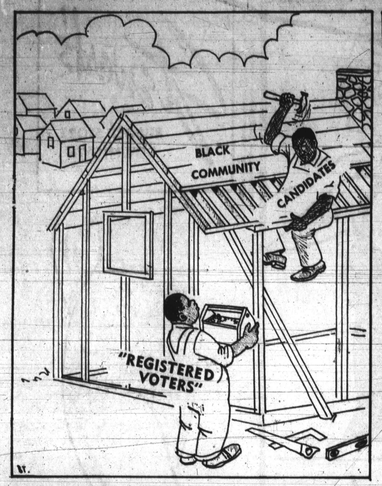
More Hands Needed



Baltimore Afro-American

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful, and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

Primary Candidates

The 77 black citizens who have filed for elective office say to the AFRO that its long advocacy of fuller participation in government is paying dramatic dividends.

In some instances, the chance of success at the polls will be nil unless some of those who have filed for the same major positions outside the Fourth District decide on their own, or can be encouraged, to pull out of their contests by the July 31 deadline for withdrawals.

Of course, a few of our would-be public officials have been encouraged to run for the specific purpose of splitting the black vote in order to assure election of someone else. And although they have little or no chance of winning, they are likely to stay in the competition.

In these cases, it will be necessary for the voters to make the big decision.

To some it may seem that black candidates are working against their own best interests by filing for so many offices, often under conditions where they will split the vote and lessen the opportunities for victory.

This cannot be denied, but it some times is the price of gaining full participation in representative government.

For the moment the AFRO is pleased to see so many citizens express an interest in serving their communities, city and state, through the elective process.

Not only are the candidates coming out in larger numbers, but they are seeking to broaden the area of jobs they want to fill. This year there are candidates for governor, sheriff, clerkships, judgeships and House seats from all six legislative districts.

Outside Baltimore City, where black citizens make up nearly half the population, greater interest in elective office also is being reflected.

Successes in elections here and elsewhere, such as in Cleveland, Gary and Newark, have encouraged more people to enter elections. The rising black population and voting strength have encouraged others. The importance of fully participating in the government has encouraged others.

The large number of candidates should increase the number of voters who will cast ballots on election day.

All this, despite some apprehensions about certain of the filings, suggest that black Baltimore is much closer to the day when its political wallop will be what it should be.

Our Readers Say:

School Board Appointee

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 200 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Dear AFRO:

The appointment of Nicholas B. Mangione to the Baltimore Board of School Commissioners by Mayor D'Alesandro is a move on the part of the city administrators to return Baltimore City Schools back to the days of conservatism and poor educational policies.

Months ago, prior to this appointment, Councilman Frank X. Gallagher (D.-3rd.) and others have reacted to present school board membership efforts to move our schools toward quality, relevant education by painting a bad image in the news media of the five progressive members, calling them irresponsible and unresponsive to the needs of students.

Mayor D'Alesandro yielded to the conservatives by replacing Francis Murnaghan with one of Gallagher's conservative friends, Robert L. Karwacki.

The black community should not sit by and allow the city power structure to place our city school system back into the hands of backward thinking people.

Our school system has 65 to 70 per cent black student enrollment. Black citizens of Baltimore deserve and should demand a school board which has a black majority.

One of the major reasons why Baltimore has not had a repeat of the April, 1968 disorders is because one major board has worked hard to function, to make policy, to allow students, parents, and the community their full civil liberties and to encourage their involvement in the decision-making process at all levels of school administrations.

The appointments of Karwacki and Mangione represents a beginning to replace some of the progressive members with white conservatives.

Later this year, on December 31, 1970, the terms of Samuel T. Daniels and Phillip Macht's will expire.

One, or both of these men, will be replaced by white conservatives unless the black community unleashes all of its forces to bear on the city administrators.

Two years ago, a coalition of civil rights groups demanded that the mayor appoint black people to the school board to represent and promote the educational interest of the black community.

The mayor responded favorably to this demand. However now when these black people spend long hours at school board and community meetings in order to be responsive and relevant to student and community needs, a reactionary white power structure has decided the board should again have a white majority.

It is imperative that the black community act now to mobilize its forces against these discriminatory appointments by the mayor, to demand that black people constitute a majority of the Baltimore City School Board. — JAMES M. GRIFFIN

(Editor's Note: Mr. Griffin is a member of the Baltimore City School Board).

Macedonia Pleased

Dear AFRO:

The purpose of this letter is to express our thanks and deep appreciation for the broad coverage given the Macedonia Baptist Church's Daily Vacation Bible School, in the July 3, 1970 issue of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

Teachers, parents and pupils were delighted to know that their humble efforts had been recognized. This kind of encouragement is needed whenever young people are involved in meaningful programs and activities.

