PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Strengthen us when we stand Oh Lord.

Comfort us when we are discouraged and anxious.

Raise us when we fall and in our hearts may Thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all our days. Amen.

"I am a man of peace; God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
Hungarian Freedom Fighter
Kossuth

Let's Have The Answers

We ran this same editorial last Friday under the heading, "Some Important Questions." The final paragraph called on Gov. J. Millard Tawes to order someone to answer the questions. This week the Maryland Crime Investigating Committee asked the Governor's permission to do the job.

The editorial is being run again to impress upon anyone not already convinced how concerned the AFRO is with this matter. This case will not be dropped until it is settled one way or another.

Some important questions need to be answered in connection with the Dec. 5 death of Braxton Allen, who at the time was a prisoner in the House of Correction at Jessups.

Immediately after Allen died, the AFRO received a flood of letters from prisoners at the House of Correction saying that Allen had been bleeding for several days but had been unable to get proper medical care.

Warden William F. Steiner denied Allen was unable to get proper treatment. He told the AFRO:

"He had been to the hospital the night before. He had something the matter with his gums. The doctors were to make a biopsy on him. He had been to the hospital several times but not with any specific complaint."

Asked if Allen had been bleeding several days before his death, as prisoners had reported to the AFRO, Warden Steiner said: "The hospital never knew anything about that. According to the doctor, Allen had no complaints other than the sore gums."

Following are some of the statements included in letters prisoners wrote to the AFRO:

"He was bleeding from the nose and the nurse gave him some cotton to put up his nose, but they didn't examine him to see how the bleeding started."

"He was bleeding from his nose ever since last Sunday and the officer who had the dormitory where he lived sent him down to the hospital four times that same night when his nose started to bleed."

"Ten days ago Braxton Allen started complaining that he was sick and made repeated trips to the hospital but was unsuccessful in being able to see the doctor. During the period of five days he was constantly bleeding from the nose . . . on the fifth day, a doctor was granted but the only attention shown him was a piece of raw cotton inserted in his nose . . . no examination . . ."

Another added that along with bleeding, Allen complained of dizziness.

When the AFRO asked Warden Steiner if the prison doctor might throw more light on the situation, he said: "I doubt that the doctor would want to comment on this until he received the medical examiner's report."

That medical examiner's report now is in. It finds that Allen died of "hemoperitoneum due to ruptured spleen due to acute histiocytic" in laymen's language, Allen was bleeding in his stomach and was a seriously ill man.

If Allen was complaining of only a gum ailment, why did a nurse stick cotton up his nose?

If the officer on Allen's dormitory sent or allowed him to go to the hospital four times in one night because of bleeding from his nose, why does the prison hospital report that it knew nothing about his bleeding complaints; was aware only of the gum complaint?

Warden Steiner at one point says Allen "had been to the hospital several times but not with any specific complaint."

If a bleeding, dizzy prisoner goes to the hospital at the House of Correction, how specific does his complaint have to be? Does he have to tell the doctor "I'm dying of hemoperitoneum due to ruptured spleen due to acute lukemia."

Gov. J. Millard Tawes should order someone to provide some answers to these questions and some others involving the medical setup at the House of Correction.

Finan's Housing Law Advice

When they want to be, and such usually is the case when integration is involved, Maryland public officials can be pretty timid individuals.

Take Atty. Gen. Thomas B. Finan, who recently was out touring the state for votes and who, we understand, might be back some day seeking votes in a race for the governorship.

His office once ruled that it would take special legislation for Maryland to integrate its state mental hospitals. But when the NAACP announced plans for a suit to see if the change could not be made under existing legislation, Mr. Finan's office found this indeed was possible.

Most recently the State Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations asked Mr. Finan about the constitutionality of a proposed law which would ban racial discrimination in private commercial housing.

Admitting that other states already are enforcing such laws, Mr. Finan advised the Commission that "we must express some doubt as to the constitutionality of this legislation."

Quite surprisingly, Maryland's legal office based its opinion on a Colorado decision by a lower court which found a fair housing act "unconstitutional because of vague and indefinite language in the statute and an unlawful delegation of legislative power to an administrative commission."

