Baltimore Afro-American

"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

DECEMBER 31, 1966

Prayer Of The Week

Abba, Father, unseen but ever near, help us, too, in our joys and in our sorrows, to find thee a strengthening paresence as Jesus did. And this we pray to the glory of thy Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Happy New Year

No AFRO reader knew this time last year whether he would be living today.

So, first of all, he should give thanks that he is alive and healthy.

A lot of things could have happened to him during the year:

Auto wrecked in accident.
Run over by a drunken driver.
Son killed or wounded in Vietnam.
Extended expensive illness.
Children dropped out of school.
Lost his job and cannot find another.
Home and possessions lost by wind, fire or flood.
A broken limb — a lost eye.

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THE LIST of woes is endless. Most of us haven't suffered any of these calamities.

Those who have had one or two of them could have fared worse; all eight could have happened to one person in one year.

So, if we are around and reasonably sound in life and limb, give thanks that you have completed the year 1966, and 1967 is here with 365 new days made especially for you.

You don't have to get drunk every Saturday night.

You don't have to gamble away your pay before you get home.

You don't have to have a nasty mouth or a dirty home, or smelly clothes.

On the job you can do your work so well that employers compete for your services.

Nights you can find the time to take apart a gasoline engine, an electric motor, a radio, a television set and put them back together.

In your spare time you can learn how to become a first class repair man.

The worker who prepares for the future gets the promotion, the pay and the glad hand.

If 1966 was not a good year for you, here is 1967.

Resolve to make some changes.

If you are strong-willed enough to keep them, you will net yourself dividends beyond your dreams.

Happy New Year!

Police Investigate Police

Police Commissioner Donald Pomerleau ordered an investigation of reports that towing operators pay graft to city policemen.

Nobody asked our opinion, and often it is not worth much.

But businesses have internal auditors to watch out for mistakes in handling money.

The police department is supposed to have a continuing security force whose job is to keep the police force clean.

Following recommendations of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Inspectional Services Division was set up for that purpose.

Graft to police in the auto towing business was reported last year. Now it comes up again.

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THE OTHER day, Mr. William Adams was reported in the daily press as saying police payoffs in the numbers game continue. The question is why these alleged violations haven't come to the attention of this division?

Fred J. Cook, in his book, "The Corrupted Land," reports burglars in police uniforms have turned up in such numbers as to constitute 8 to 10 percent of the entire force in some cities.

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DENVER, COLORADO a "clean city," uncovered 55 policemen-burglars.

In taking $40,000 from a supermarket safe, one policeman across the street served as lookout, a second off-duty cop was posted down the street.

Two on duty uniformed policemen in departmental cars took the cop safe crackers to the store with their tools, and two off-duty policemen cracked the safe in 90 minutes.

Then the police cars transported the safe crackers and their loot to safety.

The same men who pulled off the job were sent out to investigate the following morning.

So, if they left any clues behind them, in their haste to depart the night before, they could now, in their role as investigators, remove the evidence.

Denver's total 120 burglaries by policemen in uniform netted minimum loot of $250,000.

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POLICEMEN'S motivations were explained as follows:

"Superior officers told me they'd give me a poor mark if I didn't go along."

"Policemen get low pay."

"I arrested important people for violating the law and lost my promotion."

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NOT JUST in Denver — but in Chicago police allied with the underworld, have pulled off jewel, fur and tobacco robberies for years.

In Reno, Nevada, seven policemen were suspended as part of a burglary ring that hit 10 stores.

In Des Moines burglaries caused suspension of 22 cops.

A Cleveland cop confessed 20 burglaries, aided by fellow policemen.

Long Island, seven policemen in one burglary ring.

Bristol, Conn. 10 of its 59 police officers doubled as burglars.

The above are statistics collected by Fred Cook and there are more.

It is the same in other large cities.

An honest man joins the police department, runs up against the pay off for numbers, gambling or prostitution and finally joins the system in order to keep his job or keep from being a 'bad fellow.'