Miss Edith House is to be commended on such a detailed article accompanying the excellent photographs taken by young Mr. Phillips.

This was a kind of youth serving youth.

Already, we are looking forward to a larger enrollment for our Daily Vacation Bible School in the summer of 1971.

(MRS.) VELVO G. INGRAM, Director.
The REV. W. L. CLAYTON, Minister.

Breakfast

Dear AFRO:

In an effort to aid underprivileged people in all of its surrounding communities, the Morgan State College Student Union sponsors a series of charitable programs.

Currently, the Union, led by President Kenny Bevins is sponsoring a Boxed Cereal-for-Breakfast Campaign.

Any persons who are in need of nutritional aid and would like to receive a case of boxed cereal is asked to notify: Kenny Bevins, President, Student Union, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland 21212.

I believe the college as an institution of higher learning, is and should be an intricate, as well as functional part, of all communities.

F. V. McSWEENEY KENNY BEVINS, President

Judges Let Truth Out

Any Baltimorean who still believed in the myth of judges here being above politics got hit squarely in the face with the facts of life Tuesday when the Supreme Bench chose Howard L. Cardin a interim state's attorney.

Under pressure, or better, for political consideration, the judges passed over the office's deputy, George J. Helinski, to pick the 29-year-old Cardin, member of a politically influential family, as successor to Charles E. Moylan who recently was made a Special Court of Appeals judge by Gov. Marvin Mandel, in part of the same political deal.

Helinski, in resigning from his position, charged his lack of political muscle was his undoing. As one of a field seeking the office in the September primary, Helinski declared that Baltimore can't afford a state's attorney who owes allegiance to a political faction.

What needs to be put on record here is something else Helinski said. "Yesterday's (Tuesday's) result was predicted in the rumor mill two months ago."

That's where the trouble lies and it's the hypocrisy of the repeated efforts by leading citizens to sell the public the myth of a court system above politics that is dangerous.

The entire deal was simple. Someone decided what was to be done. It was agreed to from the top down. The bar association made sure Moylan's name was on the list that went to Gov. Mandel. The governor named him a judge.

The Supreme Bench judges completed the political deal by passing over Helinski and picking Cardin. These judges up for election as "sitting judges" are to get certain election day support. The other things that go along with the deal are cashed-in as need requires.

That's how non-political Baltimore's court system is. For perspective, the judges and courts at this level are pretty much the same elsewhere, also. It's just that certain of our leaders, for reasons known only to the establishment, insist on feeding the public the myth that it isn't so here. The judges have just let the truth hang out for all to see.

Board Appeasement

We are frankly surprised that when the State Board of Education had an opportunity at its last meeting to adopt the new resolution which would permit it to act more aggressively in the school integration process, it failed to do so.

Problems of curricula, the relationship of black students with whites, of sensitive and professional handling of necessary social change exploded in Charles and St. Mary's Counties last year, leading to the formation of a committee to study and recommend corrective measures.

One of the main remedies recommended was the replacement of the old by-law under which the board operates in this field, so that hesitant approaches adopted immediately after the 1954 Supreme Court decision could be replaced with up-to-date methods.

It was necessary for the board to hold a public hearing in order to adopt the new by-law, and it did this with admirable speed.

Now, having satisfied this requirement, it has bowed to the wishes of a few school superintendents in the state who claim that they need further time to study the new by-law.

If, from the point of view of black people, this could be a laughing matter, we would have joined some members of the board who thought the idea of further study was so ridiculous that it was really funny.

Of course, the superintendents are the men who will be mainly responsible for implementing the board's resolution on these terribly urgent matters affecting all the public schools in the state.

But if there are some of them who feel that they cannot move with the times and accept the new by-law, they should be removed and replaced by others who can uphold the law of the land and the resolutions of the board.

The board should certainly not assume an appeasing posture with objectors.

It has, in our judgment, engaged in too much hesitation and nicety by scheduling a still further hearing on July 16 in order to hear more from the objecting superintendents.

It ought to be made clear at that time that the resolution simplifying elimination of discriminatory practices will be adopted and enforced to the hilt.

New Judge Baylor

Nature somehow endows certain ones of us with attributes that bring to mind specific stereotype images.

Thus, as we encounter some people, we at once imagine he might be a minister or a politician or an undertaker — all depending upon how he looks and acts.

Ever since we have known newly appointed Municipal Court Judge Solomon Baylor, at least those of us who are sensitive to such things, have thought of him as an individual who is judicious in manner.

Among lawyers, he is regarded as considerate, respectful of an opposite point of view, capable of reaching a position and adequately maintaining it in professional style and of being a pleasant persona in the process.

