Prayer of the Week

"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

Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to make us ever mindful of our helplessness without Thee. Give us strength and knowledge that we may be examples of Thy greatness.

Victory For The Little People

The Welfare Department has discontinued, and none too soon, its controversial practice of entering homes of welfare clients without warrants between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Howard H. Murphy, a member of the Maryland board, called on the department to end the night searches. He quoted the opinion of Charles A. Reich, a law professor at Yale University, who maintained the searches were illegal.

Mr. Murphy was supported in his fight by, among others, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Baltimore Urban League, and George L. Russell Jr., a local attorney who wrote a two-page opinion differing with one by State's Atty. William O'Donnell that upheld the welfare department.

The investigating unit had a practice of rousing clients in the dead of night to determine if they were violating the law which forbids residence of a male who could provide support.

Unless they think it's too much trouble, welfare investigators still can keep watch on homes throughout the night. That way they themselves won't be trespassing on the rights of their defenseless clients as we fear they were doing.

As the Welfare Department said itself, the end of the searches will not bring about any great hardship as far as seeking out frauders is concerned.

The AFRO is as firmly against fraud in the welfare program as any other person, including the businessman who wanted to continue the midnight searches, but we objected vehemently to any trespassing on the rights of others as a solution.

There are other ways of getting results and the AFRO is sure the Welfare Department, having set its own house in order, will be able to lawfully do whatever the situation demands.

'The Crime Wave'

A great deal of concern is being voiced over an increase in the rate of certain crimes in the Baltimore area.

In the desire to reduce the disturbing figures, city and state officials should act calmly and sensibly in an area where logic often gives way to emotion.

Whenever a so - called crime wave is reported, there is a tendency in some quarters to adopt a philosophy of "let's lock everybody up and that will take care of the matter."

Actually, the roots of crime go much deeper than any solution like this can ever reach.

There is no simple answer for the growing crime rate — which is a nationwide phenogena — and anyone who thinks so, treads on dangerous ground.

As a beginning we find ourselves in accord with the suggestion that there should be stiffer penalties for repeaters of criminal acts, and parents should be charged for acts of vandalism committed by their children.

We would also suggest that a security be setup in the schools themselves, with such personnel directly responsible to school officials.

Perhaps in this way, some of the trouble in the schools may be reduced.

The EOC Post

Seven weeks after David T. Glenn resigned as executive secretary of the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Civil Service Commission has certified the names of five persons as having passed the examination for the vacant post.

Tied for first place are Samuel T. Daniels and Edward L. Holgrem.

Mr. Daniels, currently a labor official and formerly the executive secretary of the Governor's Commission on Interracial Problems, and Mr. Holgrem, executive director of Baltimore Neighborhoods, are both outstanding men.

Both men are capable administrators and perhaps even more important, have an intimate knowledge of the problems involved in making Baltimore a city where all men can live and work as equals.

With such men available, we hope that the Commission will make an early decision on the identity of the new executive secretary, so that the agency can move ahead in a field where so much remains to be accomplished.

No Lottery Needed

Hyman Pressman, the Baltimore comptroller, has been the author of a number of excellent ideas, but his proposal to set up a city operated lottery as fund raising device should be filed and forgotten.

True, a lottery would raise funds — but are such funds really worth putting our city government in the gambling business?

We think not.

The Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission has said that in order to raise $25,000,000 a total of $125,000,000 worth of lottery tickets would have to be sold.

This is a great deal of money to be taken out of circulation. It could buy homes, clothing, food and medical care. Instead, it will go into a gigantic jackpot, which will be shared by only a few people.

What, we ask Mr. Pressman, will happen to the other people who are not lucky? What will happen when their dreams of riches turn to ashes and they are forced to face the fact that their money has been wasted?

Those who can least afford it will be the hardest hit, and we do not believe that the government should become party to such a project.

Finally, we have enough trouble with graft and fraud in our country without opening up a possible new source for such shenanigans.