What we have is a police system in some cities which cannot protect itself.

It lacks an internal security force at worst or an inefficient one at best.

Otherwise it would know what members of its force are guilty of fraud, graft and conspiracy before citizens complain.

BURHA Must Speak

Mayor McKeldin has re-appointed Richard L. Steiner to a new five-year term as director of the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency.

The mayor's action concurs with the wishes of the BURHA Commission, headed by Eugene Feinblatt, who conferred with Mr. McKeldin prior to the re-appointment announcement.

Among implications found in the re-appointment is the fact that, in spite of the complexity of the task, Mr. Steiner has performed admirably since taking command in 1959.

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IN ANY such massive agency as BURHA, fraught with red tape and bureaucracy, there are bound to be minuses as well as pluses.

Although BURHA has had its share of minuses, we agree with Mayor McKeldin that Mr. Steiner has "performed remarkably well."

This brings us to a more immediate concern.

While Mr. Steiner is awaiting City Council confirmation, there are new BURHA rumblings which will test his mettle as he embarks on a new term.

The subject of total integration of all public housing units to date has been handled with kid gloves...

And as in any other area of human endeavor, when the ruling authority resorts to the "soft sell" technique to get the job done, men of evil intent are left to do just about what they please.

EVIDENCE OF this is seen in the current drive by segregationists, aided and abetted by the Ku Klux Klan, to keep the O'Donnell Heights Development all-white.

Residents of the Southeast Baltimore public housing development have been bombarded with hate literature during the past few days.

The purpose is simple: To create opposition to and generate hostility against potential colored tenants.

In addition to O'Donnell Heights, the Clairmont and Brooklyn projects are all-white, and the segregationists have made no bones about the fact they want them to remain that way.

The point these misguided souls are missing, however, is that these developments like Somerset, Douglass, Poe, Lexington Terrace, Lafayette and others — are sponsored by taxpayers.

They must be told now that prejudice, bigotry, and race hatred are luxuries. As such they cannot — and will not — be obtained and maintained by the public's money.

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IF SOME of these tenants are laboring under the mistaken belief that because of an accident of birth, they are too 'good' to share housing for the poor with the poor, they should get out.

Mr. Steiner's immediate responsibility, therefore, is apparent.

He should let the rebellious poor know in no uncertain terms that if they attempt to obstruct orderly and total integration of public housing in any way, they will be thrown out.

The time is long past for the kid glove treatment.

Too Few Text Books

More and more of the reasons why Johnny can't read come to the surface.

Just recently we were told by the Public School Teachers Association that Baltimore City spends less on its pupils than do almost all the other state school systems.

Now we learn that there indeed is a shortage of text books and other materials for the pupils.

Link these factors to that of old buildings, teachers who don't meet the qualifications for their jobs and teachers who are unhappy because they are underpaid, and the problems Johnny faces become clearer.

If we start with the assumption that many of the pupils come from homes in which they are not given the educational opportunities they need, then the odds against Johnny's success heighten.

The important thing about this for citizens and public officials to keep in mind is that shortsighted budgets to save on education now only result in bigger bills for welfare, police and health costs.

Adequate budgets for education now will mean smaller ones in other fields — along with greater tax incomes — in the future.

I Hope You Can Handle It, Fella

Our Readers Say:
Officer Likes AFRO

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

Dear AFRO:

First and foremost, I sincerely wish each of you a merry Christmas and a most joyous and prosperous New Year.

Secondly, I want you to know that you have been a source of great pride to me and many of my fellow Baltimoreans with whom I have shared my AFRO.

The pride was created by the timely information provided through your, rather our, AFRO. I am more than proud to read of the many accomplishments of so many of my friends and the race in general.

I was however saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Walker.

I am a native Baltimorean and my wife Frances lives on Elderon Ave. She decided to send me as a gift a subscription to the AFRO while I am serving in the military here in Vietnam.

I hope to return home on May, 1967. I shall continue to look forward to reading each issue of the AFRO. Kindly keep them coming.