Thus, we think that Governor Marvin Mandel's appointment of Mr. Baylor is a good one.

In speaking to the AFRO about his thoughts on the matter, Mr. Baylor said he regards the appointment as a challenge and as an opportunity to serve the entire community in beneficial ways he has not had heretofore.

Sounds like Mr. Baylor ought to make a pretty good judge, doesn't it?

Bright Futures

Among white intellectuals, there is a cute saying when a situation nears perfection that it is better than being a black man with a Ph.D."

Educated blacks were not by any means always in such an enviable position.

The difference between the availability of jobs for blacks in, say, 1950, and in this year's crop of graduates is a story far longer than the 20 years it took in its development.

It is a story full of rejection, disappointment, lack of qualifications, self-hate, hope, inspiration, anger.

What leads us to think about these matters is placement figures on the top 63 members of the 1970 class of Morgan State College graduates.

Present at the campus was one recruiter from business, government, a school system or some other institutions vying for every two among the top graduates.

Fifty school systems had to be refused permission to have recruiters on campus simply because the time could not be found to work them into the interview schedules.

Of course we realize that when we are able to talk in this way about educated blacks, we are citing a condition that is far different from that which applies to far too many of the unskilled and uneducated.

Rev. Payne's New Calling

The Rev. William W. Payne's announcement that he soon will be leaving the pastorate of Wayland Baptist Church to carry on a new ministry against drugs and other community ills, comes as a surprise.

As pastor of one of the largest city churches, the 51-year-old bachelor minister has been far more than a religious leader.

The Rev. Mr. Payne has been a strong supporter of civil rights efforts here. He has worked hard in voter registration campaigns and other activities to promote progress.

When there was a program, whether it needed financial or personnel backing, Dr. Payne and his church could be depended on to carry a full share of the load.

Changing times and circumstances do bring new problems and new challenges and every man among us must decide when he must answer a call to another service.

As Dr. Payne himself says, this is not a sudden and impulsive decision.

The fight against drugs itself is one of the city's and nation's major problems.

The AFRO joins Dr. Payne's other many supporters wishing him more success when he moves on to his new calling. As in the past, all Baltimore will benefit from whatever success he has.

Agnew Golf Balls

The news this week of two companies vying for the rights to manufacture and sell bogus "Agnew" watches not only left our funny-bone tremulous with agitation, but also brought to mind some other ways in which our fellow Marylander, now occupying the chair of the Vice President of the United States, might be honored.

In case you did not read of the development, a California company has begun to make the watches cheaply after the style of the "Mickey Mouse" product.

The whole thing started as the result of a comedian quipping that "Mickey ... now wearing a Spiro Agnew watch."

The watch producers show caricatures of Mr. Agnew on the face of the instrument, wearing lightly-colored casual clothing with his arms and hands indicating the time of day.

It occurred to us that the highly vocal, ex-County Executive from north of Baltimore City might further be glorified by having a golf ball manufacturer affix his face to the approach side of the balls.

Or perhaps his figure might be imprinted by bowling pins manufacturers to the sides facing the bowler.

There are any number of other places to which we can think of for his caricature to be lobbed, but we think it would be impolitic, and may be even impolite to suggest them here.

Political Notebook

Farmer Should Quit Nixon Administration

By MAX JOHNSON

It was just a month ago that James Farmer, former civil rights leader and founder of the Congress of Racial Equality, blasted Richard Milhous Nixon for breaking his campaign promise to "keep lines open to the black community."

In doing so publicly — Mr. Farmer himself broke some 15 months of silence as a key official in the Nixon Administration.

Today — he is still on his job as assistant secretary for administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Admittedly it's shaky stance — but he's still there, nonetheless.

He reminded a few week ago that he had been hired by the Nixon ousted Robert H. Finch, former secretary of the department, and said he had never met privately with the President.

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Just recently Mr. Farmer denied a widely circulated report that he will quit his job this summer.

He can afford to quit, and ought to — as I see it.

President Nixon, however, can't afford to fire him — for his administration is in about all the trouble it can stand with black leaders and citizens.

The NAACP's blast at the Nixon Administration during its annual meeting in Cincinnati is a very recent prime example.

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It's interesting to note the marked similarity between the Farmer explosion a month ago and that at the NAACP meet.

"It is a fact," Mr. Farmer said at the time, "that polarization in the nation has increased."

He blamed much of this on the Republicans' lack of experience and interest in dealing with black citizens

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Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood of the AME Zion Church, speaking at that NAACP meet, blamed much of the racial unrest on such things as the Haynsworth and Carswell Supreme Bench nominations, and continued concessions to the South.

"The effect of this has been exactly what was predicted," he said. "It has given encouragement to the southern racists.

