WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Wife of bank official dies

PHILADELPHIA

Less than a year since she became a bride, Mrs. Dorothy Peamon Ealy, 36, died Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Philadelphia General Hospital.

She was married last summer to Charles A. Ealy, vice president of the Citizens' and Southern Bank, the marriage being saddened by the sudden death of her daughter, Miss Doris Peamon on her wedding day.

Mrs. Ealy had been the widow of Herbert E. Peamon, who was commander of the Lincoln Post, American Legion, at the time of his death more than ten years ago.

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MRS. EALY was born on Tillsworth St. in South Philadelphia where she spent her life. She was the daughter of the late George Harratt, a founder of the present Musician's Union.

Mrs. Ealy was extremely civic minded and very active in the community until failing health caused a curtailment of these activities a few years ago.

She was a former president of the Daughters of Mercy of Mercy - Douglass Hospital; member of the Committee of Management of the South West Belmont YWCA; member of the "Saturday Afternooners" and other neighborhood groups.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Church of the Crucifixion, under direction of the Jennie Morris Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Charles A. Ealy; daughter, Fay Peamon, recreational leader at the Marian Anderson Center; mother, Mrs. Emily Barratt; and sister, Mrs. Helen B. Williams.

MRS. HATTIE BALL CARTER
AFRO Subscriber for 55 years, dies.

Mrs. Carter, 82, AFRO reader 55 years, dies

Mrs. Hattie Ball Carter, 2535 N. Howard St., died Tuesday morning. She celebrated her 82nd birthday November 1957.

"A regular subscriber to the **AFRO for 55 years, Mrs. Carter took delight in recalling that when she started reading the AFRO, "it was the size of a handkerchief and sold for three cents."**

In an interview with AFRO reporter Herb Mangrum three years ago, she pointed to a stack of AFROs turned brown with age and told how she often re-reads them.

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OF THE CURRENT AFRO, she said:

"I read every item including the ads and I am especially fond of the column "If You Ask Me" written by Mrs. B. M. Phillips.

"I remember when my family first started taking the was a level headed man. His memory will last forever."

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EVEN THOUGH she had been ailing, Mrs. Carter read both editions of the February 8 AFRO while sitting in her wheel chair. Death was due to complications of old age.

A native of Warrenton, Va., Mrs. Carter was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ball. She had resided here since the turn of the century. In 1900, she was married to

ALSO SURVIVING are a brother, J. E. Ball, Montclair, N.J., and four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m., at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 23rd St. near Guilford Ave., with the pastor, the Rev. J. Logan Kearse, officiating.

The body will be taken to Warrenton, Va., for further funeral services on Sunday at 2 p.m., and burial will be there.

Danville fire leaves five children dead

DANVILLE, Va. — The lives of five brothers and sisters—ranging in age from 9 to 23—were snuffed out here Thursday when fire destroyed their farm home six miles east of here, while four other persons were badly burned.

According to Pittsylvania County authorities, who listed the children's mother among the four other persons burned in the building and sent to a hospital, the victims who died in the fire were:

Miss Martha Ann Fountain, 23; Junior, 16; Ola Mae, 10; Nancy Mae, 9, and William Fountain, 6. Their mother, Mrs. Mattie Fountain, 41, was reported "in fair condition" at the hospital. Cause of the blaze had not been determined.

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ACCORDING TO Deputy Sheriff Henry O. Winn, the hospital listed the other three survivors of the fire as Alonzo Plunkett, 23; James W. Price, 14, and Lacy Fountain, 14. Hospital authorities listed young Price's condition as critical.

According to Deputy Sheriff E. E. English, who aided Sheriff Winn in the investigation of the tragedy, the fire probably started about 1:30 while occupants of the house were asleep. The home was destroyed before help could be summoned, he said.

It was hours after the fire before the bodies of any of the victims were removed from the ruins. The bodies were not removed immediately, Mr. English said, because of the intense heat. Some of them were reduced to ashes, he said.

"I have seen the AFRO grow and it has grown because, I think its founder, John Murphy, George P. Carter, an—apartment house engineer. He died in 1957.

Mrs. Carter was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church for over 25 years, holding membership in the Gospel Chorus, the Missionary Society, Edward Jordan Circle and a member of the American Woodmen.