CAPT. EDDIE BUCKSON

P.S. — I salute you all.

Backs Programs

Dear AFRO:

The Welfare Department has established the Work Experience Program as a part of its services to welfare recipients. This is a program of deeply significant merit because it involves elements of self-help. This program enhances the dignity of the recipients and assists them to secure work skills. Frequently, these persons acquire employable skills and so are able to obtain jobs.

There are two other programs before City Council that have similar merit. One is the Self-Help Housing and Environmental Improvement Program recommended by Parren Mitchell, executive director of the Community Action Agency. This program was developed by the people of the target area of the Poverty Program. It embraces one of the principal concepts of the Poverty Program, the maximum feasible participation of the poor. One aspect of the program is to organize among the unemployed a sanitary corps that would be responsible for cleaning the alleys, yards and lots of residents unable to care for their property. This is but one of the good features of the program.

The other program of self-help before City Council is Ordinance No. 1827 — Community Organization and Services to Improve Family Living, supported by the Mayor's Task Force on Health and Welfare. The $300,000 grant for this project which will reach 300 families, is financed wholly by the federal government, requiring no state or local matching funds. It would assist persons to obtain better housing by supplementing their housing allowance. It would make available to these persons on welfare a broad range of services in order to improve their total family living.

The main question now is whether City Council will see that these programs should be passed by them, because they are a wise investment in human development and self-help.

REV. SIDNEY DANIELS
Emmanuel Christian Community Church

Thanks To 229th

Dear AFRO:

I want to publicly thank the officers and men of the 229th Supply and Transportation Corps' for their generosity in sending blood donors for my mother.

This is not the first time they have been asked to do just this sort of thing. There has never been any reluctance on their part in responding.

It is a gratifying feeling that they not only protect our property and life, but also answer, beyond the line of duty, emergency requests such as this.

I again thank these men of dedication for their cooperation.

CHARLES E. (Blue) DOTSON

Economic Crystal Ball Shows Prosperous 1967 Lies Ahead

By JOHN PIERSON

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Tax increase or not, as Washington sees it, the country is going to be prosperous in 1967.

More Americans will be working than ever before. Wages and profits will reach new highs, so will prices. But interest rates will level off and maybe even fall a little.

That's how most of the economists here feel about the economy in 1967. President Johnson's tax decision, when it comes, isn't going to change many minds one way or the other.

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THERE ARE a few economists who worry that a tax increase, designed to balance the budget and pay for the war in Vietnam, would push an already cooling economy into a recession.

Others say the economy is still running too fast and can be expected to continue exceeding the speed limit in the absence of higher taxes.

But these are a minority.

The majority view is that the economy has slowed from last spring's break-neck pace and is now proceeding at about the right rate. There's no danger of a recession as the Vietnam war goes on. The danger, if any, is still "on the upside."

IT'S AGREED that inflation could rear its ugly head again if war spending continued to soar all next year as it has this year and if Johnson still refused to recommend a tax increase.

But now that the election is over, most economists feel the President would weigh in for higher taxes if the Vietnam buildup continued.

In other words, if government spending for the war is going to press harder and harder on an economy already operating at full capacity, the only way to avoid inflation is to reduce the spending of consumers and businessmen by means of a tax hike.

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OFFICIALS ARE reasonably sure that Johnson would grasp the nettle, rather than put the country through another bout of inflation. They doubt civilian programs could be cut much more, despite cries from Congress to trim non-essential fat before raising taxes.

A tax increase would not change the overall level of demand or overall economic activity. But it would change the emphasis.

The government, consumers and businessmen spend their money for different things. The government buys fighter planes. Consumers buy cars. Businessmen purchase machines to make such things as airplanes and cars.

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AMONG ECONOMISTS favoring higher taxes, the most popular measure seems to be a 5 percent surcharge on everybody's tax bill—a tax on a tax. Personal and corporate income taxes bring in about $100 billion a year.

