Sunday shooting arouses churchmen

Hundreds of John Wesley Methodist Church members were going to their cars from church services Sunday when they were startled by what turned out to be a robbery and a shooting in the vicinity of their 3200 block W. North Ave. place of worship.

Some of them report they observed an ambulance and police rushing to the scene nearby in the 3100 block Walbrook Ave. and subsequently were told a church goer had been murdered.

Also expressing concern over what they thought was a murder were members of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church which is in the same block in which the incident occurred.

However, police report the incident between 1:30 and 2 p.m. was not a killing but the gunning down of a passer-by who was walking in the 3100 block Walbrook Ave.

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The victim who is now at home from Lutheran Hospital and recuperating from bullet wounds of the shoulder and foot, is Alfred R. Burch, 29, 4000 block Belview Ave.

Lt. Carlton Manuel of the Holdup Squad says that Mr. Burch reports the shooting took place as he was going west on foot on Walbrook Ave.

Police reports quote Mr. Burch as saying a late model car came to a halt near him and he noted the passengers were two men and two women.

Police also say Mr. Burch told them a passenger got out with a gun and saying, "I'm going to kill you," fired a bullet which hit him in the right shoulder.

Mr. Burch also told police that someone went through his clothing and took $60 from his left trouser pocket.

The robbery victim also reported to police that he

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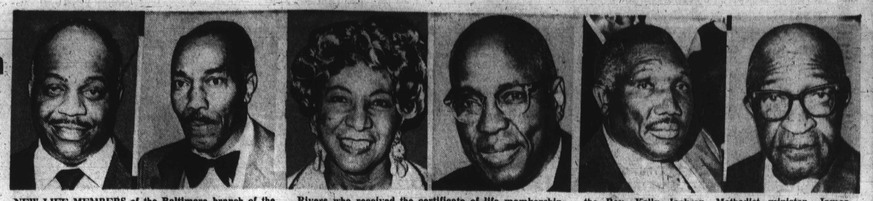

NEW LIFE MEMBERS of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP are pictured as they dined with other guests at the fifth Annual Freedom Banquet at the Masonic Temple Sunday night. Left to right they are Thomas Rivers who received the certificate of life membership for the Rev. Matthew Silver, Harry C. Macer, an official of the Concentrated Employment Program, Mrs. Flossie Dedmond, a professor at Coppin State College, the Rev. Kelly Jackson, Methodist minister, James Bennett, businessman and Coach Tatmadge Hill, Morgan State College.

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YMCA's MacGregor leaving after 21 years

W. Gordon MacGregor will retire December 31 after 21 years as general executive of the YMCA of the Greater Baltimore Area and will become an associate director of the Maryland Commission on the aging.

His retirement was announced by Joseph H. Purdy, president of the YMCA.

Mr. MacGregor joined the Baltimore Association in 1938 to take charge of the Central Branch physical department following seven years as director of health and physical education at Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey.

He was appointed executive of the Greater Baltimore YMCA in 1949.

Under Mr. MacGregor's leadership, they have grown. When he became general executive, the membership totaled 11,178, Mr. Purdy said.

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Today the Y's twelve units serve nearly 37,000 members. The annual budget has grown from $734,600 in 1949 to more than $2,000,000 this year.

Mr. Purdy said that the YMCA's range of activities has "changed markedly in these years, but Mr. MacGregor has maintained the Y's central emphasis on the growth of the individual, the training of leadership, and the development of Christian character."

The Board has named Frank M. Thatcher to succeed Mr. MacGregor.

AUTUMN WALK in the wooded area on the grounds of their Mount Washington estate is taken by the Stuart Turner family including son, daughter, grandaughter, wife and husband who recently moved into their 16-room San Antonio rancher. The Rev. Mr. Turner is assistant to the president of Irvings Stores. Spring and fall hikes are a ritual among neighbors, the families of a federal jurist, a former US attorney and longtime Baltimore businessmen.

Thanksgiving is a time when the heart turns homeward

ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Autumn turns the leaves brilliant colors, a somber mist comes over the late afternoon to bring a nostalgia that turns the heart to hearth and home, no matter how humble.