Changes Overdue In Panama

Last week the AFRO took the position that eventually Uncle Sam will have to get out of the Panama Canal. After sending our own correspondent there last week, the AFRO remains of the same opinion—unless of course, some dramatic changes are made.

Things do not have to be the way they are. Much of what's wrong is our own fault.

Here was a small country at the neck of the Isthmus connecting the United States and South America, an area smaller than South Carolina with a population of little over 1½ million people.

Panama has been involved in our Alliance for Progress program through which the U.S. has said we would use our funds to make a wider distribution of the wealth so that the rich would not be too rich and the poor would not be too poor.

We had a golden opportunity to go into Panama and to break down the economic divisions between the Panamanians and Americans sent there to to operate the canal so that there would be a democratic division of jobs, leveling of wages and improvement of housing for poor people—eradication of the slums.

When Dr. Milton Elsenhower was sent to Panama by then President Dwight Eisenhower, he recommended that the Federal Government undertake low cost housing and do away with slum housing for Panamanians working in the Canal Zone.

He was forced to modify his report.

He also recommended that the authority now divided between the ambassador, who reports to the Secretary of State, and the governor, a military man who reports to the War Department, come under one central authority.

He recommended that the two flags fly together. This was subsequently done.

He recommended an increase in tolls, something not done since the canal opened in 1914, with a larger payment, probably about $5 million to Panama.

Another thing that could have been recommended is that an end be put to the policy of isolating the U.S. and Panama workers in the Canal Zone as to housing.

These cooperative steps, along with others that will benefit the Republic of Panama, are essential if we are to remain in the Canal Zone as other than an enemy.

Bowie's City Manager

Among the candidates being considered for the post of city manager of Bowie, Md., is James Mitchell, who formerly held the same job in Newburgh, N. Y.

Mr. Mitchell earned a not inconsiderable measure of fame several years ago when he proposed a stringent set of rules to be applied against those receiving welfare aid.

One of his proposals would have had relief clients appear at police stations to pick up their checks. The proposals were so extreme and reactionary that they brought down a deluge of criticism around Mr. Mitchell's ears.

They also ran contrary to state and federal regulations.

Considering the sensation and uproar that Mr. Mitchell created in Newburgh, Bowie ought to consider the issue well before it offers him the post.

It Just Wasn't Right

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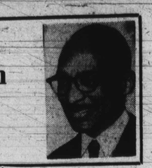
Sightseeing

Now They Laugh At The KKKers



By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

When that group of demonstrators barricaded Rose Ku Klux Klaners in an Atlanta restaurant last week, it was another nail hammered into the coffin of white supremacy.

There was a time when just the mention of the initials "KKK" was enough to terrorize a colored man into a state of impotency . . . a time when the Klan rode as it pleased, crushing anything and everything in its way.

It controlled states, cities, governors, police departments, and only the very brave or the very foolish dared laughed at the evil organization, which at its hieght of power made the Costra Nostra look like an old ladies sewing circle.

Now, the KKK instead of being frightening, is laughable — a group of grown men playing the villain in dirty grayish sheets.

In this shift from fright to laughter is contained much of the story of the crumbling image of the American white man as all powerful, all wise, all good.

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FROM THE very beginning in this country, the white man pictured himself as only a step removed from divinity — a creature so perfect in every respect that anyone else had to be inferior.

He found the Indian here, and since the Indian was dark, and therefore inferior, he pushed him from the land where once he hunted and fished.

When the Indian would be pushed no more, the white man shot him down and sent his survivors to reservations, where they could starve out of sight.

All this he did while he told the world that he was taming the "savages" so the land would be safe for civilized people."

In whatever he did, it was always the good white people against the forces of darkness. It was always the good white people being motivated by "unselfish" concern for their fellowman. They were always the good guys, while everybody who opposed them were the bad guys.

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WHEN SLAVES were brought to America, this nation pretended it was not that she wanted to make the ground grow rich with their blood, but that she wanted to Christianize them and save them from the hell of being heathens.