Five percent of that isn't much, only $5 billion, of which $3.5 billion might come from consumers and $1.5 billion from businessmen. It's a drop in the bucket compared to a $750 billion economy.

For a married man with two children earning $9,300 a year, it would mean $50 a year more taxes for $1 a week less take-home pay. All of which is just another way of saying that the issue on a tax increase has probably been overrated as far as the economy goes.

ON THE OTHER hand, higher taxes would permit the federal reserve board to increase the money supply and reduce interest rates. The "fed" boosted rates and tightened money this year after Johnson refused to raise taxes.

More money and lower interest rates would help industries that are highly dependent on credit — home guilding, for example. Tight money has hit homebuilding hardest, as mortgage funds have disappeared and mortgage rates have soared.

With the economy already slowing under the brake of tight money, more mortgage funds are becoming available, but a tax increase would help speed a recovery in housing.

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WITH ONE eye peeled for a tax increase, the standard and fashionable forecast for 1967 goes like this:

—Gross national product. — The economy will grow at a somewhat slower pace than this year, 6.5 or 7 percent instead of 8.5 percent. GNP—The value of the nation's total output of goods and services — will rise to somewhere between $783 and $790 billion from $738 billion in 1966 and $681 billion in 1965.

—Prices. Inflation is going to be with us again. The cost of living will rise maybe 2.5 or 3 percent, less than this year's 4 per cent increase. Food prices will increase again, although not so fast as this year's 5 percent. Increased supplies or meat will help contain the rising cost of meals. Consumer durables will remain steady. Doctor bills and other service charges will continue their long upward march.

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—INTEREST RATES. As the civilian economy cools and businessmen and consumers have less need for credit, interest rates should ease. A tax increase would probably reinforce this tendency, by permitting the federal reserve to pump more money into the economy and lower its pace-setting discount rate.

—Mortgages. Interest rates on home mortgages are stickier than many other interest rates. A builder lines up mortgage money today at today's rate for a house he has yet to build and probably won't sell for another six or nine months. So mortgage rates lag behind others, both going up and coming down.

But there will be more mortgage money available as other civilian sectors reduce their credit demands. The fed's new ceiling on bank deposit interest rates appears to be sending depositors back to savings and loan associations, where their money will go into mortgages. The federal home loan bank board and the federal national mortgage association will be pumping an additional $750 million into housing.

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—JOBS. THERE'LL be more than ever, especially for skilled workers. The unskilled and semiskilled will find employment harder to come by as the economy slows its advance. The unemployment rate will continue to hover near 4 percent.

—Pay wages, salaries and other personal income will soar to another record. Workers with contracts to reopen will try to get back some of the purchasing power they lost this year to higher prices. Unfortunately, big contract gains may lead to further price increases, if management is unwilling or unable to pay for it all out of profits. Higher taxes would reduce take home pay, but not by much, unless there's a much bigger war in Vietnam.

—Profits. Business profits will also rise to a new record, but the dollar and percentage gain over this year will be small. Auto companies, steel makers, and appliance firms may have to resign themselves to lower sales. Defense industries are already running near full capacity which reduces the chances for big profit gains.

Big wage settlements and higher taxes would add to the squeeze on profits.

Let's Clean Sidewalks

"It shall be the duty of each and every person .... using or occupying in any manner, or for any purpose whatsoever, any house, store, shop, stable or tenement of any kind;

"And persons having charge of churches, public buildings of every description, and owners of unoccupied houses, and unimproved lots, situated on any paved street, lane or alley in the city, within three hours after the fall of any snow .... to remove or cause to be removed from foot pavements, fronting the respectives houses, stores, shops, stores ...." etc.

"(Unless the snow shall have ceased to fall between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 a.m., in which case it shall be removed before 11 a.m.)."

The above excerpts are contained in Section 144 of Article 24 of the Baltimore City Code requiring owners or renters of dwellings to remove snow from their premises.

Three hours after the snow ceases to fall it must be cleared from sidewalks of churches, homes and stores.

Penalty for each violation is $2.