"The white backlash on the one hand and the black retreat on the other hand have combined to accentuate the racial polarity of which the Kerner Commission warned."

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There was considerably more in the same vein of similarity — much too lengthy for repetition here.

Suffice to say blasts at that NAACP meet were virtually carbon copies of warnings leveled at the White House a month ago by Mr. Farmer.

The President hasn't bothered to deny they have substance — though he is quick to defend allegations thrown his way about Cambodia and Vietnam.

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But — back briefly to Mr. Farmer and his plush, and then again not so plush, HEW job.

James Farmer as an ardent civil rights leader and head of CORE, was a highly respected man, a very articulate one.

This picture remained when he took to the lecture circuit.

It has dimmed considerably since he has been in his HEW post and restrained silence is at fault.

When black leaders are continuing to fuss and look fretfully to the Nixon Administration for just attention and action, it's difficult to determine why one of their former companion black leaders with the administration cannot help their cause.

Mr. Farmer must find it all quite embarrassing — for when he accepted the job it was with the understanding he would be the administration liaison with the black community.

This, of course, hasn't materialized.

He says he doesn't want to quit now because he has initiated some programs he wants to see well under way first.

I disagree with that premise — and repeat Mr. Farmer should quit the Nixon Administration immediately, if not sooner.

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The President hasn't taken the wraps off him in the near 16 months he's been on the job.

It's hardly conceivable he will take any notable degree of wraps off him in the next 16 months or more.

I say again that Farmer ought to quit now — and return to the high esteem once his with his black sisters and brothers.

Let the Nixon Administration stew in the pot of the President's own making.

The administration appears to be falling apart anyway.

Jim Farmer ought to get out while the getting is good — and come on back home.

Perspective

Moment Of Sentiment

By DAVID E. SLOAN

If one is not so ill he is incapable of noticing and appreciating the things around him, being in a hospital for an undetermined length of time can be most restoring to the health.

And by no means does all the therapy come from doctors and nurses you encounter.

A major portion comes from one's family, if one has one like mine.

You tend to become disabused of the often depressed feeling I think all fathers and husbands have had at some time or other that they are just machines designed to toil and struggle, when daily you see the familiar face of your wife peep around the corner of the hospital room wall.

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And when your young one — especially a man-becoming teenager such as mine—takes the time out from what you can understand must be an important pursuit for him and his girl friend to look in on you and bring your favorite reading material, you commence to understand that regular patterns of toil and struggle often smother and eclipse the real love and affection that in the final analysis keep all humans moving, curable, and hopeful.

Not only that, but there are the cards; the flowers, the impromptu visits from persons you knew were friends and others you discover.

And in my case while at Loch Raven last month I had two cards that were particularly moving because they were surprising.

Let me tell you about them.

Sometime after I had completed what I thought to be was my entire formal education, I became intensely interested in the idea of God and the meaning of religious life.

This led to several semesters spent in the interdenominational School of Religion at Howard University, which in turn led to ordination in the Methodist Church and for five years pastorate of churches.

During one of these pastorates, I married a middle-aged couple who seemed unusually touched with the spirit of youth and romance.

In the community surrounding that same church, the local government had never seen fit to supply equal service to the black community that it provided for the white sector.

Using my congregation as a task force, we were able to get many far-reaching reactions from the government.

But the one most obvious and practical response was the installation of sidewalks — never before provided — along the main street of the black area.

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One of my cards at the hospital was from the couple I married proclaiming their continued love adventure, but this was most important.

The wife said that whenever she looked out of her window at the youngsters riding their bikes on the sidewalks it reminded her of the person who also contributed to her personal happiness by marrying her.

The other card and note received with special pleasure and pride was not from one of my personal friends on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, but from one who, except for his public reputation, I would consider a stranger.

His card spoke of his fellowship of this column, of his sometime disagreement with it, but, he said, "I am always impressed with your objectivity."

All these kinds of things, I have found, help cure the sick as surely as do the doctors and nurses.

Perhaps you already knew this, if so, pardon my boring you with my moment of sentiment.

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 goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting at get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices and prejudice, or commend promise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.—1920

If You Ask Me

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places and things

Vacation time is here and Baltimoreans are moving all over the place, here and abroad.

Yesterday (Thursday), Prince Hall Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels and Mrs. Daniels (Gladys), led a group from Dulles Airport bound for Europe.

They will tour England, Germany, France, Denmark and Holland and visit Prince Hall lodges in those countries.

Tour was arranged by Herb Brown at Mondawmin Travel Agency. Others in the group are Messers. and Mesdames: Alonzo Lancaster, and Bernard Smith. Mesdames Celia McLeod, Alice Matthews, Marie Jones, Esther Jewett, and Agnes Brown. Armstead Jenkins, Raymond Bynum, Richard White, John Jones and Frederick Hicks.

