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"We are Americans and as Americans we would speak to America." — Frederick Douglass

For God's sake, forget

Dr. John H. Fischer, the executive officer of the Board of School Commissions, has guided the integration of Baltimore's public schools in a highly satisfactory manner since 1954.

Racial tags as applied to schools, teachers and pupils have been discontinued. Assignments of pupils and teachers on the basis of race are no more.

That is the way it should be.

Integration should be a noiseless process. It operates best when it is not watered and tended.

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BUT, DR. FISCHER gave out some figures in a talk at Pratt Library this week.

He said that there are 163,542 pupils in all grades in the public schools, and 53% of them are white, 47% colored.

In elementary schools only are 104,921 pupils, of whom 54,864 are colored and 50,057 are white, according to Dr. Fischer. He makes the point that there are more colored than white children in the city's elementary schools.

As an indication of progress, he points out that 89 of 176 elementary schools are integrated and 87 contain either all colored or all white pupils.

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IT IS A citation of these figures by the school superintendent which makes us know that integration leaves something to be desired.

Race in public education is not significant.

If racial tags are discontinued in themselves, but tabulation and designations are continued in some under-the-table manner, the harm remains. There is no more need of statistics classifying children by color of skin than by color of eye or hair.

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THE BALTIMORE public schools apparently are loathe to give up the old method of keeping racial statistics, for fear there will arise some emergency in which such figures are needed.

We hope Dr. Fischer can find reassurance on this point from all the people.

We do not want to know what percentage of children in public schools are colored or white.

Teach them, discipline them, test them, promote them, but for God's sake forget their color.

What, no civil rights bill?

Senator J. Alvin Jones trying out his legislative wings for the first time, last week introduced four bills.

S. R. No. 237 would take away from the Interracial Commission authority to appoint its executive secretary and give this power to the governor.

As we see it, this measure has no real significance other than to satisfy a personal grudge Mr. Jones and his Political mentor, Jack Pollack, may have against the present secretary, Sam Daniels.

Actually it contributes nothing of benefit to the voters of the Fourth District.

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S. R. NO. 256 would allow state employes to remain on the payroll after they have reached the retirement age of 70, providing such an employe has the approval of his department head.

S. R. 257 provides a 5 per cent annual increase in salary to all merit state employes making $6,000 a year or less.

S. R. 258 would earmark the revenue received by the state through the addition of a ninth race in the programs of the state's tracks. This money would be used for the payment of state salaries.

Neither of these three bills is likely to increase the efficiency of state employes. We think they should be fully debated before enactment into law is seriously considered.

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BUT THERE are two other measures now before the legislature in which Mr. Jones' constituents are vitally interested.

These are the proposals to give Baltimore a seventh legislative district and to give the legislature power to fix the boundaries of this new district.

Another district is commendable, but if its creation means gerrymandering the Fourth District so that it no longer has a majority of colored voters, we are against it.

Under these proposals the Pollack organization would do what we predicted they would attempt to do if their candidates were elected.

They will do exactly what they did in 1936 when they revised the boundaries of Baltimore's councilmanic districts so that for almost 20 years, colored citizens who comprise almost 30 per cent of the city's population had no representation in city government.

Questions answered

Shortly after workmen completed draining the Druid Hill Park reservoir the City Desk here at the AFRO received a number of calls from readers who wanted to know what was going on.

An investigation disclosed a very simple reason behind the project.

Water officials wanted to install a 72-inch pipe line so the wet stuff in the reservoir would have a way to get out and in. As it was, there was only one pipe for both in and out.

Naturally, you can't do such a job with the reservoir chuck full of H-2-0 and so the city pulled the plug and persons who passed the site looked at the empty hole in the ground and wondered if the city residents went on a water binge and drank the reservoir dry.

All of this brings to mind the thought that perhaps when the city embarks on any more projects of this nature it might do well to erect a sign at the site explaining to the interested exactly what is going on.

The expense would not be prohibitive and the time city workers spend answering queries about work projects could well be put to a more productive use.

Readers Say

Commissioner backed

Dear AFRO:

Police Commissioner James W. Hepburn has done many fine things during his administration of the Police Department, for which the Baltimore Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has commended him from time to time.

He has promoted deserving members of the Department who had long merited promotion, but who had not been upgraded by former Police Commissioners, solely because of their race.

Shortly after he took over, policewoman Vivian Hill Whyte, Officers Harry Scott and Dennis Mills were promoted to the position of Sergeant.