Thanksgiving Day marks the turning point when fall is almost gone and the chill that fills the air is a harbinger of winter sure to come. come.

As the poet says, "Earth is but an echo of the silent voice of God."

As Winter steals its way in, the voice of the Maker quietly speaks to the animals to rest and renew life for spring awakening.

One tradition that has survived the rush of the nation's people to a more sophisticated way of life is the going-home habit at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It begins with Nov. 27 gathering of the family about the dinner table to express gratitude for blessings and to enjoy the comfort of being together again.

Thus the most important holiday season of the year starts off and continues through New Year's Day

HOLIDAY SEASON

Thanksgiving Day is a legal holiday by Presidential proclamation and always comes on the fourth Thursday of November. It is observed on this day in all 50 states and marks the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, Mass. in 1621.

The date also marks St. Catherine's Day in honor of the patron saint of maidens, mechanics and philosophers and National Hunt Week which kicks off the hunting season.

Recently, World Wide Bible Reading month has been scheduled to be observed from Nov. 25 to Dec. 25 "to encourage daily reading together by the family and all citizens of the same Bible selections for a month."

The date also marks "National Indigestion Season," Nov. 26 to Jan. 1 to promote Baking Soda for relief of indigestion which follows Thanksgiving turkey, Christmas season feasting and New Years Eve festivities.

PRAYER

This year prayers are stressed for bereaved families who have lost sons and fathers in Vietnam.

A Thanksgiving Prayer and Blessing taken from the Book of Prayers by the late AFRO publisher Dr. Carl Murphy includes these meaningful paragraphs:

"We thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast watched over us as we go out and as we come in that Thou hast brought us safely through this day and to this prayer and meditation.

"Continue to walk with us in all our endeavors so that at the end of them we shall find a sense of achievement, satisfaction and fulfillment.

"Bless this food and all for whom we should pray. Give us a quiet night and an awakening for a bright tomorrow. — Amen."

BLACK PILGRIMS

1492 — Black citizens were among the first explorers to come to the New World. Pedro Alonso Nino, a black navigator, arrived with Columbus. Other black explorers accompanied Balboa, Ponce de Leon, Cortex, Pizarro and Menendez.

1517 — Black men settled in Latin America and the Caribbean.

1538 — Black history records that Estevanico, a black explorer, led an expedition from Mexico into the American Southwest and credits him with the discovery of what is today Arizona and New Mexico.

1619 — Twenty black persons arrived aboard a Dutch vessel and landed in Jamestown, Va. William Tucker, the first black child born in Jamestown, Va. was baptised.

1770 — Crispus Attucks was shot and killed in the Boston Massacre and became the first hero of the American Revolution.

Police say Block figure had arsenal

A blond 22-year-old block figure, Dominic Thomas Metzgar, arrested by STOP Squad officers early this month, has been charged with possession of nine deadly weapons, pornographic literature and sex items and narcotics violations.

The deadly weapons allegedly found in the trunk of his automobile while in a gas station in the 2400 block S. Hanover St. included:

A 30-36 caliber rifle; 22 caliber JC Higgins revolver; switch blade knife; locked blade knife; .22 caliber Rohm revolver; open pen knife; pearl handle straight razor; 22 caliber colt revolver and a 25 caliber Browning automatic gun. Amunition also in the trunk included 10 packs of beebee pellets.

A loaded .25 caliber Browning automatic gun was found on the man, police report.

Also, confiscated by police, photographed and placed in the Property Room at headquarters were two, pair of handcuffs, handcuff keys, two leg irons and chemical mace.

In addition to a Halloween mask, stereo tape player and amplifier, there were a power saw and soldering gun, fishing reel, tape recorder and other items.

Victim told police boys passed him, then attacked

John Lemon Morton, 70-year-old retired worker met four youths on North Ave. last Saturday night and the encounter ended with the death of one person and the beating-robbery of Mr. Morton.

The badly bruised Mr. Morton told police officers that after he left the Rail Inn, a local bar located in the 2500 block North Ave., he was coming home on the street staggering and when he got to me I thought he was going to bump into me so I stepped out of the way and he passed me by:

"Three others were walking behind him and they passed too."