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Already in Europe are two Baltimore teenagers. They left last Monday for two weeks of study and fun in France and Italy.

They are, Miss Pamela A. Quaries, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin A. Quaries (Morgan College), and Miss Theresa Redd, daughter of Mrs. Mary Lou Redd (Dennison Road).

They flew from New York to Paris, then went by bus from Paris to Orleans where they will live for four weeks at Universite de la Source.

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While in Orleans, they will join 98 other American teenagers in an intensive study of the French language and civilization. Both youngsters are students at Friends School, where they have been studying French since the Fifth grade.

Their fifth week abroad will be spent in Paris, and the sixth and final week will be spent in Rome. They will leave the Holy City on August 16 for home.

Another Baltimorean, Sister Catherine Virginia, of the Maryvale-Trinity Preparatory School, will be one of the counselors on the study trip which is sponsored nationally by the European Language Institute.

More people moving about: Mrs. Anita Edwards Posey, native Baltimorean now living in San Jose, Calif., where she is a teacher, is on the East Coast visiting friends.

It was in her honor that Lil Hall Bell entertained Wednesday evening, a group of Anita's old friends who belonged to the So Whatters Club with her years back.

While in Baltimore, Anita, is staying with Howard and Iona Collins.

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Mrs. Helen Henderson of New York has been here for a spell, will be back home by this writing.

She was here for the graduation of her grandson, Bruce Henderson, from Lemmel Junior High; and for the wedding of her son, Leonard Henderson and Sedonia Merritt.

Her other son is Clarence Henderson, the singer-teacher.

A bit about this and that

Former AFRO newsboy, and now 26-year-old San Francisco computer programer Neal Darden and his family are vacationing with his mother, Mrs. Martha Jones, in the 5600 block of Burtis Ave.

Mom and Neal's stepfather, Kap Jones, are throwing a Welcome Home party for the visitors tomorrow (Saturday).

The Darden family consists of his wife, Mrs. Mable Darden and one son, three-year-old Steve.

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More people moving about: Fourth District City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams sends hellos from Mexico City.

Mrs. Flozella Clark postcards from San Francisco where she attended the National Education Convention, says she will go on to Los Angeles before returning home.

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Back to Baltimore as residents and as jolly good members of the Cortez Puryears who have been in Pittsburgh four years...

Mr. Puryear is Compliance Officer for the Department of Defense and now assigned to the Maryland Area.

On Wednesday they were off for a 30-day trip around the world and including several days at Expo 70 in Japan. Mr. Puryear is former Urban League official.

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Miss Olive J. Williams, music specialist at P.S. 107, is in Moscow for the International Music Assembly and will go on from there for several days in Leningrad before returning.

Post card from Anita and Roland Henson informs they're about midway their European trip and Roland, an executive of the local C and P Telephone Co. was delighted to see the story of his firm in a copy of the AFRO he purchased in Paris.

In Baltimore from their home in Vallejo, Calif., are Mrs. Elizabeth Koger and granddaughter, Jackie Butler, of New York are nieces and nephews.

P.S. If you traveled up and down Druid Hill Ave. some years back, you'll remember Mrs. Hubbard lived at 2400 block—always sat on her front, always had a friendly hello. Remember?

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Hellos to Billy Lee, the well known club employee. He's home (728 Whitmore Ave.), from the hospital.

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Cuff Note: Joseph P. Wilson III, 3701 Rogers Avenue, head of the storeroom at Morgan State College is recuperating at home following surgery. He had a kidney removed. He should return to work before school opens in September.

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Continue get well wishes, please, to Eddie Evans, the musician. He remains ill at his home, 2416 McCullon St.

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People doing nice things for others:

On July 11th from 4 p.m. until . . . , the Lilies of the Field Community Chorus, is sponsoring a garden-style dinner on the lawns of 1425, 23 and 24 N. Decker Ave. You and you and you, everybody that is, is invited to this 'soul' dinner.

Mrs. Franceine Jeffers is president, Mrs. Debra Jones, secretary, and Mrs. Roxanne Redmond, Business manager.

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More people helping others are: the officers and members of Eureka Chapter No. 11 Order of Eastern Star (Prince Hall Affiliation).

Recognizing the need for the Chapter to become more involved in community activities and to make others happy through some types of charitable contributions, it was decided to make a donation to the Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc.

On Thursday, a group of officers and members of Eureka Chapter No. 11 Order of Eastern Star (Prince Hall Affiliation) visited the headquarters of the Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. (1111 East Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, Maryland 21213).

The group enjoyed a tour of the agency.