By lying to herself that she was motivated by only the purest of motives, this nation closed her eyes to the evil she was doing. She criticized other countries for their shortcomings, but she never would admit that she had any at all.

Since America was so perfect — everything about her had to be perfect, and this was the bill of goods she sold to her own people—that they were a chosen people and the rest of the world was inferior.

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THE CLOAK of inferiority covered not only foreigners but native colored Americans as well. To preserve the inferior status of the black man after the Civil War, the Ku Klux Klan came into being.

It had but one purpose—to keep colored people in their place. However, it hid its real purpose behind the mask of protecting white womanhood and the southern way of life from the newly freed slaves.

In the name of preserving moral and cultural values, men and women were lynched, burned to death, and castrated by the gallant gentlemen of the Old South.

Faced with the apathy of the rest of the white community and by the errant message of white superiority, it was only natural that the colored people would put up comparatively little resistance to the night riders.

Whenever they did, they stood a good chance of finding out that the weight of the local government was firmly on the side of the Klan.

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SLOWLY, HOWEVER, the power began to slough away from the Klan. Members of the white community began to turn against it because of its excesses, and it became increasingly difficult to keep the colored community convinced that it was inherently inferior.

Also, provincial Americans, through improved methods of communications, began to learn—many for the first time — that they were not quite as supreme as they had been led to believe.

Against such a combination of forces, the Klan has become not an object of terror, but a source of amusement to the people it once cowered.

What Our Readers Say

Smoking Comment

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Smoking Column

Dear AFRO:

We would like to congratulate your managing editor, James D. Williams, on his column concerning the "cold turkey method" he used to quit smoking cigarettes. We tried the cold turkey method 4½ years ago and have abstained completely from all types of tobacco.

For those who find it hard to stop smoking cigarettes, changing to pipe or cigars usually will not satisfy.

We believe that no matter how long one abstains whether days or years any attempts to smoke again one will inevitably smoke more than previously.

Now the most important part. No method is going to work unless one has a sincere desire to stop smoking.

MELVIN B. TUGGLE
NATHANIEL TILLMAN

More On Slang

Dear AFRO:

Concerning the slang and some undesirable English of some disc jockeys, we can't put our incorrect English on them. But we can say that they help to bring us under the bad "influences."

This is why that I am against legalized lottery because it places too many under the "influence."

We must be against all bad influences and not just some.

I hope the managing editor, James D. Williams, and others, will continue attacking all bad "influences" that will harm God's children.

REV. G. S. McGUIRE

Carver Responds

Dear AFRO:

I am a student at Carver Vocational High School and I am a reader of the AFRO.

I love to read about my people (meaning my race).

I write to you pertaining to the article every Friday about high school students. I thought you had forgotten "about us Carverites."

I do not know how the student body, faculty, or the administration felt, but it made me feel proud to belong to the Carver Family, as we call it, when I read the article about the Carver student.

—DEVERA REDMOND

COMMENT

Dr. George Washington Carver

Every visitor to the nation's capital between now and April 18 ought to see it. No resident of the District of Columbia should miss it.

Reference is to the exhibit at the Library of Congress commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. George Washington Carver (1864-1943).

The display is in the west lobby on the ground floor of the library. It is one of a series of "Library Showcase Exhibits."

Materials on display come chiefly from the papers of the late Booker T. Washington, who was president of Tuskegee until 1915.

A letter which young Carver wrote Mr. Washington on April 3, 1896, indicated an interest in joining Tuskegee's faculty.

Included are the following items: A letter which Dr. Carver wrote March 30, 1906, summarizing the accomplishments of the agricultural experiment station he organized at the institute in 1896.

Of course, there are many other items of historic and scientific interest, even in today's atomic era.

Together these show the depths and enduring quality of Dr. Carver's contribution to the welfare of all humanity — over 300 synthetic products from the peanut, 100 from the sweet potato and many others from cowpeas, wood and cotton wastes, soy beans, pecan nuts, and native clays.

The Carver Exhibit is proof all over again, as if it is needed, of the genius and humanism of a truly great American.

