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

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Disadvantaged Children

Because this is school opening week, we have a lot to say about public education.

Dr. James E. Russell's address to 5,000 teachers at the stadium Wednesday was one of the best.

Disadvantaged children come, he said, from colored and white migrants from the rural south, Puerto Ricans and Spanish speaking people from the southwest.

This gives the schools a cultural, not racial problem.

But any young person, no matter how deprived of his background, is a hopeful subject for education.

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NATIONWIDE experiments prove that schooling for disadvantaged children can succeed if:

Teachers respect their children and understand their problems.

Schools have dedicated teachers, specialized types of professional assistance, and smaller than normal classes and vocational courses.

And the community insists that graduates are given jobs when they qualify without racial discrimination.

Racial discrimination, Dr. Russell said, denies dignity to individuals. Such practices are deep in time and custom. Many Americans are determined to withhold respect for all individuals. That determination must yield.

There must be remedial teaching at every level, said Dr. Russell, together with guidance counsellors, psychologists and social workers.

All this is expensive, but let social deterioration continue and society will learn something of the real costs of neglecting the disadvantaged.

Who Has The Last Word?

In order to raise the standards of scholarship, 144 students who sought admission to the University of Maryland and high school Morgan State College have been rejected because of inability to pass entrance tests.

The daily press gloats over the fact that money will be saved by the outright rejection now rather than releasing such students as may prove below standard at the end of the first semester.

We offer mild disagreement.

First place, Morgan and the University of Maryland are part of the state school system. There is an obligation to accept graduates of high schools with a mark of 75 or better without tests.

Moreover, there is an obligation to use our own state tests for college entrance, not those fabricated for Ivy League colleges.

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EVEN THE best tests are not always the final word in determining intelligence and ability of young people.

Ask teachers in the public schools. The best of students can turn out to be a crook and the worst a bishop.

The best physician in Baltimore was mediocre in high school and the best teacher took 8 years to get a high school diploma.

If higher standards are to be required in state colleges, let's start in elementary and high schools and end up with the sophomore, junior and senior years or college, but we should make it possible for C high school students to enter a public college.

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THE LAST word in public education should always be said by the public, not the hired educator.

We like the words of Dr. John E. Russell, secretary of Education Policies Commission, in his address to public school teachers at the stadium Wednesday, when he said in effect:

That public school programs must be geared to what children can accomplish.

That high schools must have remedial classes that will deal with the third grade level of arithmetic, if necessary, rather than force disadvantaged children out of school —"A disaster for him and for all of us."

School's In

School bells rang this week for 173,210 pupils in Baltimore's elementary and secondary public schools.

We have come a long way from the Roman system which taught a boy nothing that he could not learn standing.

For girls, school may mean "reeling and writhing" as it did to the Mock Turtle of "Alice In Wonderland."

Henry Adams wondered that education does not ruin everybody concerned in it, teachers and taught.

But Horace Mann termed the public school the greatest discovery ever made by man.

And atheist, Robert Ingersoll, made the observation true in his day and ours, that in every village under the American flag, the public school is larger than the church.

But the opening of the public schools is a great day for children, more exciting than graduation even.

There are 15,000 children who entered kindergarten for the first time. Thousands of children will enter an advanced grade in a new classroom, under a new teacher.

There is excitement among teachers, too. What will their new classes be like?

Don't leave out parents. For some, school opening will mark a day when Johnnie and Mary get out from under their feet for six hours every day.

For other parents, there is enthusiasm and pride that their children begin a new stage in their development which ultimately helps make awkward, headstrong children and a pest, into individuals who can do what they never did before and know what to do with their leisure time.

Soap and education have become the trade marks of America.

We stake our future on our public schools.

We spend more money for public education than for any other public service.

No wonder the first day of school is for our kids, our teachers and our parents one of the high water marks of the year.

Firefighters Needed

Young men between the ages of 21 and 35 should consider a career with the Baltimore County Fire Bureau. Firefighters are urgently needed in that county and recruiters have been unsuccessful in filling vacancies.

Moreover, as Baltimore County is rapidly expanding, its fire protection facilities must be enlarged. For instance, when the new Halethorpe fire station opens this fall, 18 men will be needed to man the ladder and truck company. Eighteen more will be needed to staff the Loch Raven station scheduled to open early next year. An additional six men will be required to place a new ambulance in operation at Parkville.

The starting salary for Baltimore County firemen is $4,185 a year. But there are other benefits that should be considered. There is the security which is characteristic of working for the government at the state, federal or local level.