Survivors include two sons, Raymond Carter, N.Y., and two daughters, Mrs. Audrey Hutchins and Mrs. Nannie Monroe, both of Baltimore. Another son, George Carter, died ten years ago.

Services for AFRO columnist George W. Hill, scheduled Sunday

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday for George W. E. Hill, 62, veteran South Baltimore barber who died on Monday.

Rites are scheduled to be held at the Star of Bethlehem AME Church where the Rev. T. B. McQueen is pastor.

Mr. Hill was a life - long resident of the Mt. Winans area, and made his home at 2539 Huron St.

He was a member of the 1950 AFRO Honor Roll, receiving the award because of outstanding contribution to young people in his community.

He was also cited as a civic leader.

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MRS. VIVIAN H. BUNDY, principal of the Josiah Diggs Elementary School, No. 162 Barre and Warner Sts., said:

"He was a real community man, quite interested in the children of our school. He spent so much time in building our PTA when we started there five years ago."

Mr. Hill also worked with Mrs. Bundy and other educators in a South Baltimore community workshop.

"It's aim and theme was "Raising the status of Boys and Girls in South Baltimore."

Mrs. Bundy also said, "He was a fine worker. . . conscientious. . . I don't know of any other person who would work so hard."

At one time Mr. Hill devoted his spare time among 16 different social, civic and religious organizations.

Among them were the Baltimore Singers, the Gerald Burke Wilson Chorale, the Baltimore Board of Trade, Friends Saving Club, AFRO sub-station manager, Develo erps C.I.M manager, Developess Inc, Mr. Wimans Improvement Association, Masonic Lodge, No. 90 (PHA) 25th Ward Non-Partisan Civic Leagues and the Southside Barbers' Association.

He was a life time member of Star of Bethlehem AME Church, where he was president of the trustee board at the time of his death.

FOR THE PAST 18 years, Mr. Hill was distributor of the Afro-American newspapers in South Baltimore. His

GEORGE W. E. HILL
South Baltimore leader dies

column, "South Baltimore Notes" also appeared regularly.

George Lee, AFRO city circulation manager, has known Mr. Hill since 1948.

Says Mr. Lee: "Mr. Hill was one of the best persons you could meet.

"He was indeed the mayor of South Baltimore and he was certainly one of the finest men we have ever had to serve the AFRO.

"He was a great help in the Clean Block campaign, won several medals and prizes for achievement.

"I will miss Mr. Hill."

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SON OF THE LATE Robert and Sarah Hill, Mr. Hill attended the public schools until he was 12 when he went to work in a glass factory.

At 29 years, he resumed his education, from the fourth grade studying for seven years. He advanced to the third year of high school.

In spite of a meagre $1.50 cents in his pocket, Mr. Hill opened his one - chair "Hill's Tonsorial Parlor," in the 700 block of S. Fremont Ave. shortly before the war.

At the time of his death, there were five chairs, a television set and the shop was headquarters for hundreds of AFRO newsboys.

Mr. Hill was a widower. He was married to the former Miss Catherine Houston who died in 1928.

They were the parents of Walter W. E. Hill, and a daughter, Mrs. Grace L. Hines, who made her home with her father.

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MR. HILL'S BODY will lie in state at his home from today (Friday) until Sunday morning when he will be taken to the Star of Bethlehem AME for review before the services.

Other than his son and daughter, Mr. Hill is survived by four grandchildren, one brother, Vernon Hill and two sisters: Mrs. Ardella Chinn and Mrs. Mable Stansbury; also a great aunt, Mrs. Bertha Johnson.

THIS PHOTO of George W. E. Hill, South Baltimore civic leader and AFRO distributor and columnist, was made in 1952 when he won the AFRO sub-station sales manager's trophy for meritorious service and increased sales for the third successive year. George Lee, AFRO city circulation manager, is at left. Mr. Hill died Monday evening.

Mrs. M. M. Cooper buried Thursday

Final rites were held yesterday (Thursday) for Mrs. Mozella Mason Cooper, 67, 609 Longwood St., from the Rehoboth Church of God in Christ Jesus Apostolic, where she was a member for 20 years.