Under his administration, colored officers have been assigned to radio cars and other divisions of the Department.

Further, Commissioner Hepburn has sought and welcomed the appointment of qualified applicants to the Police Department, regardless of race, creed or national origin.

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OUR ORGANIZATION has commended him also for his policy of increasing the number of foot patrolmen, especially in congested districts.

This has measurably helped prevent a greater incidence of crimes of violence which would be a natural result of the ever-populated slum areas and the conditions which exist there.

Commissioner Hepburn's firm policy of the protection of the Constitutional Rights of colored citizens to live in peace and security in their new homes in changing neighborhoods, by providing around-the-clock police protection against vandalism and hoodlumism, has resulted in the absence in Baltimore of the kind of violence that has characterized Trumbull Park in Chicago, and other large cities.

The problem of police brutality is a continuing one, not only in Baltimore City, but in all large urban communities. Some of Commissioner Hepburn's predecessors have ignored our complaints of police brutality, while others would not make investigation.

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ONE OF his predecessors, when faced with a representative citizens' protest against a police killing of a man, who happened to be gambler, not only refused to take any action but advised the citizens' committee to "wait until some good citizen is killed."

Commissioner Hepburn on the other hand, has welcomed complaints, made prompt investigations, and taken some disciplinary action.

He has further made pronouncements in the press that his administration would not tolerate police brutality.

While the progress against police brutality has been limited, and not as great as we had hoped, Commissioner Hepburn, who inherited a serious situation in this respect, has promptly investigated complaints and has been willing to sit down and confer with the citizens about this problem.

It must be pointed out that during the last 18 months, there have been no police killings.

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COMMISSIONER HEPBURN has officially supported a system of Community-Police committees which are designed to improve police-community relations.

Further, he has encouraged ranking police officers to secure training in the field of human relations at the University of Michigan and other training centers.

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper named him to its 1958 Honor Roll, and presented him with a plaque for his consideration of the civil rights of all citizens irrespective of race.

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OUR ORGANIZATION has found Commissioner Hepburn to be a sincere, honest and capable administrator who, in spite of serious problems which he has inherited, is making substantial progress for the benefit of our entire community.

We feel that he needs a larger budget to employ more policemen and to increase salaries so as to attract and keep the caliber of men necessary for the highest type of policing.

He also needs the assistance of all thinking citizens in correcting deeply rooted conditions which will always handicap an effective administration of the Police Department.

It is his credit that during his administration long existing conditions of corruption in the Department, have been exposed and violators punished.

Dr. LILLIE M. JACKSON
President, Balto. NAACP

EDITOR'S NOTE: The letter was inspired by the current program of the State Legislature to whom Jerome Robinson (Democrat) charges has made many mistakes in judgment during his administration.)

More on Hepburn

Dear AFRO:

Often the good that men do is soon forgotten. With this thought in mind, we would like to come to Commissioner Hepburn's aid as he so ably did when we needed help.

It was back in 1957 when our neighborhood group, the New Ashburton Improvement Association, had a problem on its hands.

It was a time when residents of the Gwynns Falls Parkway area were plagued by thousands of starlings littering their streets and lawns with filth.

It was a serious health menace. To us the homeowners in the area, it was a terrific problem. In seeking aid, we called on many city officials, only to be shuttled to someone else.

In one of these moves, we approached Commissioner Hepburn. When he learned of our problem, he immediately went generously and willingly put into operation all the facilities at his command.

Not only did he render aid, but he made several personal visits to see that Operation Starling was progressing in a satisfactory manner.

Such men, dedicated to the service of the public and the problems of the lowly taxpayer, are not easy to find. That breed of politician which can always must to attract attention to themselves are in abundance.

When such men of Commissioner Hepburn's caliber—high integrity, efficiency and energy are found, every effort should be made to retain them—not abuse them.

HARRY CARPENTER, chm. of Gwynns Falls Park. Committee

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

An old journalism professor once told me you should always say something nice about people and being one who remembers what his teachers have taught, I shall say something nice.

Had you take certain of our trash collectors, not all of them mind you, but some of them, at home they are probably ideal husbands and pillars of the community.

But then on the other hand you get them out on the job and they seem to turn into rampaging monsters whose sole mission in life seems to be in increasing the sale of tranquilizers to soothe the jangled nerves they have caused.

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IT IS unpleasant enough to have to wake up at all and crawl out of bed on these chilly mornings.