Pin-Point

Shooting From Hip On 'Crime Wave'

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

That there is a good bit of criminal activity now plaguing the city there is little room for doubt. There always is.

In fact, if statistics supplied by the Police Department are reliable, the traditional holiday rash of crime never abated although the holiday season is nearly a month past.

This sustained period of lawlessness suggests that the criminal element, whether acting in concert or individually, is at least organized to the extent it knows what it is doing.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said of the individuals and agencies whose responsibility it is to cope with the problem.

Statements coming from the governor, mayor, comptroller, president of the City Council and any other "spokesman" who can attract an audience of one, all indicate that there is a general awareness of a serious problem.

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THE UNANIMOUS agreement on this point, however, is equal only to the unanimous disagreement on what approach to take toward a solution.

At last count there were at least five different versions as to what is the best method to combat crime.

Gov. Tawes wants to discuss the matter with Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt.

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, having rejected City Council President Thomas D'Alesandro's call for an emergency meeting on the subject, chose to wait and hear from his advisory committee which has been studying the problem for several weeks.

Mr. D'Alesandro, meanwhile, unable to budge the mayor, conferred with Commissioner Schmidt and William J. O'Donnell, Baltimore's State's Attorney.

Out of this meeting came several proposals, many of which have been advanced previously, with little in the way of success.

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MR. PRESSMAN, not to be outdone, dashed off a letter to the commissioner calling for the revival of the Civilian Police Corps, first used during World War II.

Now, Hymie, don't we have enough problems already?

The January Term Grand Jury has vowed to look into the problem and report its findings when it leaves office next May.

While all of this is going on, Commissioner Schmidt, at his press conference Thursday, said that his plan was putting every available policeman on the street during the night shifts and a corps of officers who work voluntarily on their off duty hours

"I'll knock on wood," the commissioner said, "but we have the situation in control."

In light of this revelation and in view of the frantic and relentless screams of "crime wave," backed by appropriate statistics, there is cause to wonder.

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WE WONDER, for an example, how accurate are those statistics which are used to paint a picture of terror in the streets.

Further, we wonder what is the real motive of those who are advocating their own special brand of crime preventatives—many falling in the category of ridiculous.

We wonder if they are really concerned with halting the alleged crime wave or are they concerned about halting something much bigger?

This is one crimebusting advocatee who is convinced that there is more here than what meets the eye.

Otherwise, how can you explain that for the first four days of this week, Monday through Thursday, commanders of seven police Districts—Western, Central, Eastern, Northwestern, Northeastern, Southwestern, and Northern reported no increase in serious crimes.

Daily checks of these stations for the past four days, have brought this inevitable reply: "Nothing happened out of the ordinary. It's been very quiet."

We find it fitting and proper, therefore, to keep these facts in mind when we follow the accounts of the alleged raging crime wave.

We also see a bit of logic in this declaration as it applies to the local situation:

"There are lies. There are d..n lies and there are statistics!"

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 politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices, race prejudice or compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

POET'S CORNER

ISLE OF FORGOTTEN PROMISES

Here they are, surrounded by hopelessness,
Some idly made, some never had a chance,
Forever here in utter isolation,
Exiled by them whose memory did not respond.
"I'll give you love," is standing here,
"I'll never stray," is close at hand,
"I'll wait till mountains turn to dust."
"I'll be right back," looks frail and tired.
The ones I made, have haunted me,
I shall reclaim them everyone,
From this day on, I'm looking back,
I know that I shall find them all.

PAUL D. McALLISTER

WHY MUST WE MEET.

Why must we meet?
To live and laugh and love:
Embodying our moods into a single fusion:
Believing in only the truth of our love.
Why must we meet?
You who would hurt me most in leaving,
Fate Fashions these unavoidable things.
I turned around, and there you were.
Yes; there you were, a picture of poignancy,
Doing nothing less than haunting me,
I knew one day you would come,
With your frills, and bangles, and laces.
Ah, that perfume, ah, that dear laugh of yours,
That gave your eyes the power to subdue,
What would I gain, should I have walked away,
To never know you, other than in slumbered dreams,
Why must we meet, my lover tell me why?
For I have known, as sure as there are stars,
That fallen angels linger just awhile,
And spread their wings and quietly slip away.