And perhaps the greatest compensation is the satisfaction that comes from serving humanity. Like the policeman and the physician, the firefighter is charged with the responsibility of protecting human life. When he is needed, he is sorely needed, and his contribution cannot be measured in mere dollars and cents.

We recommend the Baltimore County Fire Bureau as a career for the ambitious, adventurous young man who is looking for a job.

Harrison J. Bryant Jr.

What Harrison J. Bryant Jr. would have accomplished had he lived to be 50, we do not know.

He died last week at 20.

The days of his youth were the days of his glory.

He was a graduate of City College, honor student at Peabody Institute, member of National Music Honor Fraternity, awarded scholarship at Oberlin, and newly named pastor of Oak Street AME Church.

Death came on the eve of his leaving for Europe as student director of the Oberlin Choir this summer and then to remain the rest of the year to continue his musical studies.

Ripe for exploits and mighty enterprises, Harrison Bryant Jr. was one of the city's most promising young people.

Remarkable it is, that he knew of his fatal illness three years ago and in these years he did his best work.

Down To The Nitty Gritty

With the professional baseball season's ending a little over a month away, we are ready for a preliminary evaluation of the players.

Right now Clementi, Pitts.; Pinson and Robinson, Cinn.; and Aaron, Milw. lead the National League in batting.

By adding Mays, S. F.; White, St. L.; Altman, Chi. and Cepeda, S.F., 6 of the 13 best batters in the League are colored.

Robinson, 114; Cepeda, 118; Mays, 101; and Aaron, 102 lead the league in runs batted in and home runs.

Altogether there are 57 pro players in both leagues, and 18 of them are batting better than .290.

One of the American League's best batters is Elston Howard (Yanks.)

The National League has always boasted the largest number (36 to American League's 21), and best colored players.

It would appear, then, that the champion players in pro-baseball will come from this group.

What Our Readers Say

Colts Playing Excuses

Dear AFRO:

In the pre-season game with the Dallas Cowboys, the Baltimore Colts appeared haplessly inept. If one is to believe the press clippings, the Colts should have won this game without exerting much effort.

Maybe they were overconfident, but they surely had no reason to be.

The Colts, some of them, contend that Unitas had an "off night." There were other excuses just as flimsy.

The Colts are sorely in need of a sustained running attack. The team is placing all of its hopes in the passing accuracy of Unitas, and in Lenny Moore. Once an opponent is able to "cover" Moore, and to put pressure on Unitas so he does not have time to find a receiver, the vaunted Colts are helpless.

CHARLES SANDERSON

Justice Black Praised

Dear AFRO:

Recently the U.S. Supreme Court by a 5 to 4 decision upheld the registration provisions of the McCarran Act.

In their dissenting opinions Chief Justice Warren, as well as Associate Justices Douglass, Black, and Brennan agree that this law violates the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

This law sets up a Subversive Activities Control Board which would force organizations it names as subversive to register as such, setting up penalty of criminal prosecution if they do not, automatically branding them for criminal prosecution when they do.

All the due process of law, courts, judges, and juries are disregarded. A government board brands members of organizations automatically guilty by forcing them to register as criminals.

Mr. Justice Black states that the law violates the First Amendment, the cornerstone of democracy, which guarantees freedom of speech, press, petition, and assembly.

He dissents: "I do not believe that it can be too often repeated that the freedoms of speech, press, petition, and assembly guaranteed by the First Amendment must be accorded to the ideas we hate, or sooner or later they will be denied to the ideas we cherish . . . When the practice of outlawing parties and various public groups begins, no one can say where it will end."

Not so long ago the late Senator McCarthy was throwing the subversive label in every direction, and even now it has been reported that the John Birch Society has accused no less than President Eisenhower.

One can imagine the administration of the McCarran Act if its appointed board should include any of these.

I think that Chief Justice Warren, and Associate Justices Black, Douglass, and Brennan are deserving of credit for trying to uphold our traditional American freedoms in these troubled times.

In the conclusion to his dissent, Justice Black says, "Such enforced conformity of thought would tend only to deprive our people of the very things which have brought this Nation things which have brought this Nation to its present greatness.

EDNA HART WOOD

Praises AFRO Photog

Dear AFRO:

The picture carried in Tuesday's AFRO of the little boy who had been struck by a truck was perhaps the saddest photograph I have ever seen. It should long be remembered by all persons who drive automobiles.

I think the AFRO should be commended for bringing the matter of child safety to the attention of the public in such a forceful, effective manner.