But when you are jarred from a dream of a South Sea island complete with 100 dancing girls with no rescue in sight, by the sound of trash cans striking the ground with a hollow thud, why it's enough to wreck the nerves of a Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

And when you add to the sound of banging cans the roar of a truck that badly needs a muffler and the human shouts of "hey, boy, hip,"— well the din has been known to drive tranquilizers to strong drink to repair their shattered nerves.

It takes no trick of the imagination to figure out what type of conversations these trash men have as they make life miserable for the less fortunate.

"Ambrose," says the leader of the crew to his number one man, "isn't that a brand new trash can I see sitting there all bright and shiny?"

"Why by George," says the number one, whose name is Algernon, "I do believe you are right."

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TOGETHER THEY lift the can, dump the contents in the truck, and then toss it 20 feet into the air. It lands, quite naturally, with a rather loud "boom."

"Jove," says Algernon, "that was a jolly good toss. There's no way in the world that they can ever make the top fit on it again."

"Right," says Ambrose "and when we come back next week we'll put a matching dent in the other side."

Happily they make their noisy way down the alley. Reaching a home, Algernon stops.

"This guy must have been out all night on a party," he says. "I just saw him stagger into the house about 15 minutes ago so he should have just fallen asleep."

Laughing, in what is best described as hysterical tones, they carefully empty the poor soul's trash can, putting exactly half the stuff in the truck and the other half on the ground.

"They then play a game called kick the can. The rules are simple.

Each man takes turns at dropping the can. Then the one who drops it loudest, thereby making the poor tenant of the house sick his head out of the window to ask them to please stop that so-and-so noise, is the winner.

At the end of the day the one who has made the most heads shot out of the most windows wins and he is treated to tea and crumpets by his comrades in arms.

Actually, I'm just kidding . . . It doesn't happen like that. . . At least I keep telling myself it doesn't happen like that, but then I picked the stuff up from the pennant, so who believes anything I say?

No thanks for aid

Dear AFRO:

Speaking of Christmas baskets, I wonder just how thankful some people are.

I made a call to the AFRO just before Christmas for the name of a family in Cherry Hill as our church (Heming-way Temple) was planning to give a few baskets, and was given the name of a mother and five children on Roundview Rd.

Christmas Eve our pastor, another lady and I delivered the basket to this family. The mother had taken the kids to the Regent Theater party, so her sister very graciously accepted the basket for her.

There was enclosed a card stating where I was from.

We have as yet to receive a thank you (only 10 cents) or a card, or any kind of thank you from the mother herself.

If she only knew that some of the people who gave for her basket are widows also with children or are on relief and the incomes are limited too and could have used the things themselves. But the old spirit of sharing with others got the best of them.

If she knew maybe she would have said a mere thanks some way (I wonder).

MRS. F. WILKINS
3043 Ascension St.
Baltimore 25

March of Dimes

Dear AFRO:

Another March of Dimes campaign has come and gone, and I now have the pleasant task of expressing our gratitude.

Thank you so much for your generous cooperation. You do well that we count on you (the AFRO) and, happily, you never let us down.

On behalf of the National Foundation and on behalf of the thousands of Marylanders who will enjoy healthier tomorrows, because of the March of Dimes, I can say a very heartfelt "thank you!!"

NAOMI DUFF SMITH

Monday, Feb. 23

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN conducts its annual Brotherhood Food Festival with about 30 organizations of differing races and faiths as participants at Washington's Burlington Hotel from noon to 7 p.m.

Preserve the right

Only in the past eight years have the democratic processes operated in Maryland so that colored persons were appointed as police and traffic court magistrates and to a people's court judgeship.

This was possible only because appointments were made by the governor who was not limited to recommendations by the bar association.

We have therefore opposed replacement of police and traffic court magistrates by a full time municipal court because we felt this proposal was designed to eliminate colored magistrates by making citywide elections imperative.

Small county political subdivisions have their judges, and therefore we believe that 300,000 colored people living in Baltimore City should have preserved for them the right to serve as magistrates and judges also.

He was not our man

The mention of the name of Abraham Lincoln on his birthday always brings mixed feelings.

As President in the war years from 1856 until 1864, he kept the North united, kept shifting his generals and changing his strategy until he whipped the secession states back into the Union.

Like a lot of Presidents, he talked too much and he agonized in public too much.

Minority groups like ours never knew where we stood with him. For example in signing the Emancipation Proclamation he said quite bluntly that if he could have saved the Union without freeing the slaves, he would not have freed the slaves.