Mrs. Cooper died Sunday at her residence. She had been ill for several months.

The Rev. R. A. Carr, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Arbutus Memorial Park.

FOR A number of years she taught Sunday school and was a member of the Mother's Club, the Willing Aid and the SAACP.

A native Baltimorean, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mason.

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SURVIVORS include her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Smith sister, Mrs. Costello Lewis of Philadelphia, fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Constellation veteran Henry Roberts dies

Henry Roberts, one of the last two surviving former crew members of the historic warship Constellation, died Wednesday at the age of 93.

Mr. Roberts, whose whole life was wrapped up in Naval tradition, was active until he fell Saturday in a bathroom at his residence, 1217 N. Carey St.

Funeral services for Mr. Roberts will be held at St. Katherine Episcopal Church, Division and Pressman Sts., at 10 a.m. Monday. Father William E. Christian will officiate.

Burial for the Naval veteran will be in Baltimore National Cemetery.

THE DEATH OF Mr. Roberts leaves his friend, William E. Fletcher, of Annapolis, as the only surviving member of the Constellation, currently undergoing restoration and conservation.

Mr. Fletcher, father of Sollers Point High School Principal Charles W. Fletcher, is critically ill in an Annapolis hospital.

Mr. Roberts made his home with Mrs. Hattie Page when he moved to Baltimore 12 years ago.

"I've known him since I was a child," related Mrs. Page, adding that she persuaded him to move here from Annapolis because of his age.

"After he came here he didn't want to leave," Mrs. Page said.

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A VETERAN of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Roberts, a bachelor, went on seven summer cruises as a crewman of the Constellation. The last cruise was in 1900.

Mrs. Page said when the Constellation was docked here for public inspection last summer she carried Mr. Roberts to view his old ship.

"He never finished talking about it," she commented.

A native of Easton, Md., Mr. Roberts spent most of his life in Annapolis, joining the Navy when he was about 16 years old. He worked at the Naval Academy until his retirement in the mid-1930s.

Survivors include two cousins, Harry Cole of Washington, and Robert Wells of Baltimore.

Veteran Towson resident succumbs at Hopkins

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Edward H. Williams, 30, 404 Virginia Ave., Towson from Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where he was a member for eight years.

Mr. Williams died Saturday at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He had been in ill health for several months.

The Rev. Noble H. Toyer, pastor of Mt. Olive, officiated at the services. Burial was in Pleasant Rest Cemetery.

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MR. WILLIAMS was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Williams. The Rev. Mr. Williams was pastor of Israel Baptist Church for 27 years.

At the time of his death, Mr. Williams was a tailor in Towson.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys M. Williams; three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Barry, Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Phillis Raymond and Mrs. Doris Brown of Towson; two sons; James H. Williams of Baltimore and Howard Williams of Towson.

Also six brothers, Raymond, Robert and James Williams of Baltimore, William and Frederick Williams of Towson, and Charles Williams of New York City, and 11 grandchildren.

James E. Palmer

Funeral services were held yesterday (Thursday) for James E. Palmer, 31, 318 Chowder St.

Mr. Palmer, a beautician, died Saturday at University Hospital where he was taken shortly after a heart attack.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer Sr., Mr. Palmer was a native Baltimorean and operated a beauty parlor on Pennsylvania Ave. since 1946.

He attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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MR. PALMER is survived by his parents, one brother, William Jr., and two sisters, Mesdames Elinor Green and Anna Belle Green.

Services were held at the Holland Funeral Home. The Rev. Oliver Franklin officiated.

Arthur Simmons, cook at local cafe, dies

"His body is still at the undertaker's. We have got to wait until the ground opens up to bury him. I don't know when that will be."

Mrs. Lillian Simmons was speaking Tuesday to the AFRO about the body of her husband, Arthur Simmons, 52, 1046 Brantley Ave., who died suddenly Feb. 12 at Provident Hospital.

Funeral services were held Monday from a Brantley Ave. funeral home. The Rev. J. D. Brown officiated. Burial was scheduled for Arbutus Memorial Park but had to be delayed because of the weather.

FOR 30 YEARS, Mr. Simmons was a cook at an E. North Ave. restaurant.