After the four men had passed Mr. Morton said he felt "someone grab me from behind and I looked and saw it was the same four I had just passed."

The victim told police officers that one of the assailants drew a gun and said "don't open your mouth, this is a stick up." He went on to say that at least two of the others had guns and that one of them struck him on the back of the head with an unknown object.

The victim also stated that a $39 wrist watch was

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People salute 'Zastro,' fighter for Stanton kids

Annapolis Bureau

Joseph (Zastro) Simms is a young man who believes that all things are possible with a lot of faith, a lot of nerve and a lot of love for children and people.

On Friday, November 20, 1970, Joe Simms and the Stanton Center presented a banquet for people of the community, white and black, who had assisted him and others in making an old, delapidated, abandoned school the old school for "colored" before Bates), into a place of hope and recreation for children who would otherwise run the streets, unsupervised and without places to go.

While there were presentations to others, the center of attraction was Joe Simms.

Some of the others were: Senator John W. Steffey who along with his charming wife, Judy, has been a consistent sponsor of the center; Earl Banks, Morgan College head coach; "Pappy" Gault, former Olympic boxing coach; Morris Blum, owner and president of W.A.N.N.; Captain William Foster of the Naval Academy; Joseph Alton, County Executive;

Walter Freeman of the

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Floyd McKissick to speak at UMBC

Floyd McKissick, former National Director of CORE (the Congress of Racial Equality) will speak on "Black Economic Power" at the University of Maryland Baltimore County on December 2.

Mr. McKissick, who is presently the president of McKissick Enterprises, Inc., developers of Soul City in North Carolina, has been one of the noted pioneers in the progress of blacks in this country for many years.

He was the first black man to attend the University of North Carolina Law School; He was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1952 and the United States Supreme Court in 1955.

Licensed to practice law in the District of Colombia and North Carolina, he is also licensed to practice before the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal District Court of Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Customs Courts. His law office was opened on the previously all white Main Street in Durham, N. C., Carolina.

Early in his career,

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FLOYD MCKISSICK

Some welfare grants face new studies

Maryland's Department of Employment and Social Services faces the problem of revising its system of emergency and routine grants for household necessities to its recipients.

The need for these changes were emphasized at last Friday's monthly meeting of the agency's commission, when Mrs. Shirley Rivers, chairman of the Client Advisory Committee, arose to speak at near close of the meeting.

Mrs. Rivers, also secretary of the Maryland State Welfare Rights, told the commission that:

1. Grants for some items, such as wringer washers, were difficult to expedite because the washers were not being manufactured anymore and thus difficult to find.

And when found, the outmoded grants were insufficient to cover the full purchase price, in light of the recipient's expenses in shopping around.

2. Furniture grants be separated from emergency grants, to allow the recipient in either case a better search for values of choice.

"The whole system is still caught up in red tape of the past," Mrs. Rivers told the commission. "There is a need to revise the vendor forms, and to review prices on everything."

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Up to the near close when Mrs. Rivers spoke, the meeting had been fairly routine.

However, her statements were supported by a number of others in attendance, including one woman who disputed the agency's method of payment for special diets.

Howard H. Murphy, veteran commission member, settled that overwhelmed by asking that such cases be

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City Knoxville alumni organize officers named

The Baltimore Chapter of Knoxville College Alumni has organized this fall with the following officers: Mrs. Nahketan B. Gregory president; Clarence K. Gregory secretary, and Thomts P. Moreland, treasurer.

Other members of this new chapter are Mrs. Mary P. Bacote, Mrs. Ann P. Moreland, Dr. Harold J. Ramsey, Bruce Chandler, Charles Pinchback, Ralph J. Smith, Grogan Joyner and the Rev. William T. Peters, Jr.

The enrollment of Knoxville was swelled to 1,301 student this year from 900 last year when the new 9-story Martin Luther King Towers, residential complex for men and women, was filled after completion recently. This Tennessee college has been known throughout the South and the nation for outstanding graduates. Dr. Robert L. Owens is the president.

Register to vote now, books are open again

If you are not yet registered as an eligible voter, you may now do so at the Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts.