He didn't enlist colored troops in the war until he was forced to do so. And he didn't give them the same pay as white troops until he had to do it.

He was generous enough to admit that if the South had used colored troops as the North did, the South would have won the war.

Lincoln was provincial and crude.

He sponsored programs to send colored Americans back to Africa and they failed repeatedly.

He had no high conception of Christianity or the Declaration of Independence which declared all men are equal.

In his debates with Senator Stephen Douglas, he constantly referred to colored people using epithets which would not have come from the lips of any cultured person.

To sum up our view of the situation, Lincoln freed the slaves and won the war of the rebellion, but in the words of Frederick Douglass, "He was neither our man nor our model."

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

It's the talk of the town:

The story about the parking lot attendant who was told to pick up an automobile at a downtown hotel.

He did and no one knew where he or the fully equipped new Caddy had gone until New Jersey state police contacted local lawmen to ask what happened?

The upstate officers became suspicious when they saw the attendant cruising along the Jersey Turnpike (near the Holland Tunnel) happy as a lark in his coveralls.

By the time police got around to booking him at Central Wednesday, the thrill had gone.

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THOSE RASCALS who have been knocking over cleaning shops around town are wrong as the devil, but you must give them credit for being half smart.

Every shop they robbed was without a telephone.

By the time the frightened clerks got up enough nerve to call for help, the boys were long gone.

Around police headquarters Monday, people were commenting about the snappy dress uniforms worn by the harbor tunnel guards.

The consensus of opinion was: They make city officer's uniforms look mighty drab.

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WHEN Harold V. Holden went before a DMV reviewer last Friday for a hearing, practically everyone in the building stopped work to peek at him.

They should have heard the exchange of words between the man from the attorney general's office and Holden's attorney.

I thought for awhile, "Gad, someone is going to jail this morning and it's not going to be Holden."

When it was all over the two attorneys shook hands. I don't dig that. What are they trying for, a return match?

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THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper records because its management believes in God, in the present generation. It must always ask itself —

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people.

Whether it has an other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future secured.

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody.

Whether it stays out of political except to expose corruption and corrupt influence, even graphic as unpopular.

—JOHN HENRY MURPHY SR. 1922

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things....

You hear a lot of talk when juveniles don't make good, seldom much when they do well . . . so here goes:

Vernon Johnson Jr., son of Vernon and Jeanette Johnson, 2429 W. Mosher St., was graduated with honor at City College on Tuesday evening. He was among the top 15 in the class of 128.

Young Johnson was voted 'the best athlete in the senior class,' a first at City. He was also voted membership in the Honor Society, and awarded the honor medal which goes to the grad who excells in scholarship, athletics and extra-curricular activities.

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Word from Fairmount, W. Va., of the sudden death on Sunday of Mrs. Mary Armstrong Warfield, 40, wife of James Warfield, a teacher, and sister of William (Bill) Armstrong of Baltimore.

A son, her husband and brother and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong survive.

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Off on a junket to the Dominican Republic this weekend for a week in Ciudad Trujillo are Robert B. Watts, the lawyer and Traffic Court magistrate, and Mrs. Verda Welcome, the new member of Maryland's House of Delegates.

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Among the cute babies baptized on Sunday at St. James P.E. Church was three-month-old Terri Pamela Parker, infant daughter of Dolores (nee Ashby) and Thomas Parker.

When the coming infant looked almost knowingly at Father Cedric E. Mills, her parents beamed with justifiable pride and joy for Terri, a premature baby, weighed only 4 pounds 11 ounces when she was born on Nov. 18.

Now Dolores, (who is already back on the job at School No. 60), reports Terri weighs a healthy 11 pounds, 3 ounces. Godparents are: Barbara Ann Tabb, (she's Dolores' niece, a June grad of Coppin and one of the city's newest teachers.

Overnight visitors in our town Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Robinson (Vivian) of Pittsfield, Mass., where he is a teacher.

They were entertained by Danville, Va., where they had been to attend the wedding of Daniel Reed and Angella Robinson, both Danville teachers.

When the Robinsons phoned Richard Blackwell and C. Leroy Carroll.

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Prettiest wedding in town this weekend was not a wedding at all — just a fashion show to teach you how to use flowers and decorate for the most important event in your life.

It was held at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

Summers Florist staged it and called it 'Fashion in Flowers.'

Talented Carl Norwood, Summers owner, Mrs. Loretta Valentine and other associates, prepared the prettiest floral designs for all occasions.

