

# Discrimination Restricting Growth Of Our Economy Says Pitney-Bowes Official

BALTIMORE, MD.

"There is no more tragic form of economic self-punishment for the people of the United States than employment discrimination," J. J. Morrow, director of personnel relations for Pitney-Bowes, Inc., Stamford, Conn., told a Silver Jubilee public meeting of the Baltimore Urban League last night in the Enoch Pratt Library auditorium.

It is equally foolish, the post-graduate company executive said, to believe such discrimination is necessary in order to maintain a high standard of living for whites. "Discrimination actually is restricting the growth of our economy," he insisted.

"Prejudice, Morrow said, is the key to the problem. It robs the Negro of material benefits to which he is entitled as a citizen, and helps to rob him of the respect he deserves as a human being. It is indirectly responsible for the incidence of crime among Negroes . . . (and) it is indirectly responsible, too, for the high mortality rate of the race."

While "there isn't any magic which will suddenly dispel prejudice," the Connecticut executive said, the task of "educating Americans out of their prejudices and providing leadership for the execution of actual projects designed to improve the Negro's position can and should be important jobs for groups within our communities."

Morrow briefly described the work being done in Stamford by the Interracial Committee of the Community Council, and also told of his company's experience in undertaking a "positive program of Negro employment," both in the plant and in the offices.

The experience of Pitney-Bowes is not unique, Morrow said. "Some of our big key industries such as General Electric, General Cable, R. C. A., DuPont, and International Harvester have led the way in the employment of Negroes for skilled work; and their example is pointing the way for other organizations which, though not pathfinders, are nevertheless accepting their part of the responsibility for ending discriminatory practices. "Industry and commerce have nothing to lose



The accompanying picture shows E. R. Merrick, Treasurer, N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, N. C. receiving a check for \$10,000 from W. L. Greene, NCTA executive secretary while H. S. Davis, Treasurer, H. V. Brown, President and W. A. Foster look on.

The Association purchased its headquarters building from the N. C. Mutual in September, 1946 for \$55,000. The \$10,000 payment made on this occasion brings the total payments to \$41,565.95 leaving a balance of only \$13,435.05 to complete the purchase.

The Association has expended over \$7,500 for remodeling the headquarters building and installed over \$3,000 worth of equipment and furnishings during this period of a little more than three years. Insurance, taxes and maintenance for the period have been in excess of \$2,000.

The Association plans to complete retirement of the mortgage by the end of 1950.

and much to gain from furthering decent employment opportunities for Negroes," he said. "Far from being charity patients, our own Negro employees have been a sound investment for us in good performance."

"In these times," Morrow said, "it is becoming clear that industry must do more than earn good profits, if it is to help protect and advance the system which has made the profits possible, and upon which the nation's prosperity depends so much."

We have made a good deal of progress in the less than ninety years since the Negro was emancipated, he conceded. But "American democracy has become our platform in a global contest of political systems," he said, "and as such it stands—defined and italicized—before

the nations and people who are already judging its value. There is no time or opportunity for comforting comparisons about our relative progress on any score—It isn't publicity for democracy, but practice which is needed. If democracy does not exist for all citizens, it does not really exist at all—it has been automatically refuted."



**STUDIES MISSIONS**—The Rev. Moses N. DeLaney, Director of Shaw University's Department of the Rural Church, attended the National Congress on Home Missions held recently at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Mr. DeLaney worked in the seminary on "The Rural Home Mission Task" and was chairman of the committee on "The Life and Teaching of Christ."

Crae, Bobby Lawrence, Bernard Tate, Doris Crenshaw, Wilfred Kenney, Juanetta Lyons, Jeanne Herndon, Henry Joy, William Fletcher, Dewey Faulkner, George Hill, Bobby Johnson.

Ernestine Lyons, Ruth Baines, Barbara Lumpkin, James Schooler, James Shaw, Anneta Benton, Helen Boulware, Virginia Cameron, Shirley Ellis, Andrea Burnette, Shirley Wiggins, Mary Ruth Torain, Shirley Thorpe, Frederick Rogers, Clara Allen, Delores Hamilton, Carolyn Ingram.

June Gilliard, Ethel Allen, Carolyn Daniels, Clyde Brown, Nathaniel Lipscomb, Arthur Thorpe, Norma McCoy, Joseph Bell, Margaret Lewis, Clara McCrae, Alexine Clement Wallace Pratt, Laocla Alford, Ernestine Pratt, Mozelle House, Bernice Mitchell, Gwendolyn Andrews, Yvonne Miller, Reginald Spaulding, Whithelma Arthur.