He was born in Cofield, N.C., the son of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Miss Violet Simmons, a teacher at School No. 121; a son, Samson Simmons; father, Joseph S. Simmons, Cofield, and two brothers, Joseph Lee Simmons, Detroit, and Roosevelt Simmons of Cofield.

Hospital workers mourn death of popular patient

Mrs. Grace J. Boyer

Mrs. Grace Jackson Boyer, who died from burns at her home 915 Edmondson Ave., on Sunday, Feb. 17, will be buried Saturday, Feb. 22 from St. Mary's P.E. Church at 9 a.m., with interment at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

On Feb. 21 at 8 o'clock at the Halstead Funeral Parlors, 918 Druid Hill Ave., the Rosary will be recited.

Mrs. Boyer is survived by one sister, Mrs. Etta Lee and a brother, Harry Jackson.

Mrs. A. L. McCoy, 59, buried in Mt. Auburn

Mrs. Annabell McCoy, 59, 2302 Rosedale St., died Saturday at her home. She had been ill for several months.

Funeral services were held yesterday (Thursday) from her home. The Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison, district superintendent of the South Baltimore district of the Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

For many years, Mrs. McCoy was a member of Ames Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Knights of Phythias.

A NATIVE of Savanah, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Willie Lee Lovett.

MRS. McCOY is survived by her husband, Booker T. McCoy; a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Drummond; mother, Mrs. Josephine Lovett; a sister, Mrs. Millie Baker of New York granddaughter.

William Fulton

Funeral services were held Thursday for William Fulton, 74, 1217 E. Oliver St., from an Orleans St. funeral home.

Mr. Fulton was dead on arrival at Johns Hopkins Hospital Sunday morning.

Relatives report he suffered a heart attack while helping to shovel snow.

The Rev. J. P. Grant, pastor of Southern Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Born in King Street, S.C. he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Fulton.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Laura Fulton; two daughters, Mrs. Madeline Pratt and Miss Thelma Fulton; three brothers, Watson, Vander and Jessie Fulton all of King Street S.C.; 15 nieces, 26 nephews, eight grandchildren, and two great - grandchildren.

Frank E. Palmer

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Frank E. (Riley) Palmer, 44, 1345 N. Stockton St., from the George G. Kelson Funeral Home.

Mr. Palmer died suddenly Friday.

For several years, Mr. Palmer was part-time bartender at the Sphinx Club.

A native Baltimorean, he was the son of the late Mrs. Mildred Palmer.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ada Palmer; three brothers, Daniel Palmer, Philadelphia; John and William Palmer of Baltimore; a sister, Miss Geneva Palmer of Baltimore and several nieces and nephews.

Elijah L. Jordan

Elijah Lambert Jordan, 66, 2914 Parkwood Ave., died Saturday morning at City Hospitals. He had been ill for one month.

Funeral services are scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) at 1 p.m. from Holland Funeral Home. Earl Gilmore is in charge.

Burial will be in Carver Memorial Park.

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AT THE time of his death, Mr. Jordan was a plumber and in charge of the power plant at Morgan State College for over 18 years.

A native of South Boston, Va., he attended the public schools of that city and Virginia Union University.

Survivors include his son, James Williams Jordan of Philadelphia and several nieces and nephews.

Look for the circled photo—you might be the lucky person.

Each edition of the AFRO carries a circled picture and all the person in the circle has to do to collect $5 is to appear at the AFRO office before noon Simpson, 54, of the 780 block Harford Ave.

A frequent patient at Mercy over the past two years, Mr. Simpson died at that institution on Feb. 6.

Following an autopsy, his body was held at the hospital for more than a week to give his family time to make funeral arrangements.

When efforts to raise funds for the funeral failed, the body was turned over to the city for burial according to hospital authorities.

Following services for Mr. Simpson, on hospital employees expressed regret that "there was nothing we could do for Homer."

Invalid mother, 70, burned to death

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Elizabeth Stansbury, 70, year-old invalid, was burned to death Thursday while alone in her room at 1810 Fifth St., NW.

Police said Mrs. Stansbury, who moved about on a cane, was warming herself with a portable electric heater, when the bed spread caught fire and gutted the room before help could reach her.