A less timid attorney general, we think, would have pointed out the pitfalls in the Colorado law and offered to help Maryland's Commission put together a bill which would have bypassed all his doubts.

For Mr. Finan's information, and that of the Commission, some of whose members we understand were cheered by the Attorney General's advice, the Supreme Court of Colorado now has found the state's Fair Housing Act of 1959 constitutional.

It struck out a portion that was questionable but left the state with an operating law.

It is a good thing for Maryland that there was an NAACP to question the Attorney General on the hospital issue. It is a good thing there are legislators in Maryland who have the guts to put a fair housing bill in the hopper, even if the commission on interracial problems will not.

Not everybody is as timid about these things.

Dr. Long Sets Precedent

Congressman - elect Clarence D. Long (D., Second) has taken a precedent-shattering step even before he gets sworn in and at long last we are assured that Maryland has selected a man to office who will represent all its citizens intelligently, imaginatively and fairly.

His appointment this week of Mrs. Anne M. Denniston as a staff aide for human relations, marked the first time a Maryland Congressman has seen fit to place a colored person in such a post of trust in his Washington office.

While Mrs. Denniston is a resident of Washington, D.C. and not from Maryland, her appointment is such a big step in the right direction that we don't expect to hear any serious complaints on that score at this time.

What makes Dr. Long's appointment so important is that the Second District which he represents (comprised as it is of Baltimore, Carroll and Harford counties) is not one in which he owes the kind of allegiance to colored voters as do some other congressmen. That's not to say that when a strong Republican runs, as will in 1964, the colored vote can't be decisive.

We have some congressmen who could not retain their seats in Washington without the support of colored voters. These congressmen have paid great lip service to the cause of equality and most of them have voted right on civil rights issues.

But they have not had the imagination to realize that voting right is not quite enough these days. Colored voters now expect the congressmen they support to share the fruits of victory with them and, in addition to voting right, introduce some rights legislation of their own.

This goes for Maryland Senators as well as Representatives.

As Dr. Long has taken his precedent - shattering action before formally taking his seat in the House of Representatives, we'd like to jump the gun a bit also and vote him Maryland's Action Lawmaker — already.

Unnecessary TB Deaths

Baltimore City has the dubious reputation of having the highest tuberculosis rate among the largest cities in the nation.

This past week the commissioner of health for the city set the lowering of the incidence of tuberculosis here as a major goal for 1963. It is a worth goal and one about which something concrete can be done.

The biggest problem now is discovering the ill persons so that treatment can be started early.

Because tuberculosis is infectious and the symptoms sometimes are not apparent, it is especially important that every individual gets an annual test. None of us are safe unless all of us are.

Debating Housing Discrimination Laws

Finan's go-slow Maryland 'law'

What Our Readers Say

Candidates Forget The R's

Dear AFRO:

Out of the many candidates and incumbents running for mayor, March 5, there will be three strong candidates, Philip H. Goodman, Dr. R. Walter Graham Jr. and C. Meredith Boyce.

Will the people be surprised to notice if neither carries a colored candidate for City Councilman on the ticket, ignoring fine words that begin with R, Righteousness Race, Respect, Recognition and Representation?

Right is a standard that should be met with a just disposition and conduct. Is it right for a colored citizen to give support and not be supported? The Italians will support Italians, the Jews will support Jews, and how many do the people think will vote for a colored candidate?

Race is a word that should not be ignored. Why should not a colored citizen support a colored candidate? If the Italians can, cannot their votes put one or more of the three strongest could win without them?

Respect is consideration to pay attention to a just regard for or presentation of worth. I say, prove your worth by withholding your vote where it is not appreciated. God gives us all at times, when we are not worthy and appreciative; then there are times when God withholds, until we recognize and respect him.

Recognition means appreciation has been shown, and signifies consented to. This is the fourth part of our fight.

Representation is the act of representing, or the state of being represented. All races cry out for representation, and we as colored people have the same right. "Where there is a will, there is a way," and we must find it. "Seek and you will find." Whether we like politics or politicians, we must seek progress.

Do you have children? Do you love them? Can you see into the future? Do you know God's blueprints?