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A check for $275 was presented to Mr. Ralph W. Smith, director of Camping and Recreation, to be used to provide a summer campership to a child for a period of six weeks at the resident camp, Camp Greentop in the Catoctin Mountains.

The group included, Mrs. M. Rosalind Allen, Worthy Matron, P.G.W.P. James R. Parker, Worthy Patron, Earle O. Davis, Past Grand Matron, Pauline Mathews Audrey C. Taylor, Mildred Cooper, Elsie Brown and Cornelia Wharton, William T. Wallace, Past Patron, and Members Cordelia Gross, Hazel Addington and Helen Lewis.

More about people, things

Good news: Father Donald O. Wilson, St. James Episcopal Church rector who was in with tickor trouble, is able to be up and about. He says he is gloriously happy about his recovery.

And get this, he's minding his doctor and going off to Oak Bluffs; will not be back in his pulpit until fall.

Of course, it won't be all rest at the Cape. He and fellow Episcopal ministers (black, are planning to use the chapel at the Trinity Church there, previously all white, to conduct services for vacationers, of all races.

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Home on a sad mission is Benjamin Foreman, the lawyer. He is in Galveston, Tex., for the funeral of his father, Benjamin Foreman Sr. who died July 4.

Family address there is 5124 Ave. L., Galveston, Tex.

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Remember kindly Mrs. Margaret Hubbard of Bay Highland and Washington, D.C. formerly of Barrett School for Girls?

She died a week ago in Washington.

She was the mother of the late Vashti Cook.

She is survived by her son-in-law Dr. Mercer Cook.

Mrs. Dorothy Butler and Charles

Students Organizing

Dear AFRO:

My name is Glenn Greene and I am a 12th grade student at Northwestern Senior High School. I am also vice president of our Afro-American Club.

Next year, along with other members of our club I am planning a conference of the black organizations, whether they be public, private or parochial.

We want the opinions of students in the other schools and we would like to work with these students to make the conference a success.

Purpose of the conference at this stage is to discuss the problems and progress of schools. We are planning to have the conference early October of 1970 to give schools time to get their organization together for the next year. I would appreciate it if you would mention our plans and my name and address. GLEN GREEN, 2138 Mt. Holly St.

Booker T. Counselor

Dear AFRO:

A counselor, Mrs. Elsie Sessoms, will be on duty at Booker T. Washington Junior High School No. 130 through July 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We are anxious to have parents and students come in who have any school problems or questions they feel the counselor can help them with. Parents may call HO. 7-4000 Ext. 2231 to speak with Mrs. Sessoms during the day. (Mrs.) ELSIE B. SESSOMS

PAGE OPPOSITE

Sinai Plan To Improve Patient-Hospital Relations

Sinai Hospital has initiated a Patient Advocate Service to aid patients and their families during treatment in the Emergency Room, and to improve relations between hospital and patient.

Mrs. Thelma Williams, an active leader in the local community, and Kenneth Lewis, a student at Morgan State College, will serve as "Patient Advocates" for a three-month trial period.

They will assist patients and their families while awaiting emergency service, help them during their period of treatment and after treatment has been rendered.

As a forerunner to this program, the Sinai Hospital volunteers have been working in the Emergency Service daily for the past several months assisting patients, and their families.

By providing extra attention and information they have been able to prevent problems and inform patients' families of the status of treatment.

This program is now being expanded so that the two advocates will be on duty seven days a week from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., the busiest hours in the Emergency Service.

Through Nursing Service, the patient advocates will try to keep the staff aware of the patient's problems, and assist hospital staff in meeting these problems.

They will explain hospital policy to patients and families as needed, and handle the many and varied problems that occur in the delivery of emergency care.

Although not health professionals, they will be fully knowledgable in the areas of hospital policies, rules and procedures affecting patients who come to the Emergency Service; methods of payment for ambulatory services, Community Services available to patients and their families and Sinai Hospital Services available to the patients and their families.

In the Spotlight

STANLEY J. McCONNER
New Adult Education executive in Baltimore Schools

"I come to Baltimore with the hope of helping to expand the Public School Adult Education Program to the point where all people who need and want it can have it."

With this pronouncement of his ambition for the future, Stanley Jay McConner, new director of the Adult Education Program for Baltimore public schools, began to tell the AFRO some things about himself and his background that led him to this city.

He is the first black director the Adult Education program has had, although following the transfer of Dr. Wilmer B. Bell from the post in December, 1969, William Rawlings, Dr. Bell's assistant and now assistant to Mr. McConner, served as acting director.

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The Adult Education program has approximately 25 units in elementary and secondary schools throughout the city.

In addition, it administers units in other places such as community centers and housing projects.

Already, there are about 25,000 students registered each year in the Adult Education program.