PAUL McALLISTER

Will Business Change In Spots?

Commerce Secretary Luther H. Hodges has literally called upon the U. S. business community to change its attitude regarding the effort to eliminate racial discrimination in employment.

The secretary told a group of top business executives Wednesday night that "if the politics of a city or town tolerate encouragement of bigotry," the silence of the businessmen is taken as approval.

Conversely, this means that the business community is obligated to actively oppose job discrimination.

This challenge is in direct opposition to the policy the business community has followed to date.

Not only has the business remained silent, it has covertly encouraged job discrimination.

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If YOU Ask ME

By B. M. MOSS

People, places, things

To Calif.: — Mrs. Coleman S. Williams (Henrietta), mother of Mrs. John W. Manning Jr. (Virginia), jetted to Los Angeles on Wednesday for a three - week visit with longtime friends, Elder and Mrs. M. S. Banfield.

Remember Elder Banfield when he pastored the Seventh-day Adventist Church here in Baltimore?

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In new post: Note from Dr. Madge Hibler, formerly of the Morgan State College faculty, advises she is now director of speech pathology services at the Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic in downtown Los Angeles.

It is the first time the hospital has had such a service. Dr. Hibler says she is tickled that she can initiate and organize it, thus realizing one of her fondest hopes.

Later, she hopes to open a private office for limited part - time practice. Congratulations to her at 4549 Don Tomaso Drive, Los Angeles.

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Dr. and Mrs. Richard I. McKinney were among the guests at the luncheon given by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, last Tuesday for Italian President Sengi.

Dr. McKinney is head of the philosophy department at Morgan State College.

Mrs. McKinney is registrar at Coppin State College.

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More Morgan notes: Mrs. T'jon Hill, case supervisor of the Department of Public Welfare, was guest lecturer at Morgan's class in "Municipal Government and Administration," last week.

She spoke on the programs of DPW, and how DPW affects the rest of Government and vice versa.

Dr. G. James Fleming conducts the class.

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You may want to put a circle around April 1. That's the date for the all - day "Mock Presidential Nominating Convention" to be given at Morgan, under auspices of its Institute for Political Education.

Four years ago, when the first such convention was held, it was a huge success.

Remember, it was on television, coast to coast, five times during that day and night. Some 2,200 persons were present in the Hurt Gymnasium at the opening meeting at which Paul M. Butler, late president of the Democratic National Committee, was the keynote speaker, remember?

When Morgan holds its annual International banquet on Feb. 18, some of the dishes will be cooked by overseas students and will represent the respective countries: Iran, Iraq, Greece, Japan, countries of Africa, and the countries and islands of the Caribbean.

The sponsoring organizations are the campus YWCA and the Overseas Students Union.

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Charles Robert Mason of 2524 Harlem Ave., the retired postal worker who was buried on Wednesday, was the handsome head of an equally handsome family.

Until 1951, the family lived at 1724 Druid Hill Ave. Remember?

Mr. Mason died on Sunday of a heart attack. He would have been 69 on May 8.

Older Baltimoreans will remember that Mr. Mason and his wife, the former Etta Hall, were high school sweethearts. They met in the old Colored High, when it was located at Dolphin and Pennsylvania. On last Nov. 3, they celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary.

The Revs. Reginald Daniels, Maddison Ave. Presbyterian; and N. B. Carrington, Union Memorial Methodist, officiated at the last rites held at Nutter Funeral Home.

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Out - of - towners here:—his brother, Cassius, retired Boston state auto commission employee; his sister, Mrs. William T. Coleman Sr. (Laura), wife of the retired Wissahockan Boys' Club executive; Another sister, Mrs. Lovett Grives (Emma), of Boston was ill and unable to attend.