Unorthodox and wise voting can add value to the men and women of tomorrow. Remember this always, something is better than nothing.

REV. GAYWOOD S. McGUIRE

Articles Bring Calls

Dear AFRO:

I want you to know how very much I appreciate your putting the news releases of the Auxiliary in the AFRO for me.

Through the releases in the AFRO, we have been able to let the public know just what the Auxiliary is doing for the hospital.

We have received many calls of persons interested in joining and we have had many persons to volunteer in the hospital from reading the activities of the Auxiliary in the AFRO.

(Miss) MARION L. JONES,
President, Provident Hospital
Woman's Auxiliary

Thanks for Basket

Dear AFRO:

I am writing you to thank you for the Christmas basket given me and my family. I didn't get the name of the club that gave us the basket, but I wish you would kindly send it to me for I would like to send them a thank you note. Thank God for Mrs. Santa.

MRS. M. L.

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 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," AFRO-AMERICAN, 638 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

If I Had My Way

Provident Is Our Major 1963 Financial Project

By ARTHUR SMITH

I would consider Provident Hospital one most important financial project our community faces this year.

In order to meet our obligations, I would make a list of all persons who earn $20,000 or more or live in homes which cost $25,000 or more.

Those persons would be asked to contribute one-twentieth of their income to the hospital the next 3 years. ($1000 in 3 years).

Those earning $15,000 to $20,000 would be assessed $500 to $750 in the next 3 years.

Those earning $15,000 to $20,000 year would be expected to give 2 percent for 3 years.

Those earning over $5,000, ½ per cent of 1 per cent.

I would make a list of the givers according to their income brackets. Those who take money out of the community without being willing to put it back would be subject to economic sanctions.

In other words, the names would be clamped on them and they would find it advantageous to be on the contributors' roll.

The various denominational churches would be asked to channel the gifts for missions into the Provident Hospital fund for one year. No outside work should be more important than getting a job done at home.

Physicians and other professional people who use the hospital, for treatment of their patients or for subjecting themselves in clinical operations, would be barred if they failed to contribute according to the listed assessments.

To make out the list of persons and to fix their assessments would take a group of conscientious men and women, and to post a list of non compliance would take even more fortitude, but unless we can discipline ourselves to react with our money to meet specific hospital needs, we are a poor excuse of a civilized community.

Under a socialistic state like Russia or China, we would be forced to do this and more.

A Democracy should do it voluntarily.

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THIS IS one way to shut up the talkative persons who are quick to say we have no leadership.

The non-compliance list would expose the wind bags and silence them effectively for a while at least.

Nor should we let the group, which makes pledges and fails to make payments, get away with its usual deception.

Let's take pledges and put them on a separate list. But at the end of the year if they do not pay their pledges, let's put them on the non-compliance list.

Under this program, we might make some people angry but we would raise the Provident Hospital Fund in three years and feel right proud of our city.

Besides, everyone who did his part in the campaign would share in that pride.

Finally in compiling the list, we would start with the hospital trustees, its medical staff and the campaign committee.

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 to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of political except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice or compromise.

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Pin-Point

Christmas Is Not Only For Children

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

He was too big to cry — but he did!

The man was sitting in a barber's chair on New Year's Day, getting a long overdue haircut.

His clothing was tatered; shoes worn and his hands bore callouses and corns, evidence of a laborer's job he no longer had.

His shoes, he said, were worn out because he had been tramping the streets for three months looking for a job that was never there when he answered ads or checked out possible employment leads.

He had no choice but to walk because you can only ride the street car when you have money and you can only have money when you are working.

His $14 unemployment compensation does not cover for when there are four small children and a wife to feed.

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"I DIDN'T have 'nothing' for Christmas and I don't have 'nothing' for New Year's," he told the barber.

"Because I 'ain't got nothing; my children 'ain't got nothing,'" he continued as the sympathetic barber clipped away.

Then with the heavy sigh of a burdened man, the customer added:

"The Bible said that the Lord will make a way some how if you only believe. It gets mighty rough sometimes, but I believe!"

A visitor to the shop who happened to know that there were a few toys still around from the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project, asked how old were his children.