The books opened last Thursday, not only for new registration but for change of voting address for those now registered who may have moved and for change of party affiliation if desired.

Also available now is change of voting name for those registered, such as women who may have married since registering.

Registration and other such business can be conducted at the Supervisors of Elections 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Citizens not yet on the books, who wish to vote in the vital municipal elections next year when a mayor, president of the City Council and City Council members will be selected, should register now.

To be eligible to register, a citizen will be required to be at least 21 years of age and have lived in the city for one year.

Divorces mate who left her 24 years ago

Mrs. Leola Jones, a 900 block N. Carey St. seamstress, was granted a divorce this week from her husband, Albert Jones, in a decree signed by Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast.

The wife testified she and her husband were married 25 years ago on Feb. 2, 1945.

Appearing before Circuit Court Master Thomas J. Kenney on Oct. 23, Mrs. Jones said she left Mr. Jones separated a year later in 1946 when he left their home in the 1300 block Myrtle Ave.

She told the court, "He left and I have never heard from him again."

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NOW And THEN Indian Power On Move

DR. FLEMING

with G. JAMES FLEMING

More and more, American Indians are doing their "thing," 1970-style or one might say "black-style."

They want to share some of the "goodies" of American life. They want long-abused U.S.-Indian treaties respected by our country. They want remuneration, real remuneration, for lands stolen from them, with government approval. They want the U.S. Indian Bureau to be an agency conducted in the interest and welfare of Indians.

Moreover, they want Indians to have a "big" hand — if not "the" hand — in running the bureau.

Most important, they don't want to be "wards" of the USA. They want to be first class citizens.

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If you know how badly black Americans have fared down the years just multiply the black condition a thousand or a million times to arrive at the historic plight of the Indians.

Do you know slums? Then visit some of the Indian reservations to see slums beyond imagination.

Have you ever rebelled at jim-crow schools for your children? Then know that on several reservations most Indian children, usually, have had no schooling.

Do you think black communities suffer too high a disease rate? Then read the rates for tuberculosis, malnutrition, infant mortality, and other ills among reservation Indians.

One could continue for columns.

American Indians have been the really forgotten Americans — forgotten at all levels of government, forgotten by most liberals, forgotten by the church, forgotten even by black freedom fighters.

Every four years, candidates for U.S. President, make a ritual of going to some Indian reservation, to be photographed wearing an Indian headdress and getting an Indian name. Later, when the President is inaugurated, some Indians are always in the parade — on foot or on horseback.

After these two rituals, the Indian is forgotten for the next four years.

Nowadays, thanks to the gods, the Indians are turning to the "the American way."

They are using some of the same tactics that have won increasing rights and benefits for blacks, Jews, Puerto Ricans, and labor union members. They are picketing, they are protesting over TV and radio, they are hiring lawyers, they are taking over certain facilities ("trespassing").

They are learning how to attract, organize and galvanize public opinion.

Outward and visible signs of the new Indian have been the takeover, by Indians, of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco harbor, and a symbolic takeover of Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts on Thanksgiving Day.

The most significant new thrust may be that our Indian fellow-citizens are no longer satisfied with organizations run by others for the welfare of Indians. They want to run their own organizations. And they are pledged so to do.

If good words, fine words — alone — meant anything, the Indians would be sitting in clover. The Indian tribes, then considered nations, are parties to some of the best sounding agreements with the U.S. government.

The treaties have all been violated by the states, the federal government, and by powerful citizens, with government acquiescence. These treaties are now not worth the paper on which they are written.

Whenever oil, and other natural resources, or just good land, have been found in Indian hands, the Indians have been forced to move. Where promises for good schools, good hospitals, etc., were made, these promises have been broken.

As long as Indians danced alone, they were forgotten. Now, the one million Indians are dancing less, and even putting aside their headdresses. Instead, they are following more in the paths of the NAACP, the Anti-Defamation League and similar organization.

This observer can never forget a day in 1946. He appeared before a Senate Committee to appeal for better schools and better and more health facilities for the Navajo Indians.