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Katie Lewis, Barbara Bates, Lillie Lyons, Miles Fisher, Johnny McDouglad, Marion Thorpe, Dorothy Pratt, Helen King, John Peele, Clarice Thorpe, Ella Jean Long, David Bridgeford, Marlene Bridges, Josephine Long, Sybil Barbee, Doris Mitchell, Missouri Arledge.

Mary Keith, Betsy Page, Nanie Beamon, Shirley Brandon, Fred Black, Shirley Day, Edward Pratt, Elizabeth Hinnant, Julia Wheeler, Gladys Fortune, Barbara Lyon, Margo Flintall, Dora Carrington, Juanita Gregory.

## Hornets Scoop Twin Victories Over Mary Potter

Hillside varsities captured a twin victory from the quintet and sextet of Mary Potter Academy of Oxford at the local gym. The game being played before a capacity crowd watched the varsity chalk up an impressive victory by a score of 58 to 37. The highlights of the game were added by Hillside's stalwart guard Tommy Wilson who contributed 20 points for high scores of the evening. Linwood Snitt was second in the scoring for the locals with 14 points.

Mary Potter's Academy was sparked by their sharp shooting guard George Mayers who tallied 14 points for the losers.

In the first game Hillside's lassies won nip and tuck victory from Mary Potter's sextet by a score of 31 to 29. Katie Lewis and Doris Hall were high scorers for the Hillside lassies with 10 points each. Sue Lowe was high for Mary Potter's sextet with a total of 14 points.

## Daly, DeLaney At Missions Meeting

RALEIGH

The Rev. Samuel F. Daly and the Rev. Moses N. DeLaney, both of the Shaw University School of Religion faculty, attended national meetings recently dealing with the church and Missions.

Rev. Mr. Daly, who is Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy, was a delegate at joint sessions of the Church and Architectural Guild of America and the North American Conference on Church Architecture held January 21 and 22, at the Niel Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

Both he and Rev. DeLaney, who is Director of Shaw's Department of the Rural Church, attended the National Congress on Home Missions, held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, the following week. The congress was under the sponsorship of the Home Missions Council of North America.

Rev. Mr. DeLaney worked in the seminar on "The Rural Home Mission Task" and was "The Life and Teaching of Christ." Rev. Mr. Daly participated in the seminar on "Hu-

## I've Been Thinking

BY CAB CALLOWAY

Maybe I'm not the kind of a guy who likes to be aware of what's going on in the world. Call me a deadhead if you want, but I'm strictly a guy who goes for 'yellow' journalism. I like the sensations stuff better than the staid stuff you find in so many newspapers today.

I realize the importance of a cabinet meeting, an election, the rise in the cost of living, and all of that stuff, but when it comes to newspaper reading, give me a sensational story of a personal nature . . . a good Broadway keyhole column or something of that sort.

Man, of all the papers which carry this column, I go most for a paper called the Florida Tattler. When it comes to good down-to-earth dirt gathering, the boys on that staff really get in and dig.

There's a columnist called 'Hank' who puts out a column of stuff that would curl your hair . . . in fact, Hank disappears from the paper occasionally and I wonder if it isn't because he's hiding out from the people he wrote about the week before.

Why, I wouldn't dare to wink at a girl in Jacksonville with Hank and the rest of the Tattler staff around. Those guys must have keyholes where there aren't even doors to put them in. I know more about the gang around Hank's corner than I do about my next door neighbor.

Maybe I'm like the hero in "Crime and Punishment" . . . I'm more interested in people than I am in society as such. If a guy gets into a fight with his wife and plops a custard pie into her face, I get a kick out of it. And if she retaliates with a plate of mashed potatoes, I like it even better.

man Rights." The congress, which had not met in 20 years, evaluated the religious changes of the past two decades, and studied trends of the future.

To further the rural home mission task, Rev. Mr. DeLaney was recently elected a member of the Advisory Committee of Friends of the Soil, a national organization which aims to promote "Christian stewardship of natural resources."



good reading matter. Sometimes they're unkind in what they say and that's bad, but if they can write sensational stuff without hurting anyone, I like it.

I'll never forget the great story the Tattler blew up into headlines about the 'corpse' who jumped out of his casket and ran away hotting to beat the dickens. He wasn't dead at all, just 'out' cold. Now that's my kind of news.

Anyhow, that's what I've been thinking . . . and if you'll just hand me my pipe and slippers and Hank's column in the Tattler I'll see what's doing in Jacksonville. And, man, I'll know everything worthwhile in five minutes flat. Hank'll see to that!

## Vet Cagers In Tourney At NCC

Coach Leroy T. Walker's Old Timers are showing 'em how at North Carolina College.

The veteran cage aggregation, participating in the round-robin intra-mural tournament now underway at the college, last week boasted a record of four wins and no losses, to share the league leadership with the Midwest Ramblers, as competition entered the fifth round.

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