"I have two boys and two girls, ages two to nine," his face brightening as he answered.

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LEAVING THE shop briefly, the visitor returned with an arm full of toys for boys and girls.

"We didn't have any food or clothing left," the gift - bearing visitor apologized. "but maybe your children will like these."

His outstretched and calloused hands began trembling and tears rolled down his cheeks as the man accepted the toys.

"I'm too big to cry," he said hastily, "but I just can't help it. These will make the children so happy and that makes me glad!"

Touched by the spirit of the season, the barber refused to accept the price of a haircut.

"God bless y'all and a Happy New Year," the man said as he shuffled through the door.

Who said that Christmas was only for children?

Sightseeing

Plan For Solving The Race Problem

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

After many long years of painstaking research, meditation and careful analysis of all available data, I believe that at last I have the solution to America's major internal dilemma—the race problem.

It is, I admit, a drastic solution, but these perilous times do not allow for any halfway measures. We must be brave, we must be resolute, we must be imaginative.

My plan is actually broken down into several component parts, each one forming an integral part of the whole. That is, you can't have one without the other.

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IN PART one of the plan, we round up all the ships in the world and bring them over here to America. Naturally, there might be several relatively narrow minded countries that might get rather sticky about the temporary loss of their ships.

When this happens we can mollify their bruised feelings by granting them another loan.

Once we get the ships over here, we put everyone in America aboard the vessels and send them back where their ancestors came from.

For people of German extraction, we'll send them back to Germany. For people of Polish descent, we'll ship them back to Poland, and so forth and so on, right down the line.

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AS FAR as we colored Americans are concerned, chances are pretty good that we'll end up in Africa, where we will find golden opportunities to aid in the development of the new and independent nations.

If any of the countries overseas gets a bit up in the air about having a group of foreigners descend upon them in a great-tidal wave of humanity, we can always send one of the Kennedys, who isn't busy at the moment, to that nation with a special envoy. He will explain that the plan is accomplishing in a few month what we haven't been able to do in several hundred years.

By the time we are finished, we'll have cleaned out the entire country, except for the Indians who were here first anyhow, and who will be allowed to remain, as part payment for the raw deal they got in the past.

Once we get all the Americans out of America, there won't be any race problem as all the former Americans will be so busy trying to adjust to a new way of life, that they won't have time to hate anyone.

There might be a few die-hards who won't see the value of the plan, and will want to stay here. But they can be convinced by a carefully worked out plan that will utilize the talents of public relations specialists and advertising men.

From every television and radio station in the land will blare forth the message—"Do you want to be a social success and one of the bunch—Then don't stay in America. Get the next boat leaving and join the gang."

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WE'LL GET a few top flight entertainers to make recordings of such tunes as "Carry Me Back To Old Rumania" or "Deep In The Heart of Siberia" or maybe perhaps even "My Old Outer Mongolian Home."

With this kind of brain washing going on, we'll have people standing in line to get on the ships.

There will have to be a new federal agency set up to handle the relocation problem, but this should pose no problem. Washington they have one a gency that does nothing but dream up other agencies.

The new agency would be responsible for tracing the genealogy of every American to determine from whence his ancestors came.

It wouldn't do at all, for example, to send a person of hot Spanish [illegible] to Finland.

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BY THE time the plan is concluded, the only non-Indians left in this country would be members of a small caretaker force whose job would be to maintain the buildings, factories, etc., so the country will not physically fall apart.

After a few years of learning first hand what it feels like to be an outsider, most Americans will be ready to return to these shores.

However, before they can get back in they will have to sign a brotherhood pledge that they will love their fellowman, even if that fellowman happens to have a dark skin or speaks a foreign tongue, or worships in a different church.

Then we'll have a nation that will live up to its full potential.

Health Goals

Dr. Robert E. Farber, commissioner health for Baltiore City, reports that Baltimore had a very good year in relation to public health and set forth the following goals for 1963:

1. Maintain our gains against the common communicable diseases and complete the third round of the oral poliomyelitis vaccine program with Type III vaccine.