As a member of the executive staff of the American Friends Service Committee, he testified that Navajo Indians were dying, almost like flies, from tuberculosis.

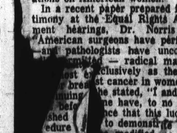
Most of the testimony of the Indian Bureau was, to these ears, callous and depressing. Most revealing and shocking was the observation of one Indian Bureau official, in reply to this observer's statement that: "The trouble (with the last speaker) is that he is regarding the Indian situation as a catastrophe, when, instead, it is chronic."

In other words, the Indians were not victims of sudden flood, earthquakes, cyclone, tornado, or fire. That would be something! They were only the victims of continuous discrimination and neglect, of continuous near starvation, shortage of proper clothing and disease. Nothing, in the eyes of that Indian Bureau official, who of course was no Indian.

But, in 1970, American Indians are learning that "They who would be free themselves must strike the first blow," and most often the second and third, "right on."

It's NOT A Man's World

By BERNICE S. WHITE



Dr. Frances S. Norris, a surgical pathologist recently underscored the need for more women doctors. She stated that women suffer at the hands of American doctors because many doctors perform unnecessary operations on American women.

In a recent paper prepared for testimony at the Equal Rights Amendment hearings, Dr. Norris said, "American surgeons have performed many pathologists have unconvenient mastectomies — radical mastectomies — exclusively as the operation for breast cancer in women."

She stated, "If and many times we have, to no effect, evidence that this lucrative procedure is used to demonstrate better results from modified mastectomies than from radical, debilitating, less mutilating and cheaper operations."

Evidence of the victimization of American women by some surgeons has been published in a list of comparative rates of different operations in U.S., England, and Wales.

The listing indicates that gall bladders were removed from women in U.S. at 3 times the rate in England and Wales; the U.S. hysterectomy was 2½ times greater; the U.S. radical mastectomy twice the rate; the U.S. simple mastectomy only ½ the rate (despite a much higher overall rate of breast surgery), and thyroidectomies in U.S. women over 1½ times the English-Welsh rate.

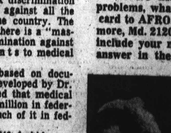
In October of this year, the Women's Equity Action League filed formal charges of sex discrimination in a class complaint against all the medical schools in the country. The charges contend that there is a "massive pattern of discrimination against women applicants to medical schools."

The charges were based on documents and statistics developed by Dr. Norris. It was revealed that medical schools received 3755 million in federal funds in 1968-69, much of it in federal contracts.

Executive Order 11246 forbids sex discrimination by federal contractors; WEAL used as corroborating evidence a seven-year study recently completed by Dr. Harold Kaplan for the National Institute of Mental Health which concluded that widespread prejudice against women by medical schools is depriving the nation of urgently needed doctors.

These studies and additional information may be secured from Dr. Bernice Sandler, 1010 Lockridge Dr., Silver Spring, Md. or from the Spokesman, Urban Research Corp., Chicago, Illinois.

In the Spotlight



MISS DARCELL EAST

Darcell East is 17 years old, likes to dance, act and roller skate and is interested and involved in social and civic affairs.

She seems to be representative of teens.

This year she was selected as official representative of the Northern Eastern region. She was chosen to discuss her young life with the Maryland Committee on Youth and Youth Problems at the Five White House Conferences.

The YMCA was chosen Y-Teen representative last month at the Y-Teen convention in Woltham, Mass.

Darcell and the other three teens selected through the YMCA will meet to discuss and plan for the 1971 Convention of Y-Teens.

Earlier this year she represented her peers with other Young Leaders of America for this year's White House Conference.

Active in the YMCA activities, Darcell takes part in the teen program, the drama club and the modern dance group.

On the social side, she likes the "Psychedelic Shack," the YMCA coffee house.

An accomplished pianist and an Edmondson High School senior, she will be featured in the Edmondson spring concert.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence East, 353 N. Fulton Ave., and attends Providence Baptist.

Get Ready To Be Shocked!

O. ST.CLAIR FRANKLIN JR. PAUL EVANS

By BUTCH FRANKLIN

Imagine yourself a traveler in a strange land. You suddenly discovered when talking with inhabitants that "yes" meant "no," and that a handshake signified distrust, while laughter meant anger.