Other out - of - towners: Mrs. Veda Henson, Durham, N.C., mother - in - law of Mrs. Wilson Henson (Inez), the deceased's daughter (Both Wilson and Inez are Baltimore teachers);

Also Mrs. Mason's cousins, Mrs. and Mrs. William H. Foster of D.C.

And, Mrs. Thomas Stubbs, Philly; Mrs. Richard Sterling and son, Richard Jr., Mrs. Charles Flagg, Mrs. Parker Kelly and Mrs. Clark Carson, all of D.C.

Other survivors; all of whom were here for the funeral: another daughter, Mrs. Ralph Wilson Purcell (Etta), wife of the D.C. physician and a teacher in the Washington schools; and their two sons, both six-footers, Wilson (Pat) Jr., now an American University student; and Michael, a high schooler; (Doesn't time fly!)

Also, sons, Charles Cassius, principal of School No. 116; Robert, Republic Aircraft employee of Long Island, N.Y., and his son, Robert Jr., and Antony, the NYC Pinkerton detective.

Speaking of time flying and youngsters growing up, received a call this week from godchild, Laura Phillips, who advises she has graduated from Morgan (business education), and right away received two job offers, one with the public schools and the other to join the Morgan faculty.

It is hard to realize this 22-year - older was the tiny baby I held in my arms at the altar of St. Peter Claver.

P.S. She took the public school job.

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AND to make me feel doubly old this week, daughter, Marie, passed her fifteenth (that's right 15th) birthday.

At birth she weighed just six pounds.

Today she's 120 pounds, 5 ft. 6 inches, much taller than her mother.

Ho hum! Time does fly!

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It seems only yesterday when the Anthony Porters were in Douglass High.

Today, their daughter, Antoinette, is an attractive teenager and Morgan coed.

She was one of the lovelies presented at the Girlfriends' Cotillion, but she missed the group picture, because the zipper of her gown broke minutes before she was to leave home for the affair.

Watch for her photo in an upcoming issue.

By the way, Mrs. Porter (the farmer Vanessa Russell) is a teacher. Mr. Porter is a postal employee.

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Moving provides an opportunity to clean up accumulated junk . . . although one must admit it requires some will power to dispose of keepsakes which have remained unused for years.

But moving also provides a chance to learn that your neighbor is good at his profession . . . Lawrence Morton Express does provide first rate service.

A big nod to Mr. William Morton and his associates.

This is proof too that you never know how good your neighbors are until you call on them for service.

Good neighbor

A reader supplies this sad but true and beautiful story about good neighbors:

Sunday, Jan. 20, funeral services at St. John AME Church for the Rev. John Taylor, associate minister, were unique.

He had no known relatives, so the Sunday funeral was set so that churchgoers could remain after services and give a fitting tribute to their 86 - year - old friend.

There were pallbearers, six junior stewards and then the Revs. Rufus Dargan, Warren Hayden, Eugene Bell, Gertrude S. Wells, assistant pastor, and the Rev. I. M. Gray, pastor.

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They conducted the services:

"Yes, it was a befitting and impressive ceremony . . . there was nothing missing.

"His class leaders testified to his church interest — the ministers read appropriate verses and gave the eulogy . . . Miss Elaine Hargrove and Lewis Jones and the choirs provided music."

Wasn't that a grand gesture on the part of these St. John Church members!

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"Several years ago the Rev. Mr. Taylor became incapacitated. He was placed under the care of the Rev. Mrs. Wells.

"She quietly and sincerely took over these duties with the full support and approbation of the Rev. Mr. Gray, his Pastor.

"She was as dutiful as if Rev. Taylor was her father or loved one.

"She visited him, attended to his needs and at his death arranged for the service.

"It was she who suggested that the service be held on Sunday to be sure some one would be in attendance for one who had given so much, as a minister to our church.

"Many who were present will not forget Jan. 20, 1964 —1:30 p.m. The burial of Rev. Taylor was on Monday Jan. 21, 3 p.m."