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THERE WAS a time when the law was observed by most householders, but not now.

With the coming of the automobile, first attention is given to clearing a space so the family auto can be parked at the curb.

In order to accomplish this, snow is piled on the sidewalk, there to remain until it melts.

The result is the picture of a city that has lost its pride.

The truth is that many householders with a lot 15 feet wide do a better job of keeping their sidewalks cleared than inner city dwellers whose sidewalk is only 14 feet wide.

We need a clean city revival.

We urge AFRO Clean Blockers to begin the crusade.

Get the sidewalks cleared of snow in your block today.

Political Notebook
Happy GOP Year

By MAX JOHNSON

If some of the political innovations produced this outgoing year are indications of things to come — the new year should prove quite interesting, indeed.

It has been a gleeful one for the Republicans.

For the Democrats — much of what has happened they would like to forget.

It was the elections nationally, which produced much of this state of affairs.

But — a steadily increasing festering sore has been that war in Vietnam.

There are, however, three phases of the elections that bear a second look at this year's end.

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THE OVERWHELMING victory in Massachusetts of the Republicans' Edward W. Brooke for the U.S. Senate was undoubtedly the more outstanding.

The Brooke win — in a state predominantly Democratic with a low percentage of voters of his race — somehow gives a boost to man's faith in man.

The Republicans came up with another bit of happiness for themselves.

They turned to the entertainment world in California — and grabbed a governorship victory for film star Ronald Reagan.

But — they were thoughtful about whatever loss they may have wrought for the entertainment business.

Somebody got the grand idea of giving the business a substitute — one of the party's own.

With this in mind —it was quite natural that they picked the GOP's veteran Sen. Dirksen and his widely known oratorical voice for the new role of a recording artist.

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THEN, THERE was this third trick of the year — one that stemmed from the Democratic side of the elections.

Alabama's mouthy Gov. Wallace wanted to remain governor — but was prohibited by law from seeking a third term.

To a less resourceful — and brazen — person, this might have presented a seemingly unsurmountable problem.

Wallace had a ready answer.

He ran again, won again — under the banner of his wife's name.

And their joint campaign carried the open frankness of this intention.

Somewhere here there must be something for thought on the subject of a husband and wife working together.

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THERE ARE, of course, many more notable political happenings of the past year — many worthy of repetition.

I just like to think back on these three.

It's quite doubtful that either President Johnson or top Democratic brass would appreciate them — but then, that is understandable.

This just wasn't a year for the Democrats — and they know it.

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 end 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 and prejudice, or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR. — 1929

POETS' NOOK

Going Up

I passed an Italian group;
Who wished me a Happy New Year
Were my ears deceiving me,
Were they really sincere.
I passed a Polish group;
Who made it understood,
Through all the new years that would come;
They were for brotherhood.
I also passed a Jewish group,
Reticent and unwary;
But they all smiled a welcome smile,
And wished my year be merry.
I passed a Southern gentile group,
That had just made up its mind,
To greet me.
With old hatreds left behind.
I passed an anxious colored group;
Who were standing in an elevator—
Come on fellow! they called out to me;
We're going up in 1967,
And we thought you'd like to accompany us.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

IN 1951, the Distinguished Service Cross was posthumously awarded Pvt. Edward O. Cleabore for standing atop a Korean ridge and repulsing hordes of North Korean communists while his comrades escaped.

THE CHILDREN above spent a gay afternoon being entertained at a party by the Mothers' Group of the Oakridge Day Nursery, Wednesday.

Earl Henderson
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Household Hints

Never touch an electrical switch, appliance or radio when in your bathtub. This has been the cause of many deaths.

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When washing your hands put rings and watches in your pocket or purse. Putting them on the sink is one way to lost them.

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Tenderize chicken or wild game by parboiling with a teaspoonful of lemon juice or vinegar before frying or baking.

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Canned meats can be sliced easier if chilled in refrigerator and both ends of can are removed before pushing meat out.