"Culture Shock" is that effect which being in a strange culture has on an unexpected visitor. It is what happens when the familiar psychological cues, which help one function in this society, are replaced by strange, sometimes incomprehensible new ones.

The term "Culture Shock" is slowly emerging in our popular vocabulary as the phenomenon which accounts for much of the frustrations and disorientation that many Americans feel abroad. However, quite uniquely, many Americans are beginning to feel a form of "culture shock" while here at home.

This home-grown culture shock is brought on by the acceleration of change in our society. It is also much worse than foreign culture shock, since the foreign traveler can return home if he so desires. But presentday Americans who are undergoing forms of culture shock cannot emigrate to another home; they are home.

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While it has become a cliche to talk about the "technological society," we generally interpret this new age in terms of labor-saving products — those new tape recorders, a color television or micro-wave ovens. Although this picture is partially true, it is misleading.

For what is occurring is larger, deeper and much more serious than at any other time in the history of man. The accelerated rate of change brought on by the computer will have profound social and psychological effects upon every human-being in this country.

Mass communication allows one to participate immediately in history, and computers allow huge mathematical problems to be solved. But our stream of change is so accelerated until it influences our sense of time. steps up the tempo of daily life, and alters what we "feel" about the world around us. It also alters the way we relate to others and ourselves.

Many of us have a vague "feeling" that things are moving faster. Just listen to doctors and others complaining about the rapid rate of research which makes it impossible to "catch-up."

Since this idea of domestic culture shock has been cropping up with increasing frequency in the writings of scientists and critics, there has been little mention of its relevance to black people. This is particularly disturbing since black America is one segment in the society which is going through rapid change.

A classic case is the black family. The emphasis is on strengthening the black family structure by putting the wife and mother back in the house, and letting the husband and father become a good provider. Once this is done, so the social scientists say, many of our "psychological adjustment" problems will be over. It has been predicted that it will take two or three generations to build the black family structure.

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How can acceleration of change brought on by the technological society affect the growth and development of the family structure? Just one example is the impact of birth technology.

The ability to select the sex, the personality, and the I.Q. of one's baby is highly regarded as a real possibility. A mother may even have the option of having twins, triplets etc. There is also the concept of "surrogate mothers" — whereby the expecting mother has the fetus removed from her body and implanted in that of another woman who "bears" the child for the original mother.

When these examples become reality, they will severely challenge and alter contemporary concepts of marriage, motherhood, and the family.

With "surrogate mothers," the original mother can continue uninterrupted with her career, her vocation, or her divorce proceedings (mutually consented to — of course).

Blacks in America must give more thought to domestic cultural shocks, as the acceleration of change affects our institutions, politics, community, and psychology.

As a group that has witnessed phenomenal change in the last 20 years, we must begin to "get ready" for the computer. And, as individuals who are psychologically different from our grandparents, we must include in our definition of "readiness," the coming socio-psycho-economics changes.

Speaking of surrogate mothers, we know who would be having those babies. Isn't it enough nursing, raising, and mothering "Miss Anne's" children? Believe me, after doing all that for Miss Ann in yesterday's, tomorrow she may even be giving us those babies to birth!!! That ain't progress. And what a culture shock!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of an alternate weekly column written by Oliver St. Clair Franklin Jr. and Paul Fairfax Evans. Mr. Franklin is a graduate of Lincoln University (Pa.) and Oxford University (London). He is the son of the Rev. Oliver St. Clair Franklin Sr. Mr. Evans is the AFRO Education Writer and has an A..B. from Morgan State and is a former aide to Senator Joseph D. Tydings.

Afro Line

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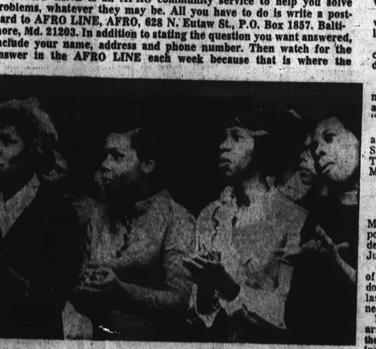

QUESTION: Recently I saw a picture of four enthusiastic-looking young ladies in the AFRO. They are standing and clapping hands and look remarkably alike. Are they sisters? — A.D.