More people, things

Special hellos to Provident Hospital for this senior citizen, Mrs. Hannah Kirby, who is 104 years old. She is in room 206. Her home address, 5607 Belleville Ave.

And cheer to Provident for James and Audrey Lee's ten - year - old Deborah, who is quite improved, thank goodness.

Much better since her release from Provident, Miss Charlotte E. Williams, 2908 Parkwood. Despite her own illness, she spends her time sending cheerful cards to others. Isn't that thoughtful!

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Sunshine to Provident Hospital for these good neighbors:

Mrs. Ruth McNeil, 3128 Belmont Ave. Many know her as the nurse in the office of Dr. George McDonald. She's in room 214.

In Room 215, Mrs. Caroline Ross, the teacher, of 2907 Parkwood;

In Room 320, Miss Marguerite Sims, the Hopkins Hospital employee of 4314 Kathland Ave.

Cards to Hopkins Hospital for D. Arnett Murphy, retired AFRO executive. He's having tiker trouble, but is much improved since he entered on Tuesday.

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David Knowland, the postal employee of 701 N. Carrollton, is in Room 312.

In Room 311, is Louis Davis, the Bethlehem Steel worker of 1406 Whitelock.

Belton Cannady, also a Bethlehem Steel worker is in Room 313. His address, 2833 Harlem.

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Add to the list of gracious hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas (he's the Kleeca Club owner, and she's the University Hospital nurse).

Their comfortable Fulton Ave. home abounds with the unusual — walls which Mrs. Thomas (he's the Kleeco painted . . . and unique decor . . . lovely.

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Speaking of pretty things: One of the loveliest holiday weddings was that of Frances Flanagan, the teacher, and Raymond Jolley, the Chevvie employee. She's the daughter of the Wilbur Flanagans of Druid Hill Ave.

Ceremony was at Gethsemane Baptist. Reception afterwards was at Madison Ave. Y.

Bride was a picture in white satin. Her six attendants were Essie Sutton designed velvet and brocade.

They were: Fay Bridgeforth, Arlene and Angela Flannigan, Barbara Fox, Barbara Allen and Peggy Parker.

The flower girl, the bride's sister, Susan, was as cute as a button in gold chiffon.

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HEARTBREAK: How do you explain to a youngster that he can not enter a public skating rink because his skin is brown?

It breaks your heart, confides a mother who called to say that a Baltimore County rink (Carlin's), would accept her child only if he was with a white group.

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Is it possible to park and lock your car in front of your home and a half hour later return to find it gone?

Yep, it is . . . According to the policeman who came to investigate the matter, it is getting pretty common these days for skilled thieves to open a locked auto and drive it away.

And to think it happened right in front of the house!

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A neighbor confides that the same thing happened to him the other day.

He later found his stolen car at Friendship Airport. Inside, tools which enable Inside, tools which enable thieves to open almost any make car.

The officer suggested there is ring of auto thieves in the area.

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New citizens who arrived at Provident Hospital:

Jan. 20, a boy for Roosevelt and Hattie Jones Etting St., boy for John and Marietta Torsell of Warwick Ave.; and a girl for William and Naomi Davis, Riggs Ave.

Jan. 21, a girl for Joe and Ella Kernodle, N. Fremont; Jan. 22, a girl for Joseph and Betty Morris, W. Mosher St.

Published in the January issue of the Howard University Bulletin are several poems by Dr. Lewis H. Fenderson, associate professor of English.

Baltimoreans would be particularly interested as Dr. Fenderson was born and reared here. Before joining the Howard faculty in 1949, he earned three degrees — B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh.

L. Howard Bennett in defense post

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

WASHINGTON—L. Howard Bennett, former Minneapolis, Minn. Municipal judge, a 50-year old attorney and Fisk University trustee, was sworn in Thursday as United States Principal Secretary of Defense and assistant to Alfred B. Fitt, the Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense, Civil Rights Division.

The office which pays a yearly salary of $18,000 was specifically created recently to insure equality of treatment and opportunity in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Ceremonies took place at 2:30 p.m. in the Pentagon offices of Norman S. Paul, the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Manpower Division. John E. Moore, Defense Dept. chief of personnel, administered the oath.