When we think of that little boy, just six years old, lying critically injured in a hospital, while other youngsters his age skip merrily off to school, it makes us wonder.

Every motorist should take extra care so he can compensate for the careless mistakes sure to be made by children deeply engrossed in play.

This is not a question of whether a child or a car has the right-of-way. Even if you did have the right-of-way, you would not want to seriously injure or kill an innocent child.

Speaking for myself, I know I would never be able to forget it, if this happened to me.

MRS. SARAH R. CAMPHOR

More On Africans

Dear AFRO:

I was most delighted to have read of the roles that (Herbert) Mangrum, (George) Collins and (Rufus) Wells played for their great bit of deception in posing as Africans.

It goes to show you some persons will accept anything but an American colored person. The impersonations were of the highest caliber and I hereby doff my turban to those guys without a country.

More power to them.

CRESTON WOINGUST

Noteworthy

NYC Cracks Down On 'Distress' Sales Signs

By HERBERT MANGRUM

It has happened.

New York City has decided to do something about those "distress" sales signs.

You have seen them along Broadway.

They usually read:

"Fire Sale . . . Going out of business due to fire. Half price off all merchandise."

So what happens? You return a year later and the store is still, advertising, "Fire Sale."

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NEW YORK now has a law that requires a $50 license for such sales, and gives the proprietor a maximum of 60 days to clear out or explain why.

A violation of the law can bring $50 minimum or $500 maximum fine plus a 60-day jail sentence.

When the city license bureau checked out one store that had advertised, "Fire Sale," investigators were told: "We fired our manager."

Another store that advertised "Explosion Sale" tried to get off the hook by saying: "Our prices are exploding sky high."

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HOW WOULD you feel if you had an idea that someone had stolen something from you but you couldn't prove it?

An AFRO newsman pouted when it happened to him.

He had bought the book "Advise and Consent" and laid it down on a counter to make another purchase.

When he turned around the book, bag and all was gone.

In another shop across the way he could see a young woman turning to page one of "Advise and Consent."

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THE MEMBERS of a local social and savings club are steaming over what they believe may be the loss of their $36,22 bank vefl.

They have asked Judge Howard L. Aaron to find out why their treasurer has not attended a meeting since July, and why she has not answered her phone or the door bell.

Jim Crow Gets His Clothes Done

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Sometime, in the middle of the night, I wake up with a cold chill running down and up my spine.

It's not the vagaries of the weather that does this thing to innocent me, but the horror of the horrible thought that when it comes time for me to depart this land of mortal man, I might wind up in a segregated heaven.

After spending these many years on earth, I say to myself, now wouldn't it be a hole in the head if I ended up in a place where they had separate white clouds and colored clouds for their guests to float around on.

I'll admit that this is pretty far fetched, but you never know what can happen when some of these White Citizen Council members kick off and go to their reward.

They'll probably want to change things around to make heaven resemble earth.

If they find they can't do this, they'll probably get mad and ask for a one-way ticket downstairs.

It would serve them right . . . after all the h--- they have given their colored brethren on earth, it would do them good to get a little taste of their own medicine.

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MAYBE IT will help them realize, late though it may be, that being colored often means you've got a tough row of beans to hoe.

And this remark reminds me of the time I went to a laundrymat in the enlightened and progressive town of Glen Burnie, to have some linen washed.

"Sorry," said the woman behind the counter, "we can't wash colored clothes."

I took another look at the clothes just to make certain that I had the right bundle, and I told her:

"There aren't any colored pieces in there, it's all white stuff."

I think the woman must have thought I was a little dense, because she explained to me what she meant:

"We don't wash colored people's clothes."

"Don't let that worry you," I told her, "these are Mr. Jim's clothes and he isn't colored."

Who's Mr. Jim? she wanted to know?

"His last name is Crow," I told her, "now are you going to wash his clothes or do you want me to go back to the plantation and get him?"

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"NO NO," she said, "that won't be necessary, we'll wash them for you. You understand that it's not that we have anything against colored folks, but our customers might object if we washed their clothes."

"In other words," I said, "cleanliness is not next to godliness."

I think the remark must have gone over her head, because she didn't answer.

When she had washed the clothes and handed them over to me, I made a low bow and told her:

"Madame, your laundrymat has just been integrated."

She might not have been very smart, but from the way her jaw dropped down, I knew that she knew what I meant.

I meant to stop in that laundrymat again, but unfortunately, before I got around to it, the place went out of business.