ANSWER: The four young ladies are singers in the Highway Christian Church Choir and they are cousins, granddaughters of Mrs. Sophia Bell. They are (from left to right) Misses Gloria Bell, 17; Deborah Penn, 15; Carol Bell, 16, and Sandra Bell, 16.

QUESTION — For several years after the death of my husband, I received widow's pension from the Veterans Administration. When I remarried, the pension stopped. My second husband, who was not a veteran died recently, and I was left without sufficient income to provide for my support. Is it possible to have my pension restored?

ANSWER — Yes, if you are otherwise qualified for benefits, you may reapply for death pension benefits. A change in the law effective Jan. 1, 1971, permits the restoration of death pensions to widows who remarry and the marriage is terminated by death or divorce.

QUESTION — I did not complete high school, but was accepted as a college student under the GI Bill on the basis of a General Equivalency Diploma test. I now find that I am having trouble with some subjects and cannot keep up with my class. I have been advised to seek special help. Can VA help me?

ANSWER — Yes, if your school certifies that you need tutorial help to avoid failing a course, you may receive up to $50 a month for nine months to pay a qualified tutor. Application should be made to the VA on Form 21E-1990T.

QUESTION — I am currently training as an apprentice under the GI Bill. As a part of my training my employer has asked me to take a correspondence course. Will VA pay for the lessons completed through correspondence, in addition to providing the allowance under the apprenticeship program?

ANSWER — No. You cannot be paid for a correspondence course at the same time you are pursuing training under an apprentice program.

If You Ask Me

MRS. MOSS

BY BETTYE MOSS

(Editor's Note: Last week, this column began a series of original prayers inspired by a father who composed poetry and prayers. The following is the second in a series).

Dear God, We thank Thee for the beauty of this week and for the ugliness too because it has enabled us to appreciate the loveliness about us . . . the unusual sunshine in the heart of winter, the extra glow which comes with the visit of a friend from a long distance.

Thank Thee, too, for making it possible for us to share moments of happiness with those who give of themselves and their talents to help others like Mrs. Jamie Saunders, the widowed hairdresser who took time to support the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project.

Like Pauline Brooks and her fashion shop models who donated their time and talent for a benefit;

Like the dozens of other kind people whose names are listed elsewhere who give year in and year out because they care about their fellow man.

And, finally, God, we ask thy special blessing this week on the family of a co-worker, Tazewell Lewis, AFRO photo engraver, who is ill in Lutheran Hospital.

We pray, Lord, that if it be Thy will he be restored to good health.

And please God give his loved ones confidence that what ever comes will be that which will grant him the best relief for Thou Knomest best. — AMEN.

A Prayer for this week

Happiness is many things

More happiness selected at random as we talked with people this week:

Happiness is being alive and well.

Happiness is having friends.

Happiness is getting rid of this week.

Happiness is knowing the bills won't come until next year.

Happiness was the visit from my son and daughter-in-law.

Happiness is love.

Happiness is a hot bowl of soup on a cold day.

Happiness is when the doctor says the lump is no lump at all.

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More: —

Happiness is a phone call from a far-away friend.

Happiness is making others happy.

Charles G. Tildon, coordinator of fund-raising for the new Provident Hospital since 1962, said the expected: Happiness is opening the doors next week.

AFRO Reporter Paul Evans: Happiness is realization there is a power above all directing things and man is a mere instrument.

More: — Happiness is waking up in the morning.

Happiness is this week's springlike weather.

Happiness is love.

What makes you happy? Send your happiness lines to this column and we'll print them.

People, places and things

People moving about: State Senator Clarence Mitchell (D-4th), will be in from a speaking tour on the West Coast by the time you read this.

He lectured at colleges in Washington and Idaho this week.

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The Roy Boroms are commuting between here and York, Pa., where their two sisters and niece Ethel Pishop, Candis Hargraves and Wanda Watkins went to Durham, N.C. to console their aunt, Mrs. Mary Lipscomb who buried her husband, Hubert Lipscomb, on Sunday.