She was found in a chair fatally burned all over her body according to the fire marshal's office.

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MRS. STANSBURY lived alone.

Her son, James, 50, 402 R St., NW, who visited her each day, told police the gas heat had been turned off in the room the past eleven days.

Damage to the first floor rear room is estimated at $5,000. Fire was confined to the room after two men, Freddie Simpson and Eugene Oldum, detected smoke in the hallway and called Engine Company No. 4.

Look for the circled photo—you might be the lucky person. $50 A WEEK for news tips and photos. Be on the alert—call in your tips to the AFRO City Desk; Phones: MU. 5-4015, 6016, 1812 or 1813. Say "I've got a Newstip." If no answer call LA. 3-2811.

Body of H. T. Slaughter cremated at own request

WASHINGTON

Last rites for Henry T. Slaughter, of 1264 Columbia Rd. NW, were held Tuesday at the McGuire Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dillard H. Brown presiding.

In accordance with Mr. Slaughter's requests, the body was cremated at Lee Funeral Home.

Mr. Slaughter, 87 - year-old retired government worker, succumbed Friday at his residence.

A NOTED historian and collector of books, Mr. Slaughter was a member of Social Lodge, No. 1 and of the Columbia Typographical Union No. 101.

His extensive book collection is in the library at Atlanta University.

Mr. Slaughter also was a lawyer, was a Masonic fraternal leader and one of the few colored billiophiles in the country. He was a 33rd degree Mason and a long - time official of the Odd Fellows.

MR. SLAUGHTER was born in Kentucky and came to Washington in 1896.

He is survived by his sister, Iola S. Gray of Louisville, Ky.; three nephews, Frank H. Gray of Louisville, Columbus Gray of Philadelphia and Charles R. Gray, of 1845 Ninth St., NW, Washington.

Mrs. Ella E. Stevens

Requiem high mass was sung for Mrs. Ella E. Stevens, 58, Thursday morning at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church.

She died Sunday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Wilson, 1432 Druid Hill Ave., where she had stayed during her three month illness.

A native Baltimorean, Mrs. Stevens was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Glascoe.

A housewife, she was a volunteer worker with the Oblate Sisters Novitiate and Mother Sorrowful Druid Hill Ave. for three years.

SHE IS survived by her husband, Thomas E. Stevens, to whom she had been married 39 years.

They were to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in August of this year;

Also one brother, Benjamin Glascoe of Brooklyn, N.Y. and two sisters, Mrs. Wilson, with whom she lived, and Mrs. Gertrude Brown, Baltimore.

She also is survived by a nephew, Benjamin Glascoe Jr., a student of economics at Howard College in New York, and one niece, Mrs. Gloria Caldwell, a Baltimore telephone operator.

'Pennies for privilege' add up to $1,029.56

NEW YORK—The Indiana Baptist State Convention's "Pennies for Privilege" project has netted the NAACP $1,029.56, the Rev. Edward L. Odom Jr., the association's church secretary, reported last Friday.

The fund raising project was conducted by a special committee appointed by Dr. R. T. Andrews, president of the Indiana Baptists. Members of the committee include Dr. L. K. Jackson, the Rev. Julius James and the Rev. R. E. Penn, all Baptist ministers in Gary, Ind.

In a letter transmitting the check, Dr. Jackson said: "This contribution is to assist the NAACP in what we consider to be a great and stupendous fight for freedom."

In response to Dr. Jackson's letter, Mr. Odom indicated that the association considered the contribution a concrete expression of the convention's awareness of the urgent need for funds with which to wage a vigorous fight for freedom.

Funeral rites held for Mrs. E. Sessoms

Mrs. Ella Sessoms, 74, 844 Sharp St., longtime member of Leadenhall Baptist Church, was buried yesterday (Thursday).

Mrs. Sessoms died Saturday at her home. She had been sick for several months.

MRS. SESSOMS was a member of the Golden Age Society and various other church and civic organizations.

Survivors include her three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Jameson, Mrs. Alice Johnson and Miss Hezzie Sessoms; three sons, Ernest, Willie and Clifton Sessoms all of Baltimore; a sister, Mrs. Celia Robinson of Baltimore, and a brother, Augustus Reynolds of New York City.