Wonder if the woman's shock at finding out whose clothes she had washed had anything to do with it?

I like to think it did.

African?

Dear AFRO:

Permit me to express my congratulations and approval to you and your colleagues for your recent fine contribution in our constant battle to obtain a place of respect and dignity in our community and nation.

Action of this type speaks more distinctly and clearly than any mere words in exposing the distasteful lip service type of democracy that is so freely dished out in our country today.

It drives home to the entire public the sheer folly of a system wherein any alien, irrespective of race, may readily be accorded privileges not granted native citizens of our race.

Truly, even for the benefit of this most naive, you have proven the point that a person, like a book, cnnot and should not be judged by its cover.

Emerson R. Julian, M.D.

Hodge-Podge

Don't Fool With The Coffee Break

By ROBERT W. MATTHEWS

The coffee-break has become an institution in American business. Usually they are 15 minutes long, enjoyed thoroughly by the workers and roundly detested by employers.

A firm in Jersey City hired a time-study expert to determine just how long coffee breaks should be. The expert came up with the information that it takes only seven minutes to drink a cup of coffee and wash your hands.

So, the company tried to lop eight minutes off the workers' morning and afternoon coffee-breaks.

All of the workers immediately went out on strike.

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IF YOU THINK you're about to be robbed in the street — drop your valuables in the nearest mailbox. That idea has just been approved by the postal authorities.

When the emergency is over the "depositor" can get a postman to open the mailbox and hand over his property.

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POLICE IN Denver, Col., have no trouble getting drunken driving convictions.

When a driver is accused of drunken driving, and asked to walk a straight line, pick up a coin, write his name, etc., the whole proceedings are filmed.

A copy of the film is then made available to the accused and his attorney. Police report that, after seeing the film, many who had been indignantly protesting innocence, quickly change their plea to guilty.

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HELL IS NOW officially on the map. The city was recently put on the official state map highway map of Michigan—and they have been given a post office.

The Hellians expect lots of tourists will want to mail postcards from there.

Interesting note, Paradise, which is 40 miles northwest of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. is harder to get to than Hell, which is near Ann Arbor.

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YOUNGSTERS who enrolled at the new Coppin Laboratory School have the last laugh this week.

All summer long, they have been teased because the school building on Warwick Ave. was not completed in time for occupancy on opening day.

When they reported to school Thursday, they found their classes will be conducted in the new Coppin library building — which is completely AIR CONDITIONED.

AFRO Credo

A newspaper mistreads because its main opponent believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself:

Whether it has an other good except to see that right Abraham was preserved and that Isaac survived.

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

Whether it stands and defends equally the human aspirations of persons regardless of race, religion or nationality.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1840

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

People moving about

New resident in our city: Mrs. Lester Banks (Vera), Richmond, Va., who has accepted a teaching post at Carrollton Junior High.

Mr. Banks is the energetic executive secretary of the Va. State Conference of NAACP branches. Their daughter, Sylvia, is a student at Fisk University.

Mrs. Banks felt the need of change, hence the new job here. You would too. In the short span of 16 days she lost her father and her sister.

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Her dad was John Bowman, retired Halifax, Va. merchant. He was 84 when he died on August 3.

On Aug. 19, Mrs. Banks buried her older sister, Mrs. Nannie B. Cotton of Hampton, Va. Mrs. Cotton was the wife of the Hampton Institute postmaster. Formerly he headed the college's tailoring department.

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Mrs. Banks comes to Baltimore prepared in her field — social studies. She is a graduate of Va. State College, and Columbia University.

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Distinguished - looking visitors to our office on Friday: Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Greene of Atlanta. She answers to the German name of Gurley ('my father named me').

Mr. Greene is director of public relations with the Atlanta Life Insurance Co. He and Mrs. Greene observed their 42nd wedding anniversary this year.

Their son, Charles 3rd, is a deputy investigator with the state department of labor in Chicago.

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THE GREENES visited in Baltimore after attending the National Insurance Association meeting in D.C. He is a past president of the association.

Mr. Greene is also a pioneer member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity — is a past vice president, and long before the regional system was inaugurated, he organized Alpha chapters in various sections of the country.

He's Morehouse — trained. Mrs. Greene, who is a Alpha Kappa Alpha soror, studied at Spelman and Wilberforce.

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Recent visitors here: Manuel Smith, prominent New Orleans grocer, and his wife, Gladys, a teacher in the Louisiana town.

They guested with his brother and sister-in-law, the Arthur Smiths of Bonner Rd.