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Before freezing fruits, add some sugar. This helps to keep the natural color and vitamin content.

BEST BUYS

Food in good supply in '67 but prices up

Washington (UPI) Government economists predict that housewives will find food supplies generally larger in 1967.

Prices, they say, will also be higher.

The Agriculture Department predicts that in 1967, consumer costs for pork and poultry will be down from the 1966 average. Eggs will be cheaper, too, and the record citrus crop being harvested will mean lower prices for oranges and grapefruit.

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FOR OTHER foods, the department outlook in 1967 follows:

Beef: Prices may go up, particularly in the second half of the year.

Milk: Prices as a whole are likely to average above 1966.

Fish: Slightly higher prices expected.

Fruits: Bigger supplies of peaches, pears and fruit cocktail should hold prices close to 1966 levels. But a drop in supplies of apple products may mean you'll pay more.

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VEGETABLES: Prices may average below the '66 level from fresh products, but canned vegetable prices are expected to rise. Prices for frozen products probably will go up, too, is spite of bigger supplies.

Potatoes and beans: Prices for potatoes should be moderately above a year earlier and sweet potatoes will cost substantially more than a year ago. But dry bean products may be cheaper in 1967.

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BREAD: The average retail price of bread and other wheat products may rise fractionally, but consumers are not likely to be hit with anything like the sharp increase registered in 1966.

Coffee and Tea: Coffee prices in 1966 declined slightly and a further slight drop in average retail prices is expected is 1967.

For tea, the Agriculture Department expects next year's prices to remain close to current levels.

FARM PRICES for all foods in 1967 are expected to average slightly below the 1966 mark.

But government economists predict consumers will nevertheless pay higher average retail prices in 1967 because the pressure of consumer demand will grow faster than the increase in supplies, and because the cost of marketing food will go up again.

FEDERAL economists have shied away from precise forecasting of the size of the 1967 retail food price increase.

They have said, however, it will be bigger than in most recent years while falling short of the 4.5 percent jump of 1966.

MRS. WYLEY HOSTS STARLIGHT CLUB

The Starlight Social Club was entertained by Mrs. Lillie Wyley of 1039 W. Fayette St., Friday. The group will have a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Bennett of 3416 Woodbrook Ave. on January 8, at 7:30 p.m.

ECLIPSE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. M. HARPER

Members of the Eclipse Club met on Wednesday evening in the home of Mrs. Madalyn Harper.

First prize at pinochle went to Mrs. Louise Harris, second to Mrs. Mary Smith, and third prize to Mrs. Estella McKenney.

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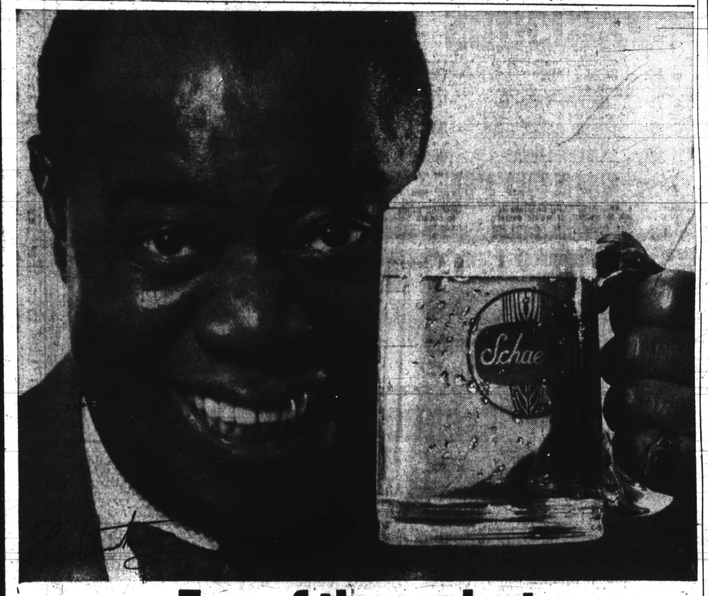

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