2. Continue the fight to bring down Baltimore's unenviable record in tuberculosis.

3. Increase our emphasis on the prevention of the veneral disease, particularly syphilis which has shown a rising trend over the past years.

4. Continue to seek methods for reducing the infant death rate which is much too high for this day and age.

5. Continue to urge all prospective mothers to seek adequate prenatal care early in pregnancy the lack of which has been repeatedly shown to be one factor in the high infant death rate.

6. Emphasize the importance of preventing hospitalization for mental illness as illustrated by our new psychiatric day center.

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7. CONTINUE TO attempt to prevent lead paint poisoning in children.

8. Cooperate with other agencies in the big battle against accidents, for older children and adults in their productive years.

9. Continue and improve efforts to guard the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, and our general environment.

10. Assist every citizen of Baltimore in the attainment of good physical, mental and social well-being.

If YOU Ask ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

Gay welcome to '63

Wasn't it a grand and glorious New Year's Eve! There were so many gathering to welcome the New Year, you could take your pick.

At the Winchester Armory, the party was fa-bu-lous - tasted well into the wee hours.

Hosts were officers of the 726th Transportation Battalion, Md. National Guard, headed by Col. Melvin Cade.

And, there was the Epicureans' gay eve party at the Elegante Room . . . and so on . . .

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Club Entertainment was, as usual, something else.

At the Sphinx, that Biddy Wood did it again . took over the club for the night—Charlie Tilghman, the owner, just looked in amazement.

Things, they say really jumped along about ayem when Biddy's wife (Damita Jo (the singer,) hit town to join the celebration . . . quite a party. . . .

And, as advertised in Tuesday's AFRO, Biddy did indeed take the Mike, and sing the blues. Sounded terrible! as a singer, he's a good manager. (he manages his wife and other acts) . . .

For Guardsmen and their guests, the Kappa House was jumping. Eyecatcher here was pretty Mrs. Clarence (Hayes (Merle), cousin of Ed and Eliabeth Williams. She is a walking doll!

Agnes and J. C. Reaves' Allendale Rd. home was ooh so lovely—in its holiday decor — and Caterer DeShields did himself proud' along the food line.

There . must have been nearly a hundred who turned out for this New . Year's gathering there.

It was hosted by a group which includes the Reaveses, Bergan and Harry Gail, Sam and Pauline Blackwell, Clarence and Odessa Dyson, Verneice and Bill West and Olive Caulk.

Pretty Party was the one Dr. and Mrs. John Chissell and Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Chisselll gave for the Drs. Chissell sister, and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Young (Connie) of New York.

It was at the Forest Park Ave. home of the John Chissells.

About were: Mrs. Tillie Pair, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Laforest the Harold Jennifers, Dr. and Mrs. Simon Carter, Dr. and Mrs. Roland Smoot.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Burke, Misses Miriam and Faulkner Hughes, the David Scotts, Louis Campbell of D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, Mrs. Ellsworth Rhetta and her brother, Thomas Whaley, of S.C.

Also, Drs. and Mesdames Bernard Harris Jr., Shirley Chinton, Thomas Jones, Talmadge Pinkney, Royston Scott, Archie Robinson, Lonnie Greene, and Turgot Jeudy;

And, Messrs. and Mesdames Lawson Cooper, Robert Harris, Clarence Maiden, George Russell, Myles Robinson, Emerson Brown, Gerald Davis and Miss Henrietta Chissell, Mrs. Ivora Evans, Mrs. Alice Young and Mr. Lawrence Doss of D.C.

It is a Good-en privilege. Take time TO BE FRIENDLY . . .

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Happy Birthday to Mrs. Huchuca. They're headed for Ankara, Turkey, where he has been assigned.

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More Visitors: Airman 1st class and Mrs. Elmer German (Marsha Rose Hood) of Highland, AF Base, N.J. and Major Joseph Thompson Topeka, Kan., were here with Mrs. German's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver. The William H. Richardsons (Eloise) were also up from Annapolis.

The visitor who had many a party given in her honor was attractive Mrs. Hortense Campbell of Dayton, Ohio. She is the sister of Mrs. Charles King (Helen), with whom she stayed.

