can be you. Your friends, family, church, scout group and club can all be of great help in getting votes for you.

These groups have already turned in a total of 922,909 votes for our contestants.

Tabulation of votes will continue as follows: All votes received by Friday will be counted and published in Tuesday's paper.

Votes received after noon Friday and until the Wednesday morning mail will appear in Friday's paper.

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Mrs. Angie Young will be honored as Church Mother and Mrs. Lizzie Valentine as Church School Mother.

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Lucis Amerson, Macon County
Henry C. Williams, Bullock County
Henry Lee McCoy, Hale County
Pat Davis, Perry County

TAX COLLECTOR

Mrs. Anne Braxton, won in Marongo County, L. A. Locklair, Tuskegee (Macon County); Odi Pinkard, Bullock County; Obey Scott Sr., Perry County; Mrs. Annie B. Williams, Sumter County.

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—Ala. elections

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the franchise and become an informed electorate," he said called them "the men of the hour."

Dr. King said he felt that some 225,000 colored voters had "voted with integrity, and for the men they felt were competent." He called the overwhelming vote for Mrs. Lurleen Wallace "a protest vote against the times of inevitable progress."

The question of "how" the newly entranchised voters will use their political power remained blurred, however. After the votes were tabulated, none of the 80 colored persons seeking public office had been clearly elected.

Attorney Fred Gray of Tuskegee appeared to have become the first colored man to win a seat in the legislature, but discovery of an absentee ballot box cut his vote total to less than half those cast. He will face Bill Novile Jr. in the May 31 run-off.

IN COUNTIES where colored persons had a majority of voters registered, the turnout indicated that, though they bloc voted against "Ma and Pa" Wallace, and for non-liberal Atty. Gen. Flowers, they split the vote at the local level. The balloting in Black Belt counties of Greene, Perry, Wilcox and Hale Counties were considered disappointing.

In Macon County, which

FRED GRAY

has a three to one colored voting majority, Lucis Amerson faces a run - off May 31 with incumbent sheriff Harvey Sadler.

In Wilcox County, also with a colored voting majority, Walter J. Calhoun lost out to Sheriff P. C. Lummie Jenkins, who won his eighth term as sheriff by 2,923-2,451.

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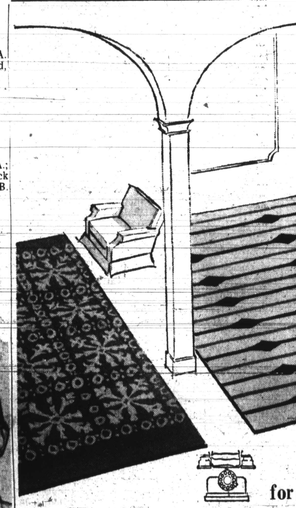

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