The wedding scene climaxed the show. All the participants were dressed in formal wear for the occasion and the stage decorated just like you would do it for a real wedding.

There was even the yards-long white streamer for the bride to walk on.

The pretty bride was Miss Edith Bouldin. She carried an unusual cascade of white flowers.

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Bridesmaids, also appropriately dressed in formal gowns, were Joyce East, Vivian Fowlkes, Lillian Fowlkes and Shirley Faulkner.

Marcellus Kelly was the father; Hayden Smith, the bridegroom and Gordon Dease, the best man.

Cute as a picture was the flower girl, 1-year-old Vanessa Watkins, who wore blue nylon with red roses in her hair.

Our five-year-old Benjamin Phillips, was ringbearer and had the nerve to pose in the middle of the stage just as the bride started up the aisle. Ralph Williams and Russell Allen and Doris Booker were other wedding participants.

The bride's floral piece held lighted candles as did the flowers carried by the bridesmaids. Very pretty.

Eyecatching: the huge wishing well which stood in the middle of the auditorium. Unusual too: the bird of paradise Mr. Norwood made with flowers as the guests looked on. Mary Dee was emcee.

About this and that...

One year ago — Feb. 15, 1958 — Baltimore had 16 inches of snow — The whole town was paralyzed, remember? . . .

AFRO Writer Elizabeth M. Oliver, who was stricken suddenly last week, was released from Provident Hospital on Thursday. She will probably be away from her desk another two weeks.

Cards should reach her at 2111 Garrison Boulevard.

Mrs. Ethel M. B. Carrington, wife of the pastor of Union Memorial Methodist Church. She's in Provident.

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Mrs. William (Boz) Harris, wife of the U.S. marshal, is home from Hopkins Hospital where she underwent an operation last week.

Mrs. Earl Anderson (Paly) Housing Authority worker and wife, of Teacher, has been ailing all week. She is due in the hospital for an operation by the time you read this.

Did you know that there are only two television sets in Provident Hospital—one on the children's ward and the other on the third floor men's area?

Theodore Perkins, Provident Hospital superintendent, says the hospital's electrical equipment has increased and put such a strain on the old electrical wiring, the hospital made a rule a year ago no individual TV sets could be brought into patients' rooms.

Anybody want to adopt the installation of a centralized current project for Provident Hospital so sick people can enjoy television?

Or, better still, how's about a citizens' committee for a new Provident Hospital? It's way overdue.

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Feb. 16th birthday cards to John Rich, the teacher, 1727 Druid Hill Ave.

Birthday greetings to Dr. Lucius Butler, the dentist, at 900 W. Franklin St. He celebrates on February 17.

More people and things...

Congratulations to two Baltimore ladies — Mrs. Ruthe Tanner Sheffey and Miss Esther Lazarus.

Mrs. Sheffey is the brilliant Morgan State College professor of English and Miss Lazarus is the brilliant director of the Baltimore Department of Public Welfare.

Both were in Philadelphia on Saturday — Mrs. Sheffey to get her doctorate in English and Miss Lazarus to get an honorary doctorate in social work from the University of Pennsylvania.

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By the by, the doctorate to Mrs. Sheffey is a particularly outstanding honor because the U. of Pa. is known to be a very stiff college on English.

Rabbi Israel Sandmann and their chesty, that a local girl has come through with flying colors. Sheffey is an honor graduate of Douglass High, honor graduate of Morgan, where she served as editor of the and honor grad of Howard University, where she earned her M.A. in 1947 and married Mr. and Mrs. Granville Winbora (Mirian).

At another table, Dr. Bruce Alleyne, his sister, Mrs. Winfred Rhodes, and Mrs. Mabel Hogans.

At another table: Kenneth Bass and cute Miriam Butler.

Sheffey, Juvenile Court probation officer. They have a two-year-old daughter, Ilona.

Pretty smart lady—Dr. Sheffey, teaching at Morgan, keeping home and family, having a baby, and winning her doctorate. Congratulations should be addressed to her at: 2309 Leighton Ave.

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The Rev. Levi Miller Jr., who was one of 13 Methodist ministers to lead an evangelistic mission in Europe, was back in the states as of Friday.

He is executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Church.

Shoman Harry Deans postcards to friends in Baltimore that he has had a chance to tour Jerusalem, hopes to be back in the states soon.

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Sunday evening dinner at Garrison Lounge included AFRO President Carl Murphy and Shoman Deans.