There was breakfast for her at the home of her hostess-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones (Lil), and the James Murphys (V and Jim), had an evening sip for her, and she attended a round of other parties. One was by Dr. and Mrs. James Pair, where she received gifts from well wishers.

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Mrs. Campbell is the wealthy up widow of Dr. Earl Campbell, the physician, who died three years to N. Y. to visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Campbell, before returning to Dayton.

The Charles Kings' party on Friday honored Mrs. Campbell and Dr. and Mrs. Everett Knox (Clementine), who are readying for his State Department assignment in South America.

Present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Reuben Jones, J. Nelson Fortune Albert Wright, Shelton Coles Henry Collins, Luther Hardin, Ernest Johnson, George Kelson, Lester Norris, Charles Hicks of Frederick, Md., Howard Hucles, John Sessoms, Eugene Payne, John Murphy 3rd, James Murphy and Mrs. Carl Murphy;

And, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard, Dr. and Mrs. Reynold Lighston, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hunt, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones;

Also, Mrs. Vonzella Ford and Mrs. Velma Doss of D.C., Misses Shirley and Eula Watkins, Mrs. Gwendolyn Lewis, and Drs. and Mrs. Leila Powell and Mrs. Leila Powell and Mrs. Chissell, Mrs. Ivora Evans, Mrs. Alice Young and Mr. Lawrence Doss of D.C.

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People coming, going

With Mr. and Mrs. Joe Felton (Leona), for the weekend holiday New Year greeting parties were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Overton (Gloria), of New York.

Holiday wedding: Sterling Johnson, the real estate man, and Mrs. Myrtle Bowen, the Lemmel Junior High teacher, skipped up to Philly on Friday.

They were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barbour (Lillian). A reception followed at the Barbours' home.

Best man was Albert Sutton. Miss Doris Deidre stood with the bride.

The newlyweds will host a reception at their Morgan Park home here in Baltimore on [illegible]

With Our gates: Capt. [illegible] Huchuca. They're headed for Ankara, Turkey, where he has been assigned.

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More people, things

More visitors: Buffalo's Buddy Buckner and his Mollie, were here briefly—they drove down to get married, returned home after they learned they could not tie the knot in a day. He's the Pabst representative.

Capt. and Mrs. Cecil Christian of Ft. Leonard Wood visited at the Avon Wrights. He was on the way to Korea.

To their mothers and father, the senior Cecil Christians were up from Birmingham.

They were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Seay. The Seays' daughter, Marian, is the wife of Captain Christian.

Dr. and Mrs. Roland Smoot (Winnie) had as house guests her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McClain, of Demopolis, Ala. The were guests of honor at the Smoots' New Year's Eve part. Other guests were:

Drs. and Mesdames Shirle Clinton, Ralph Burke, Archie Robinson, Charles Winter, Harold Johnson, Charles Davidson;

And Drs. and Mesdames Eugene Owens, Richard Montgomery, Elijah Saunders, Oakley Saunders, Claude Hill, John Chissell, Thomas Jones, Sidney Burnett, Joshua Mitchell.

Also Dr. Lionel Desbordes and Miss Loretta Cumbo.

Mesdames Ann Mesdames Marvin Davis, Walter Jackson and James Hardy;

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The Charles Hillens (Gwen), always excellent party hosts, put the big pot in the little pot for their Sunday night gatherings originally scheduled for the day before, but delayed a day on account of snow.

Among guests were: Messrs and Mesdames Sam Blackwell, Alvin Trent, Clifton Murray, David Wright, Henry Neal, and Rudolph Redd.

Sad news: Baltimoreans in D.C. on Thursday for the funeral of Dr. Warren Wilkins, the physician were Dr. Simon Carter, Dr. N. Allen Harris and Dr. Percival Smith, who were among the pallbearers.

Dr. Wilkins, who was also a Morgan State College grad, was beloved by his Howard Med School classmates.

He was on the faculty of the med school.

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Rush Sympathy cards to Walter Thomas. He is in South Carolina on account of the death of his mother.

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And, S ympathy to Mrs. Pauline Brooks, the dress salon proprietor, and Floyd Baitz (East End Lounge).