The New Orleans visitors toured Philly and D.C., ere they returned home.

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And, at many local homes they visited, the Smiths delighted their hosts by showing them how to make their specialty — creole gumbo.

MR. and MRS. LESTER BANKS

MR. and MRS. CHARLES W. GREENE

People, places, things

The Rudolph Wheelers (Doris), who were in California most of the summer, were back home in time for school opening this week. Both are teachers.

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In New York this weekend — Mrs. Herbert Alston (Edna), the beautician who is happy as can be that her talented 19-year-old daughter, Gwendolyn, has the lead dance part in the Cuban Festival Satdee night at Carnegie Hall.

The youngster's aunt, Mrs. Catherine Gross; and her grandmother, Mrs. Edna McDonald, will also be there to see her in her first big role.

Remember when Gwen was an assistant in ORCHIDS TO those Western Hi students who returned to classes ten days before school opened so they could rehearse the instrumental numbers they played at the citywide staff meeting for school personnel on Wednesday.

They did beautifully.

Two teachers seated in the C section of the Stadium were discussing the fact that several of tre girls were colored. They said:—

Teacher No. 1: — There are a lot of colored girls in there.

Teacher No. 2 —Oh yes, they're good at that.

Teacher No. 1 — Yes, they can do dramatic too.

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In another section of the Stadium, a group of teachers discussing the hard-hitting speech by Dr. James E. Russell, the National Education Association executive.

One teacher, obviously impressed, asked in disbelief:— Say, is he white or is he a foreigner?

In concluding his talk, Dr. Russell noted that there are all kinds of birds, horses, and people. They are brown, black, white, yellow — all good birds, horses, men . . .

Too many teachers and other public servants have yet to learn that color is not the important factor.

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Sympathy and congratulations to the teachers in our schools — particularly those teachers and principals whose buildings are breaking at the seams — too many children, not enough space.

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At Garrison Junior High on opening day, we watched for nearly an hour as counselors and teachers handled transfers, answered phones, and did what appeared to be a very effective job of getting things straight.

Principal Milton Dickman, who should have been tearing his hair out, wasn't. But imagine if you can 2,400 pupils in a building meant to accomodate 1,350. Whew! Mr. Dickman and associates deserve orchids.

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At Lemmel Junior High, Principal Hermione Wharton and associates staged a very orderly fire drill promptly at 10 a.m.

It was a delight to see the youngsters walk calmly and quickly to assigned stations in the vicinity of the school.

Here's another school where they are way over the capacity, but teachers and officials appeared to be taking it all in stride.

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Soooo, if you're a parent with several children in school and you think you have problems getting them enrolled and settled, give a thought to the teachers and principals who have your problems and many more.

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At the new Coppin Demonstration School on opening day, Frederick Mims, principal, and his teachers, luckily did not have masses of children.

Classes here are limited. They will be held on the college campus until the new building is completed later this fall.

Wide - eyed new students were a joy to watch . . . they hung on every word the principal and teachers uttered, and seemed so enthusiastic about attending 'a brand new school.'

About this and that

Mrs. Anna B. Nash of Morley, Glen Burnie section is in Lancaster, Mass., holidaying with her daughter and son-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. M. J. Burke (Mary).

Also visiting the Burkes are her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Francis Lewis, also of Baltimore.

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He has story :As Delegate Verda Welcome drove her car into a parking space at Gwynn Oak Park on Sunday where youngsters were picketing, an attendant rushed up to the women: 'This is a white parking place.'

Of course, Mrs. Welcome remained where she was. Policeman was called. He took one look at the state legislator's license plate, and went about his business.

When Welcome auto stayed in the 'white' parking spot, and nobody was upset about it.

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Residents in the vicinity of North and Bentalou Sts., on the night of Sept. 1, kept the lines to our City Desk busy.

They complained they were horrified to see ambulance attendants force an accident victim to get up and walk to the ambulance.

No stretcher was used they say.

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New bride, Mrs. Bernard B. Hines (Marjorie Mosely) who was wed at Union Baptist Church this past Saturday is trying to find the person or persons who presented them with a 17-pecs electric pottery coffee maker as a gift.

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The gift was received at the door in the excitement of the wedding festivities, and the card was lost. Can you help?

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Off for New York and a year's study at Columbia University,—Mrs. Christine J. Moore, counselor at Booker T. Washington Junior High.

Her five-year-old daughter and a housekeeper accompanied her.

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Mrs. Moore is studying for her master's in counseling under a national service grant.