Mrs. Sessoms was a native of Winton, N.C. and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Reynolds.

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If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

(Continued from Page 4)

...e cars in the world were placed end to end some dope would pull out and try to pass them?"

Well, there were plenty of hopes on the snarled streets of Baltimore this week. All they did was snarl traffic more.

Did you know that: Last week 66,400 persons bought the Baltimore AFRO?

There is only a slight difference between the circulation of the Tuesday and Friday AFROs.

In three sections of the city, the AFRO is 80 per cent home delivery. In nine other sections, 65 per cent of AFROs are delivered directly to AFRO home buyers.

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Riebel's Bakery, a Laurens St. institution for over 50 years, has been closed for the past 10 days due to the illness of the proprietor, Louis Riebel.

Closing of the bakery means at least a dozen workers are out of a job temporarily.

Intimates say Mr. Riebel has been ailing since last August when his daughter, Miss Eleanor P. Riebel, who operated the bakery, died.

Your cards will reach Mr. Riebel at Room 203, Franklin Square Hospital.

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Henry Parks, wealthy president of the sausage company which bears his name, should be in a fabulous new apartment further uptown in Northwest Baltimore by the time you read this.

He was in the process of refurnishing the house he purchased and the apartment he will maintain for himself, when those nasty burglars invaded the old Madison Ave. apartment where he lived.

He had been planning to move for sometime because the Madison Ave. place is in the redevelopment area, but the press of business kept him from making the move.

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Announcement in the mail this week tells of the opening of his office at 318 Pennsylvania Ave., by Benjamin L. King—a first — certified public accountant.

He hails from Seat Pleasant, Md., and is a Howard University graduate.

The Urban League is urging prospective guests to write early for their dinner reservations.

The 33rd annual event on March 5 p.m., will be at Famous Ballroom which can only accommodate 600 persons. Dr. John Hope Franklin, brilliant Brooklyn College professor, will be the speaker.

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Courtroom talk is about how Charles P. Howard, one of the ever - lawyers in town, so ably represented Delegate Emory R. Cole, who is executor and administrator of the $30,000 estate of the late William Ferguson.

A Superior Court jury in the court of Judge Joseph Byrnes, ruled the will was valid and upheld a bequest of a house and $2,100 left by Mr. Ferguson to his fiancee, Mrs. Josephine Parker.

Mr. Cole, who is a Republican legislator from the Fourth District, was sued by relatives of Mr. Ferguson who claimed the will was made while she was under undue influence.

Thanks to Mr. Howard's clearcut presentation, the jury did not find undue influence and Mr. Cole's handling did not find undue influence the estate was upheld.

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Sometimes, especially like Tuesday morning when the temperatures were down around zero and the snow was 16 inches deep—you get in the silliest discussions with people.

At the scene of the Arlington Ave. fire, a well-meaning neighbor set upon an AFRO reporter with "Why are you just getting here? This fire has been going on for over two hours," etc.

Even though the reporter explained that there was still a story to be had from talking to the people and that the fire was not "all over" as she put it, because firemen were still on the scene, she kept at it.

But the AFRO story on Tuesday carried details on the fire, names of all residents in the burned out building, a far cry from the paragraph bulletin carried the same day by other newspapers.

The moral, I guess is—it is not important what time you get on the scene, but what you get when you get there.

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And, the photo of the fire scene, taken by daily papers two hours before the AFRO arrived is not as good as the fire photo which appears in this edition on Page 25.

By the way, Mr. Lester G. Rice, who was located at 1006 Arlington Ave., has resided in his home since 1919. He is a blacksmith's helper at the B. and O. Railroad for 42 years.

His wife, Pronsee, was not at home at the time of the fire which Mr. Rice said started while he was attempting to thaw out a pipe.

Other fire victims included Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen at 1008. Their son is Milton Allen, the attorney.

The senior Mr. Allen, a carpenter, has suffered a stroke for the last two years, a passer-by helped him out.

Also in the Allen home—two grandchildren, Robert and Burke Tutman, 9 and 11 years of age.