Their brother, Leon, the teacher, was killed in that auto crash at Hilton and Liberty Heights.

Many may remember when the Bartz family lived at 2325 Druid Hill Ave. for years. Remember? Address your condolences to the family at 3600 Harlem Ave.

Here from D.C. for the funeral today are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cades, cousin; Miss Dora Bartz, aunt; and Miss Annie Cades, cousin.

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Good News; Advance Savings and Loan advises its month consecutive semi-annual dividend 4 per cent will be credited to shareholders' accounts this period.

W. O. Bryson Jr., president advises the sixth annual stockholders' meeting is 8 p.m. Jan. 16 at New Shiloh Baptist Church. All accounts which exceeded $10 on Dec. 10, are eligible for the dividend.

And, get this, Advance accounts, now over the million mark ($1,200,000). YOU can put your money in Advance and help build this growing business into a multi-million dollar association!

New Year thoughts

The following is from a recent issue of the Catholic Review, and seems appropriate advice for the New Year:

Take Time TO THINK . . .

It is the source of power.

Take Time TO PLAY . . .

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take Time TO READ . . .

It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take Time TO PRAY . . .

It is the greatest power on earth.

Take Time TO LOVE and BE LOVED . . .

It is the road to happiness.

Take Time TO LAUGH . . .

It is the music of the soul.

Take Time TO WORK . . .

It is the price of success.

Take thought for the New Year. Take time to remember. Iceberg shut-in, an elderly person or a distressed friend during the year ahead.

Life is so short, one never knows when he might likewise be in need of comfort.

The poet put it this way:

Friends, in this world of hurry
And work and sudden end
If a thought comes quick of
A kindness to a friend
Do it this very instant!
Don't put it off, don't wait;
What's the use of doing a kindness
Happy New Year!

600 credit unions received Federal charters in 1962

WASHINGTON

J. Deane Gannon, Director of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions, announced today that over 600 new-credit unions received Federal charters this year, bringing the total to 10,700 with seven million members in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Panama Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands.

Five charters were awarded for the first time this year to Guam. The largest gains were shown in the larger States, New York, Texas, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and California.

Mr. Gannon also announced the total assets of all Federal Credit unions had increased 13½ percent the past calendar year, to $3.44 billion, and that members' savings (shares) had increased 12½ per cent to $3.01 billion, averaging $430 per member at the end of 1962. Loans to members increased fifteen per cent to $2.58 billion.

International aspects of Federal credit union activity received increased attention this year with the chartering of a Federal credit union at the Pan American Union, the secretariat of the Organization of American States, in Washington, and the two-month assistance visit of William E. Allen and Joseph Bellenghi of the Washington staff of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions, to Peru at the request of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Mr. Gannon stated that although Federal credit unions are growing rapidly in number, assets, and member ship, they have maintained the original character and purpose for which intended, which is short - term consumer type loans and promotion of thrift among low-income groups.

A Federal credit union is a cooperative association of persons having a common bond of occupation, association, or residence within a well - defined neighborhood, community, or rural district. Examples are factory workers, store employees, members of a church, a fraternal society, labor union, farm organization, or residents of a relatively small urban or rural community.

The credit union movement in the United States is usually dated from 1909, when Massachusetts passed the first State credit union law. Cooperative credit societies have been known in Europe and Asia for more than a century.

Control of management is in the hands of the members of the credit union. A board of directors and a credit committee are elected at the annual meeting of members each January. The board elects the officers from its own membership and appoints an internal auditing committee of three members.

Freedom still sought today Emancipation rally told

WASHINGTON

The first 100 years of the Emancipation Proclamation was recognized as a mere starting point by celebrants this week. The Proclamation's centennial was celebrated in a mass meeting held at Metropolitan Baptist Church 100 years to the day after President Lincoln signed the historic document.

"The first 100 years of freedom for colored people have seen halting, stumbling progress," the Rev. Dr. Vernon Johns, retired president of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College, told the gathering.

President Kennedy, in calling upon the nation to celebrate the Proclamation throughout 1963, said, "The goal of equal rights for all our citizens is still unreached, and the securing of these rights is one of the great unfinished takes before us."