Before she began counseling, Mrs. Moore was an English teacher. Remember she was one of those who tutored Gloria Lockerman, the spelling champ?

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Hellos from Mrs. Wynona Collins, former Baltimore teacher, now at the Seattle, Washington home of Dr. James E. Moore Dr. (135 - 20th Ave. E).

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AFRO Clean Block drive?

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Sympathy to the Edward Youngs (Mildred), 2059 N. Bentalou St.

Their infant, a seven - pound boy, died shortly after he was born on Monday. (heart condition.)

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Dad's counselor at Dundalk High. He and the Mrs. so wanted a boy as company for their daughter, Yvonne . . . had gone so far as to prepare the new baby's room. They're heartbroken, so do cheer them up.

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Mrs. Flossie J. Wright is vacationing with her sister, in Brookline, Mass., has been here for the past month.

King says Atlanta proves Deep South can do it too

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., president of the Atlanta - based Southern Christian Leadership Conference called Atlanta's "peaceful desegregation of its public school, "a magnificent demonstration of good faith, good sense, and good planning," in a statement issued two days after schools were opened.

He said the orderly transition was evidence that 'it can be done' in the deep south.

Send them sunshine

Glad - you're - home cards to Mrs. Marie Smallwood, 424 E. Lafayette Ave. She was in Provident for two weeks.

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Also on the disabled list: Det. Lloyd Johnson, 2604 Fairview Ave. He's been confined to a bed since a Saturday age when an auto hit his car from behind.

He was standing still at the intersection on Fremont and Pitcher Sts., at the time. He has a painful slipped disc and shoulder injury, must wear a neck collar.

And, it looks like he'll be incapacitated for at least four months.

To think I've been shot at, and had all sorts of things happen to me in line of duty, and this happens when I'm simply standing still," said Det. Johnson.

However, he said:—But tell my friends I'll be back in action soon."

William Kelly, veteran AFRO distributor in East Baltimore, is now confined to his home, after several weeks in the hospital.

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Hope - you'll - be - out soon hellos to Mrs. Esther Gordon. She fell through a board, and sustained a painful leg.

Incident took place at that Brotherhood Conference in Woodbine, Md., where her son, Larry, was enrolled. Cards will reach her if addressed to: 1612 Pulaski St.

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Sometimes, life seems cruel.

Mary and Joseph Gibson of 808 Wilbert Ave., were considered ideal neighbors. Their home was a beauty place.

Early Friday, they left for a Labor Day holiday in Virginia. They planned to visit her ailing father, and check the progress of the home they were building, there.

They never made it. Their car collided with a tractor trailer. They never knew what hit them.

Mr. Gibson was maintenance man with the Park Circle Development Co., which runs Carlin's Park.

A spokesman told this reporter: "He was a good worker. He had been here for 15 years."

Mrs. Gibson, a talented homemaker, was the former Mary Moody Usher.

She was a maid at the U.S. Public Health Hospital.

Sympathy to her sister, only Baltimore survivor: Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson, 1412 Dukeland St.

'Please, no Civil War,' begs comic

NEW YORK — Satirist Dick Gregory, whose laugh quips scored a meteoric rise in show business, returns September 5-20 to the Blue Angel, 152 East 55th Street, New York.

The most talked about comedian in our time, Gregory is the first standup comic to play in the top cafe circuit. Using the daily headlines as a springboard, he discusses topical subjects with wit, humor and satire.

Item: "Sometimes I wonder if we should provoke the South. If they ever start another Civil War, Casper Canaveral would be on their side."

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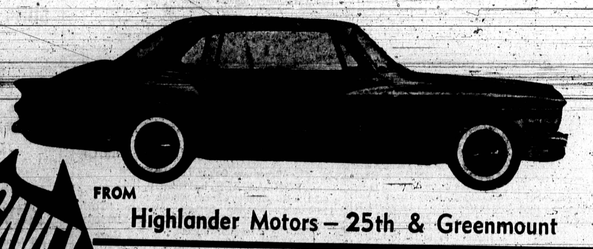

Suspect charged in fatal shooting

Duke Allen Jr., 36, of the 2700 block Lauretta Ave. was charged with homicide Monday in the death of David R. Clayton, 33 of the 2300 block Edmondson Ave.

Chief Judge T. Barton Harrington ordered Allen held without bail pending a Homicide Court hearing at Central.

Mr. Clayton was shot outside a tavern in the 2600 block Edmondson Ave. last Saturday.

Witnesses told police the shooting occurred as Clayton was leaving the tavern.