AMONG witness were his wife, Mrs. Clae Brown Bennett; his daughter, Marian, a Radcliffe College sophomore; his sisters, Miss Camilla E. Bennett, Charleston, S.C.; Mrs. Susie B. Gaston; and Mrs. Ethel Bennett Clarke, New York.

Also, Fisk University classmates, Brooklyn College History Dept. Head, Dr. John Hope Franklin; Elizabeth M. Oliver, AFRO Magazine editor; Lt. Col. Edward E. Mitchell, Chief of the Programming Div., Dept. of Defense; Roy W. Davenport, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army and William A. Clement., vice-president of the North Carolina Mutual Ins. firm.

An informal reception followed in Mr. Bennett's offices on the third floor of the Pentagon in the Defense Dept. wing.

Later Mr. Bennett and members of the party were hosted in the New Senate Building offices of Minn. Senator Hubert Humphrey, close friend of the newly appointed Defense administrator. A dinner followed at the Du Pont.

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IN THE post Mr. Bennett will have responsibility for helping to formulate Defense Department policies and procedure to eliminate all aspects of segregation and discrimination in the Armed Forces.

His duties include responsibility for on-base and off-base conditions, and will place a greater measure of responsibility on Base Commanders to give affirmative leadership in these areas, it was announced.

MR. BENNETT, prior to his appointment, was a member of a law firm in Minneapolis, Minn., where he served as Judge of the Municipal Court, 1958-1959.

A native of Charleston, S. C., Mr. Bennett received the A.B. degree from Fisk University in 1935, and in 1939 and 1940 served as Julius Rosenwald Fellow in Public Administration and Administrative Law in the graduate school of the University of Chicago. From 1947 until 1950, when he was awarded the Doctor of Laws degree he was a Julius Rosenwald Fellow in the Law School of the University of Chicago.

From 1935 through 1939 Mr. Bennett was Field Secretary for Fisk University. He served as Director of Avery Institute in Charleston, South Carolina from 1941 until 1944, when he became Associate Regional Executive for United Service Organizations, Incorporated. From 1945 thru 1947 Mr. Bennett was Field Representative for the American Council on Race Relations. In 1951 he began the practice of law in Minneapolis.

Mr. Bennett is a member of the Hennepin County, Minneapolis, and American Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the American Society for Public Administration.

Mr. Bennett, who has had broad experience in the field of race relations, is also a member of a number of organizations concerned with civil rights. In 1962 he received the Distinguished Native Son Award from the South Carolina State Emancipation Centennial Commission.

Wyatt T. Walker offered N.Y. job

ATLANTA — A New York publishing house wants the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker as a full - time consultant, but the civil rights fighter isn't sure he'll accept the offer.

Mr. Walker, executive assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, already is being paid a retainer by Educational Heritage, Inc.

Noel Marder, president of the Yonkers firm, said Mr. Walker—presently engaged in compiling a volume of sermons for the publishing house — must "get out of the political area" if he accepts.

53-year-old woman found hanged in the cellar of her home

PHILADELPHIA

A 53-year-old partially blind woman was found hanged early Sunday in the cellar of her home at 2458 N. Pouvier St.

The victim, Mrs. Aubrey Kennedy, was found by her daughter, Mrs. Shirley Robinson, 28, shortly before 10 a.m.

Mrs. Robinson told reporters that she had been up all night with her mother and finally fell asleep about 6 a.m., leaving her mother on the living room sofa.

Mrs. Robinson missed her mother around 10 a.m. and began searching the house.

She found her mother hanging from a rafter in the cellar.

According to members of the family, Mrs. Kennedy suffered from a heart condition.

Mrs. Kennedy's husband met a tragic death in 1953 when he was killed in a cave-in in Norriston while working for a construction company.

Survivors beside Mrs. Robinson include: a son, George, 27; a brother, Luther Sutton and six grandchildren.

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