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MOST OF the speakers at the anniversary meeting emphasized that colored people still have a long way to go in their pursuit of freedom. Rev. Andrew Fowler, of the National Fraternal Council of Churches, said the meeting pointed up the purpose of "still working at freedom for all mankind."

The rally was sponsored by the Fraternal Council of Churches and the Emancipation Centennial Committee of the District. The latter was formed under the District Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission.

St. Elizabeths' policies may lead to more escapes

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

The November escape of Janie Duncan from St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she was admitted while serving a life term for the murder of her husband, recall have been anticipated under existing rules of the mental institution.

In a statement of policy dated May 1, 1959, the then superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Winfred Overholser, set forth the rules governing treatment of prisoner patients.

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THESE POLICIES, still in effect, permit so-called Class C prisoner patients, even sexual psychopaths, to have unaccompanied ground privileges and to leave the hospital grounds for a day or on more extended trips, with the approval of the superintendent.

In fact, patients convicted of a crime who are judged recovered enough to be in the Class C category have more privileges than other Class C patients who were found not guilty of crimes for reasons of insanity.

Class C patients who were found not guilty because of insanity can only make brief visits from the hospital and must be accompanied by a hospital nurse or attendant.

To be granted unaccompanied trips from the hospital, "not guilty" Class C patients must obtain approval of the courts in the form of a conditional release order.

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THE STATEMENT of policy governing the treatment of prisoner patients was sent to the U. S. Attorney after Charles T. Duncan, principal assistant U. S. Attorney made inquiry following the escape of Mrs. Duncan, a Class C patient.

Charles T. Duncan said a conference will be held between representatives of the U. S. Attorney's Office and hospital authorities to discuss problems inherent in the present practice.

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THE 1959 directive states that all prisoner patients are automatically placed in Class A upon admission to the hospital. Patients in this class are kept in maximum security wards. They remain in Class A category until diagnostic evaluation indicates a transfer to Class B is desirable.

Class B prisoner patients may reside in any closed wards compatible with their clinical status. They may attend activities within their building, may not have unaccompanied ground privileges or privileges for visiting outside the hospital.

Transfer from Class B to Class C, the most privileged group, may be made on the recommendation of the physician in charge of the service or with the approval of the superintendent.

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AFTER MRS. Duncan's escape, the Washington Afro learned that she had been seen on unattended trips to the city several times. Hospital authorities said these visits were not authorized.

Prior to her escape, the AFRO was told by a hospital patient that Mrs. Duncan was the victim of abuse by certain of the personnel. Since then, the patient, who insists she is rational, wrote to the newspaper.

"She (Mrs. Duncan) was beaten and moved to "G" service because she spoke out about how they deal with insane against colored patients. She stayed in a wheel chair for months . . .

"She could not walk (the AFRO) because she was in no condition and had no privileges to make a phone call . . .

"They treat colored patients just like dogs, but no one seems to care. They are made to work while white patients sit or walk around on the grounds. They beat patients up and choke them. Dr. - - - tells white patients to stay away from colored men. Mrs. - - - had a colored friend. She was treated bad. She was a prisoner. She slopped over four weeks. They didn't put that in the paper.

"—left in June. Cashed over 1000 dollars worthless checks. Came back. Got her privileges back and pregnant three months. She is a white prisoner.

"When you tell them about these things they give you medicine and you get beaten up. These people cannot help but feel. No one is in good contact.

"And what is worse, in your own colored. They are afraid to speak up. They might lose their jobs. They admit they treat us bad when they are behind the doctor's and supervisors back.

"This place is worse than Southern states. It is pure torture. When you have to stay on the very disturbed ward each and every day, screaming, fighting.

"White patients can do do anything their privileges never taken away. When you improve a little in this service you are doing good. It lies in the prejudiced. And we have no one to go to or come to rescue.

"I also feel that Janice Duncan did the right thing in leaving. If a white prison patient can cash $1000 worth of checks in two days and not be detained, why can't she leave?"

"I sought help. Found none. My clothes have been destroyed. Money taken. Not on medicine. They have no reason to keep me here only to be nasty.

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