The Allens are temporarily with a daughter, Obella, at 3bo Walbrook, trying to recover from the shock of losing all their possessions, not to mention the furnishings of the home they have occupied for the past 20 years.

TRAVELER—Two generations of American fighting men on opposite sides of the earth saw and heard the Rev. Mr. Jernagin in their theaters of war. Here, he is shown at the age of 75 in 1945 visiting soldiers in Manila. During World War I he preached to soldiers in France.

MARRIED TWICE — Several years after the death of his first wife, Dr. Jernagin took time out from a busy routine of civic and community affairs, world travel and operation of his church, plus officerships in several major Baptist and interdenominational bodies to marry again at the age of 75. He is shown above with the second Mrs. Jernagin, who survives him.

VEGETARIAN—Diet was considered highly important by the Rev. Mr. Jernagin. During last 31 years of his life, he was a vegetarian, and is shown here with an electric blender which he used to extract the juices from fruits and vegetables.

Dr. William H. Jernagin

(AN EDITORIAL)

Dr. William H. Jernagin, who died in Miami Monday, was often referred to as the oldest active pastor in Washington.

To those who knew this tireless minister this allusion was more rhetoric than factual because in vision, outlook and boundless energy he was much younger than many men half his age.

Born in Mashulaville, Miss., 88 years ago where he was denied schooling in his early years, he lifted himself by his own bootstraps to a place of eminence in his chosen profession and attained international fame as a preacher, pastor, and leader in religion and fighter for civil rights.

As president of the National Baptist Training Union Congress for 33 years, he helped prepare thousands for religious usefulness in his own denomination. His influence transcended this field as he was one of the guiding lights in the work of the Fraternal Council of Churches.

He also made his influence felt on the world scene, having made several trips to the war zones to preach to the soldiers and to look after the interests of our boys in the far-flung corners of the world.

He served as a delegate to the independence celebration in Ghana last year.

A lasting monument to his courage will be the wiping out of segregation in the public establishments in Washington. Although many, for partisan political advantage, are vociferious in giving credit for this accomplishment to the Eisenhower administration, full credit for this should be given to Dr. Jernigan and the late Mary Church Terrell, who underwent the indignity of police arrest in order to carry a test case to the Supreme Court.

The Eisenhower administration came into power just as their case, after years of struggle, reached culmination, abolishing segregation in the capital.

It would be a black mark on our leadership to rob these fine old gladiators of their due credit for a battle well fought.

Dr. Jernagin often boasted that through his strict diet practices he hoped to live to be 120. He died at the age of 88, but his boast was not entirely empty. What he missed in years he made up for in spiritual values and he actually crowded 120 years of service to humanity in the time allotted to him.

His passing will be a great loss to the church, to the community, to the race and to the world.

Sen. Kennedy's visit

(AN EDITORIAL)

Introduced as the next President of the United States, Senator John Kennedy, Democrat, Massachusetts, spoke last week to the alumni of Baltimore's Loyola college.

He's from Boston. He's a good speaker, is handsome in appearance and a likeable person.

When the civil rights bill was before the Senate last summer, he had four opportunities to vote and on two occasions he voted to cripple the bill.

On the first occasion he locked arms with the Southerners and voted to bottle the measure up in the deep freeze of the Eastland committee.

On the second, he voted with the Dixiecrats to strip the bill of the proposal which would have given the attorney-general power to enforce the school desegregation decision.

Mr. Kennedy talks and votes like a Bostonian, who hasn't seen and doesn't understand the meaning of the Robert Gould Shaw and Crispus Attucks monuments on Boston Commons.

Services held for retired policeman

WASHINGTON

Funeral services for William A. Johnson, 56-year-old retired Metropolitan policeman, will be held Saturday 1 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, 11th and K Sts., NW.

The remains are on view at Jarvis Funeral until 4 p.m. today (Friday) and burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

A native of Gaithersburg, Md., and Hampton Institute student, Private Johnson joined the police force in 1924.

Except for the three years he served at Precinct No. 4, he started his career as a rookie with Precinct No. 13 and retired from No. 13 in August 1951.

He was a well-liked and familiar figure on the U Street beat.

Private Johnson suffered a heart attack Feb. 5 and was admitted to D.C. General Hospital where he died Sunday.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie L. Johnson, 1156 Fifth St., NE.