Because a convention was being held at the church where the funeral was conducted, a white congregating (Highway) opened its doors. Mrs Lipscomb was custodian there for many years.

Police story: Some of my best friends are policemen but department: It happened at home this time. . . cars in the neighborhood had been sprayed with a cement mix.

We asked the Northwestern officer who responded to our call on Saturday morning at 11:45 to remove his hat when he entered our home so we could discuss the incident.

Officer No. 3114 (A. W. Keer), did not remove his hat. Further, he was not the least bit impressed with the request we were simply a lung him as good neighbors how to proceed to protect the neighborhood.

His only response was that the laws are wrong, that if he searched for the culprits it would be a violation of their rights and that if they were caught they'd be out by juvenile court authorities. Honest, that's what he said.

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As he was leaving, we informed him that our understanding of Police Commissioner Pomerleau's instructions to his mens that they would respect the sanctity of people's homes?

He had no comment.

Fifteen minutes later, the regular officer on the beat, a tall, handsome black man named Loudon (badge No. 820), responded to the call.

Yes, he took his hat off. Yes, he understood the neighborhood's concern. Yes, he would help the neighbors investigate.

Cuff note: The first officer was a young white man on the force just a short time. The second officer has been on the force three years.

Perhaps after a bit more experience the first officer will learn how to relate to people like the second officer did.

Let's hope so. I have hope and faith in the young people and believe they can grow and mature in their jobs whether they are policemen, teachers, social workers or what. Your comments, please.

Special happy birthday hello to Mrs. Gough Johnson who will be 86 on Dec. 8.

She is the life-time East Baltimore resident. Life-long member of Centennial Methodist Church.

She has lived to see a five generations family including son, D. H. Johnson, three grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

Good wishes may reach her at 77 E. Ellamont St. where she now resides in care of a devoted relative, Mrs. Roberta Grannell.

Beauticians, Her outfit was of hot pink crepe, the full length gown features sequins which bordered the front opening of the skirt to reveal the stylish pants.

She and her husband, John, were among guests invited by Mrs. Janie Sanders, Masters' president. This is the group which annually supports our Mrs. Santa fund. Orchids to them ALL.

Cuff note: Mrs. Sanders, mentioned above, is her two sisters and niece Ethel Pishop, Candis Hargraves and Wanda Watkins went to Durham, N.C. to console their aunt, Mrs. Mary Lipscomb who buried her husband, Hubert Lipscomb, on Sunday.

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Halftime will feature the 130 piece marching band, including Majorettes and color guard. Program is entitled "Portrait in Black."

Selections include: Young, Gifted and Black, Lift Every Voice and Sing, They Call Me Mr. Tibbs, Baby Turn On, The Ghetto, School Alma Mater.

Thomas Delaine is director.

Louis Wells is Drum Major.

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Baby note: It's a girl for Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Gray (Sarah). Eight-pounder arrived Saturday at Provident Hospital. They've named her Julie Lawson.

Scallions of the week to members of that uppity club which ordered dozens of trays for a party and at the last minute changed their mind, but neglected to tell the caterer.

Result: The small businesswoman arrived at the appointed place with the trays she had spent hours preparing only to find hostesses themselves carting in goodies for their guests.

She reports one of the club ladies told her, 'Oh, we decided to make our own trays.' Ho hum.

Cuff note: We do this to each other but we pay heavily for the trays and other eatables we get at other places.

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Orchids of the week to: that young family which adopted a youngster headed for trouble and began giving him the kind of love and attention he could not get in his broken home.

More of the affluent among us can be big brothers and sisters to others. It is a rewarding experience.

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Glad-you're-better cards to Mrs. Patricia Taylor, administrative to president at Morgan State College is recuperating at home after that brief day in the hospital.

Ill in Hopkins Hospital, Waverly Hendricks. Send him sunshine.

People looking good and doing nice things for others: Mrs. Flossie Brown, the Washington Ave beautician, was saying something at the recent U.G.S. Living Aids Ball benefit for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa and President

She is vice president of the Master