Some 500 to 600 teachers and other staff personnel do the job of bringing information to adults who, even though they have grown up chronologically, have fallen short of receiving the schooling the public system has available to them on the elementary and secondary level.

This already very intensive program is the one which Mr. McConner hopes to enlarge.

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Standing over six feet tall and looking every inch the athlete, the new director revealed that he had been a track runner at Eastern Michigan University in Detroit where he was born.

That is the school that started him on his academic career with a B. S. degree.

Later, he went to the University of Connecticut where he received the M. S. degree in Education with Reading as his specialty.

Still later, he earned a second M. S. in psychology at Central College in Hartford.

He is a candidate for his Ph.D. at Hartford Seminary Foundation.

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Sprinkled in between this formidable academic background were course and research pursuits which led to Certificates in Administration and Supervision.

"As I look at it, my whole prior experience as student, teacher and worker has helped prepare me for this job," Mr. McConner said.

He comes to Baltimore directly from a post as assistant professor of Adult Education and assistant director of Continuing Education Services at the University of Connecticut.

"I think I started down this Adult Education road in 1958 when I was one of two Youth Ambassadors to Henn, Norway, from the State of Connecticut.

"While there, I began to teach English to undereducated adult Norwegians.

"When I returned to the states, there followed opportunities to do the same thing in Connecticut, and ever since this has been my specialty," Mr. McConner said.

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The broad importance of what he and his immediate staff of eight people, including Mr. Rawlings, will be doing has not escaped the new director.

He doesn't call it the "generation gap" as so many people do, but he knows that the more older people know, the more they have a capability and opportunity to make sophisticated judgments and decisions, the better it will be for society in general.

Even though he is not up-to-date on all the specific problems of reorganization and demands for more community involvement in Baltimore schools at this time, Mr. McConner believes that any program which "increases the understanding" of people can be beneficial in the resolution of most difficult social problems.

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Not yet permanently located in Baltimore, the new director is, however, looking for suitable quarters because, as he says, "I expect to have a long and happy stay in this city."

Mr. McConner's family includes his wife, the former Helen Johnson of N.Y., a Hartford teacher; and their son, Stanley Jr., 11, an eighth grader.

His mother is Mrs. Norma Louise McConner of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., whom he says, "I hope she will move to Baltimore with me."

Other members of the family are three sisters, Mrs. Norma Lampkins, Mrs. Delores Douglass and Mrs. Muriel Anderson, all of Detroit; and two brothers, Walter Jr., candidate for his doctorate at U. of Chicago; and James, who is on the faculty at Mohican College in Norwich, Conn.

Mr. Koger Files

Dear AFRO:

Today, I filed for the United States House of Representatives from the State of Maryland's Seventh District. I am appealing to you and the influence of your great newspaper for support. I am positive that I can win the Republican Primary.

This means that by my filing and winning in the Seventh District, we will be certain to have a black man campaigning in the general election for the United States Congress.

I shall work very hard and use all of the experience that I have gained as an American citizen, community worker, businessman, father, author of black history and games for children. Please support my candidacy and I will be victorious.

EARL KOGER

Frank, Francis

Dear AFRO:

I note in a recent article that City Councilman Frank Gallagher was referred to as Francis X. Gallagher.

As you know, there is a distinction between the two persons, and I would appreciate it if you would see to it that future Councilman Gallagher is referred to that Frank X. is used and not Francis X. Thank you very much.

FRANCIS X. GALLAGHER

Living Is Not Really Easy

Schools are out, vacation time is here, Baltimore weather as usual, is hot, and, according to the legend it is time to "Play it cool" and enjoy yourself. Remember the old melody, "It's summertime, and living is easy."

The song is outdated and so is its suggestion as living is anything but easy in today's world. Check the news. Food prices are rising, transportation fares are going up (even airplane tickets were increased this week with a new tax), rent and housing costs are swinging upward, and to top it off jobs are getting harder to find.

It is tough going whichever way you turn, and, of course, tougher for minority residents. These unkind facts are not enumerated to ruin your vacation, weekend or Sunday at the beach, lake, seashore, country home or mountain retreat. They are hard facts of life.

Moreover if the economic trend continues along this spiral, things may get worse. It is useless to fret and worry, however, so go ahead and enjoy yourself it may be too late for you to do anything about it, or as another song suggests "later than you think."

At any rate, living is not easy and is not going to get any easier soon.

TOGETHER

Census: Black People Treated Like Plague

DR. HOMER FAVOR

By HOMER E. FAVOR

(Dr. Favor is dean of the Center For Urban Affairs at Morgan State College. This comment is occasioned by State Health Department statistics about upcoming majority of black citizens in Baltimore by 1975 and the health department's reference to 'majority lower class citizens' in Baltimore.