Also, AFRO Editor C. W. Mackay and Mrs. Mackay who were in town from Mt. Vernon and two brothers, Roger and Richard Wright and a nephew, Arthur M. Carter, editor of the Norfolk edition of the AFRO.

Her husband, Arthur Chapman, died in 1950.

Services held for woman, 107

Mrs. Mary Ella Gill, 107, was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery Tuesday.

Funeral services were held at the Henry W. Joynes Funeral Home Chapel, 118 Mass. Ave. NW. The Rev. Luther Hunter officiated.

Mrs. Gill was a native of Caroline County, Va., died Thursday at her home, 124 13th St., S.W. For the past two years she had been suffering from arteriosclerosis, a hardening of the arteries occurring mostly in old age.

She is survived by 35 great nieces and nephews, a son, James E. Lawson; and a niece, Mrs. Josephine Washington, both of Washington.

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MRS. WASHINGTON said Mrs. Gill had been married twice and was mother of five children. She outlived both husbands and four of the children.

Mrs. Gill, before coming to Washington as a teen-ager, had been a midwife throughout Caroline County and in Washington in the days when doctors were scarce. She made her uniforms and delivered many babies, many of them white, into the world without charge.

Mrs. Washington said her centurian aunt in her later years used to sit and talk about the days of slavery and the Civil War. Her mother was a slave. Her father was not.

A FORMER member of various churches which no longer exist, until last January she walked about without assistance. Two years ago her memory began to fail and she gradually lost sight in the left eye, but her hearing and speech remained sharp.

She had no special formula for living more than a 100 years, other than living normally from day to day like many of her relatives who passed in old age.

Rev. Russell Roberts, N.J. evangelist, dies

BOSTON, Mass. — The Rev. Russell Roberts, 36-year-old crusading Atlantic City pastor and evangelist, died Wednesday morning at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Boston.

A former prize fighter and one-time sparring mate of ex-world heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott, the Rev. Mr. Roberts had been pastor of Atlantic City's Shiloh Baptist Church for 10 years at the time that he was stricken with a spinal ailment late in November.

After a three-week illness at his home, he was taken—paralyzed from neck to waist—to Atlantic City Hospital shortly before Christmas.

ON JAN. 14 he was brought by ambulance from Atlantic City to board a train for Boston for specialized treatment at the Lemuel Shaptuck Hospital.

Though wincing and occasionally crying out in pain as attendants sought to move him from the ambulance to the train, the Rev. Mr. Roberts was still in good spirits and able to quip about it's being "a tough season for ministers" as a result of his own illness and the hospitalization of Evangelist Billy Graham.

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ALWAYS A forceful and dynamic minister and evangelist, the Rev. Mr. Roberts attained nation - wide prominence in March, 1956, when he engaged in a two-week "prayerthon," fasting and sleeping in his pulpit in a sympathy protest for the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycotters.

During the two-week demonstration the Rev. Mr. Roberts was joined in his prayers at the church by scores of persons from all walks of life.

"You would hardly believe it," he declared in the midst of his fast, "All during the day and night, bus boys, bellhops, policemen, people from all walks of life and all creeds came in here and joined us in prayer.

"Many come first out of curiosity. But they become sincere. The effect is tremendous when they realize they are praying for all people. . . .

". . . After school children by the hundreds come in; their parents too, carrying their Bibles. Everybody is carrying Bibles, even in bars and night clubs . . . In this short period of time, we have got more non-Christians to pray than I have been able to preach to in the town in seven years."

During his period of fasting the Rev. Mr. Roberts lost 15 pounds.

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DURING THE past three years rumor had linked the handsome young pastor with three female vocalists: Dinah Washington, Mahalia Jackson and Clara Ward.

Questioned by a reporter about one such report, he declared: "They are always marrying me to every woman with whom I appear on a religious program."

A former member of the AME Zion denomination, the Rev. Mr. Roberts withdrew from that church in 1947 to become a Baptist. A few years later he became pastor of New Shiloh.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the John Carter Funeral Home of Atlantic City, where the body will probably be held at the New Shiloh Baptist Church.

DURING RIGHTS PRAYERTHON — The Rev. Mr. Roberts and Reggie Edgehill, Atlantic City night club owner, are shown as the two carried on an 11-day and night prayerthon for civil rights at Atlantic City's Shiloh Baptist Church in March, 1956.

New pastor set for Gospel Church

WASHINGTON

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 15th Street Presbyterian Church for Miss Virginia Williams, a former teacher in the District public school system. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Miss Williams, age 69, who retired in December, 1957 after teaching 44 years, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Miriam W. Lee, 1111 Lamont St., NW, last Saturday.