Other survivors include three sons, William A. Jr., Morton S. and Ainsworth Johnson; two grandchildren, Robert A. and Wayne Johnson; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson Selman.

Thinking Out Loud

By RALPH MATTHEWS

To our desk this week came an interesting, but anonymous letter deploring conditions in the public school system and blaming the supervisory clique for the fact that the poor, harassed teachers are unable to cram anything into the heads of the children entrusted to their care.

The idea implied herein is that the credits and promotions come not from teaching children to read and write, but in mastering the mechanics of education, instead of in education itself.

The powers that be, according to this contributor, are more concerned with how things are taught than with what is being taught, if anything. They are bewitched by the science of teaching, rather than with the science of learning. Anything which improves the child, but deviates from the rituals laid down in the colleges is an abomination and results in reprisals, and may even result in the dismissal of the instructor.

The criteria seems to be methods not results; prescription not cure. The letter follows:

"SO THE children in Washington, D.C., can't read, eh? Does that surprise you? Well, it doesn't surprise me, and I think it's time everyone knows why these children can't read. Oh, yes, I agree—some of it is low economic status, and moving about to avoid payment of rent, and illegitimacy as well as indifferent, ignorant parents.

"All this is quite true, but there is more—much more that has as yet to come to light in your newspaper or in any report I have seen thus far. Before I tell you the rest, allow me to point out to you that I have taught for many years in a section of this city that has predominantly low economic groups, filth, low morals, ignorance and uneducated adults.

"Yes, I have seen many, many of the children of these groups grow up to become worthwhile citizens of whom I am justifiably proud. Do you know how this phenomenon occurred. All of us who teach here recognize the problem for what it is, we know our material.

"SO AFTER we talk to the parents and find most of them either unable to cooperate or unwilling to cooperate, we work with children—not just reading and writing, but complete education. We talk about a good breakfast in order to learn these children had had no breakfast or an inadequate one. So we began with that.

"We feed our children breakfast bought with money from our own pockets. Then, cleanliness. We talked it, and even on occasion washed the children.

"We bought clean clothing and dressed them; some of us have had to use our money and buy boots, shoes, socks, dress—anything to get these children in school. Think they are ready for reading, yet? Oh, no, there's more. The spiritual and moral side! We talked, we made charts, we showed by example — in fact we literally preached decency.

"Then they were ready to learn, but what happened? Now, for the 'much more' to which I referred above.

"The public schools accepted the challenge for one of the most inadequate supervisors ever to peer down her nose at little children.

"This woman had no concern for what we were trying to put over. All she could 'parrot' at one time was 'pho nics is out.' Who remembers when teachers were crucified if caught teaching phonics? No words were to be shown kindergarten children. They must play, play, play all day. Words came later—oh, so much later as a big surprise. Then it was readiness in the first grade.

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"EVERY CHILD was to be held back until she gave the word—some eight or 10 weeks after school started. Teachers were to have show! The best teachers were those with the most beautifully decorated rooms. So the children weren't reading! Who cared? Mrs. X had birds flying around her room, so she MUST be a good teacher!

"Now, the children must be allowed to make their own seatwork. Workbooks are out, reading from the board is out, heetographed work is out — they must be allowed to cut triangles and balls and label them—then and only then are the children reading.

"One must not cross this delightful person! What she says is law and one is not to be challenged by any one. Should one be so naive as to question these insinuations, there are (?) methods of teaching, that one would receive right and proper punishment! One then must go to observe and observe in the teacher training school.'

"She is then visited by supervisors until she is about to go mad, and if this does not bring her to complete agreement she must attend meetings where she learns to teach.

"I say all of the members of the Board of Education who are truly concerned with the problem of education here should look at their supervisors and principals — not so critically at their teachers and pupils. These same children learn in the parochial schools. WHY?"

'We must fight for equality,' say Whites on their 60th anniversary

By BERNICE BASS

ORANGE — "Love lasts a lifetime — or so the sages say, but treat it gently, oh my friend, for a lifetime can be just a day."

Undoubtedly this was the recipe which contributed most to the sixty-year marriage of Mr. and M