It is indeed ironic that public servants at all levels in America more and more view increasing proportions of black people as a plague.

One of the principal advisors apparently at the national level, Edward Banfield, talks in terms of an underclass.

Almost by definition, blacks who are caught up in the vicissitudes of life that deny the growth of the human potential are labeled in this fashion.

Banfield, like most of the writers who deal with notions of class, couches his definition of class in terms of the capability of postponing present gratification for future returns.

The chief index of this willingness is usually educational pursuit or educational attainment.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to postpone present gratification unless one has the economic wherewithal, the social undergoing, and the political responsiveness to play in such a league.

Unless those who deal with statistics that are germane to life begin to approach a degree of honesty, morality and justice that is not now in the offing, America will be further down the road to oblivion than it ought to be and this is especially bad in view of the fact that we are only six years away from celebrating the bicentennial.

A number of scholars like John Hope Franklin, Benjamin Quarles, Lerronne Bennett, C. Eric Lincoln, Hylan Lewis, Kenneth Clark, Price Cobbs and William Greer, among a host of others, have set the record straight.

In short, black people are intrinsically no better or no worse than any other people.

There is some question, however, as to our amazing ability to survive, not only in this nation but throughout the world in view of the absence of the normal supports that most other people take for granted.

As long as America insists upon dealing with differences and overemphasizing them and insists upon means of executing actions other than those that can be characterized as fair play, the polarization alluded to by the Kerner Commission will become more pronounced and the ultimate result of such a course of action is a replication of what has already happened in Hitler's Germany and in Greece just three short years ago.

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In other words, history is replete with what happens to great nations and great civilizations that fail to develop the will to deal with problems that are germane to life. They simply die from within.

If this happens to America, out of the nations that succumb to such an end, the indictment against it will be much greater because it had so much in the way of resources to do something about these problems.

Finally, the suburban noose around the city of Baltimore that is virtually all white is not so by happenstance, but by design.

If Department of Health officials or others are genuinely concerned about the special distribution of black people, then it behooves them to put the onus where it belongs, specifically upon an intransigent and recalcitrant system popularly referred to as racism.

Afro Line

AFRO LINE is an AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be. All you have to do is write a postcard to AFRO LINE, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address and phone number. Then watch for the answer in the AFRO LINE each week because that is where the action is.

BURLEITH AVE. trash collection distrbs neighbors in apartment house. Left to right, Councilman Robert Marshall, Lloyd McShane, Vernon Thornton and George Strong discuss situation. See AFRO Line for how it turned out.

QUESTION: What can be done about a bad situation which continues to exist behind an apartment building adjacent to home owner residences where the owner will not take adequate care of garbage and trash?

Both resident neighbors and residents of the apartment have repeatedly asked the owner to take care of the situation only to be told he has problems getting people to work for him to do the job.

ANSWER: If the owner does not voluntarily protect the community against what you describe as amounting to a health hazard, you should contact the City Health Department.

Also, you may easily start the ball rolling in the direction of any other official office which may be interested by calling PL. 2-2000, the main number for City Hall, and asking to be transferred to the Consumer Services Division, which in trm will direct you to the right person in the Sanitation Division or other office.

QUESTION: My daughter was in a department store this week and bought $1 worth of goods. As she was leaving, a store detective stopped her, made her open her bag and return to the cashier, even though she had a sales slip. This kind of thing is very embarrassing. Isn't it illegal? — MOTHER.

ANSWER: A new shoplifting law enacted by the Legislature and made effective July 1 of this year has resulted in several complaints lodged with the Legal Aid Bureau by shoppers.

According to a Legal Aid spokesman, shoppers have been stopped by some store employees and "forced to show what was in their bags and to produce sales slips or go back to the cashier to confirm a purchase."

By way of explanation, Leon Rubenstein, Director of the Baltimore Department of Legislation Reference told the AFRO that Article 27, Section 581A means that "you are required by law to cooperate when asked by a retailer to show proof of purchase.

"If the incident proves embarrassing to you, the retailer nor the employee can be held civilly responsible.

QUESTION: I have a panel truck I use in a TV repair business. Is it subject to the highway use tax? — L.R.

ANSWER: Most panel trucks do not meet the minimum weight requirements to be subject to this tax. Two-axle trucks are not taxed unless they weight 13,000 pound or more unloaded.

QUESTION: Will the Department of Housing and Community Development sponsor the Swim program at Fort Holabird again this year. If so when and for how long? — Mrs. R.B.

ANSWER: Yes. DHCD Commissioner, Robert Embry has scheduled the program. It began June 22 at the Mapel Ave. swimminy pool in Ft.