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A NATIVE Washingtonian and a descendant of the Chase-Sexton and Coster families, Miss Williams resided for many years in South Carolina and attended Howard University and Williams College, Asheville N.C. of which her father, the Rev. Emery Walker Williams was president.

From a family of educators, Miss Williams' mother was the late Virginia Chase Williams, also an educator.

MISS WILLIAMS attended Miner Normal College, Howard University, Columbia University, and studied music at the Boston Conservatory. She held a B.S. Degree from Howard.

The musician, who until recent years contributed a column to this newspaper entitled "Moments Musical" trained and conducted many choral groups and choirs of several churches in Washington, among them the 15th Street Presbyterian Church, Berean Baptist, Union Wesley AME Zion and the Mount Zion Methodist.

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ON JULY 4, she conducted a chorus of 500 voices on the east steps of the U.S. Capitol and on the return of Lindburg from his flight to Paris, she conducted a chorus of 1,000 voices on the west step of the Capitol.

Miss Williams aided various drives such as the Community Chest, the Red Cross and Heart Fund. She was a member of the "Double Clef," a music organization that is over 50 years old, and was active in the National Council of Negro Women. She was also chairman of the music committee as well as a member of the board of directors of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA.

Funeral services held for retired teacher

WASHINGTON

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 15th Street Presbyterian Church for Miss Virginia Williams, a former teacher in the District public school system. Interment was at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Miss Williams, age 69, who retired in December, 1957 after teaching 44 years, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Miriam W. Lee, 1111 Lamont St., NW, last Saturday.

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A NATIVE Washingtonian and a descendant of the Chase-Sexton and Coster families, Miss Williams resided for many years in South Carolina and attended Howard University, Williams College, Asheville N.C. of which her father, the Rev. Emery Walker Williams was president.

From a family of educators, Miss Williams' mother was the late Virginia Chase Williams, also an educator.

MISS WILLIAMS attended Miner Normal College, Howard University, Columbia University, and studied music at the Boston Conservatory. She held a B.S. Degree from Howard.

The musician, who until recent years contributed a column to this newspaper entitled "Moments Musical" trained and conducted many choral groups and choirs of several churches in Washington, among them the 15th Street Presbyterian Church, Berean Baptist, Union Wesley AME Zion and the Mount Zion Methodist.

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ON JULY 4, she conducted a chorus of 500 voices on the east steps of the U.S. Capitol and on the return of Lindburg from his flight to Paris, she conducted a chorus of 1,000 voices on the west step of the Capitol.

Miss Williams aided various drives such as the Community Chest, the Red Cross and Heart Fund. She was a member of the "Double Clef," a music organization that is over 50 years old, and was active in the National Council of Negro Women. She was also chairman of the music committee as well as a member of the board of directors of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA.

Mrs. Bessie Chapman, a born church worker

"She was a very active, conservative woman. Whenever a committee was needed for anything, she always volunteered.

"She was not a selfish person, but one who thought of her fellowman ahead of herself."

The Rev. W. P. Mitchell, pastor of Payne AME Church was speaking Saturday at funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Chapman, longtime church leader.

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MORE THAN 300 persons attended the two and a half hour services in which 14 ministers participated.

Among them was the Rev. J. C. Brown, pastor of Brown Memorial AME Church, who sold of Mrs. Chapman.

"She was a fine, church going woman. When I first came to Baltimore, she made me feel welcome."

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THE REV. W. B. NASH, pastor of Waters AME Church, said:

"I found her when I first came to Baltimore a church working woman and until her death, she still worked here for the church."

Other participating ministers were the Revs. Wayman Henry, Allen AME Church; N. B. Carrington, Union Memorial Methodist Church;

John M. Cox, presiding elder; W. N. Edwards, Union Bethel AME Church, Randallstown; William E. Mossley, presiding elder; P. M. Tilghman, Oak St. AME Church;

I. M. Gray, St. Johns AME; T. J. Jackson, evangelist; Mrs. Emma J. Swan, Basil AME, Cockeysville; and W. A. Bell.

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MRS. CHAPMAN, 68, died Feb. 3rd in Johns Hopkins Hospital after an illness of two weeks.

She was a longtime member of Payne where she served as a class leader, Steward, Missionary, Senior Choir, ACE League, and Willing Worker.

She survived by three sisters, Mesdames Lena Turpin, Daisy Lake, and Earlie Cass;

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE ATLANTA — The Morris Brown College choir, under the direction of G. Johnson Robert, will appear in benefit concert at Fort Valley State College on Sunday at 8:15 p.m. Colonius Davis, organist, will be the accompanist for the choir.

Services held for Gospel Choir

Ames Memorial Methodist Church
Carey & Baker Sts.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
Anniversary of The Gospel Choir
Morning Service 11 A.M. — Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "The Triumphant Music of Salvation."
Music by Youth & Senior Choirs.
Afternoon Service 3 P.M.—Musical Program, Gospel Rama, 40 Visiting Choirs and Choruses.
Vesper Hour — 6 P.M. The M.Y.F. Program. Adult Bible Class.
Evening Service — 8 P.M. — Evangelistic Hour. Sermon by Pastor. Music. The Gospel Choir.
A Cordial Welcome To All
Will See You in Church
Sister Annie Smith, Pres. Sister Mary Wesley, Organist
Sister Beatrice Davidge, Chr. Frank J. Frye, Minister

ANNUAL
MEN'S DAY SERVICE
John Wesley Methodist Church
SHARP AND MONTGOMERY STREETS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1959
9:30 A.M. — COMMUNION BREAKFAST (For men and boys).
11:00 A.M.—MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison, Guest Speaker
So. Balto. District Supt., Washington Annual Conference
THEME: "This I Believe"
MUSIC BY: ALL MALE CHORUS
Directed by Mr. James R. Dickerson
3:00 P.M.—REV. S. A. THOMPSON
Choir and Congregation of Ebenezer A. M. E. Church
6:30 P.M.—MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA
Featuring:
The Morris Queen Chorale
Perkins Square Baptist Male Chorus
Mount Moriah Baptist Male Chorus
Shiloh Christian Community Male Chorus
Golden Light Quintette
Perkins Square Baptist Gospel Choir
Saint John's Male Chorus.
All Singing Groups of John Wesley Methodist Church
REV. CHARLES E. JOHNSON, Pastor
MR. ELANDERS ENGLISH, Chairman
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

ORCHARD STREET METHODIST
ORCHARD ST. Near DRUID HILL AVE.
8:45 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A.M.—MORNING SERVICE
3:00 P.M.—ANNIVERSARY — HANDY BAND DAY SPEAKER, REV. J. E. JOHNSON
8:00 P.M.—A MUSICAL, PRESENTED BY THE FELLOWSHIP CHORUS, SPONSORED BY THE SENIOR CHOIR — SUBSCRIPTION $1.00
6:00 P.M.—METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
6:00 P.M.—EVENING WORSHIP
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9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL—Mrs. M. White, Supt.
10:00 A.M.—TESTIMONIAL SERVICE
11:00 A.M.—Speaker, REV. MRS. MARY HENRY, of Allen A.M.E. Church
3:00 P.M.—Speaker, THE REV. MRS. AGNES ALLEN
Render All Reports.
6:00 P.M.—M. Y. F. Jeraldine Fields, President
Dining Hall Open After Morning Service
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INSTALLATION SERVICE of the PASTOR
REV. LORENZO GRAVES, JR.
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
562 W. Biddle Street
SUNDAY
February 15th, 1959
9:30—Sunday School
Sis. E. P. McMillan, Supt.
Sis. Jo Ann Winchester, Secy.
11:00 A.M. — Morning Worship, Rev. Lorenzo Graves, Pastor. Subj.: "I Am Ready"
3:00 P.M.—Installation Service
REV. J. B. BUTLER ..... Officiating
REV. E. W. WILLIAMS ..... Scripture
REV. W. L. PITTS: ..... Prayer
SIS. E. P. McMILLAN ..... Welcome
SIS. ELBERT MOORE ..... Solo
REV. WILLARD CLAYTON ..... Sermon
SIS. BETTY JOHNSON ..... Solo
REV. E. D. MEADE ..... Charge to Church
REV. J. L. MOORE, JR. ..... Charge to Pastor
REV. T. B. DAVIS ..... Hand of Fellowship
BRO. J. B. AMOS ..... Remarks
REV. LORENZO GRAVES ..... Benediction
—INSTALLATION COMMITTEE—
Rev. Lorenzo Graves, Pastor Bro. Clarence Ross
Des. James Ames, Chm. Sis. Ruth Graves
Des. Charles Johnson Sis. Enolia McMillan, Secy.

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125th Anniversary of the Sunday School
9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY