Baltimore Afro-American

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.

How To Attack Crime Problem

Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin recommended and got a $100,000 city appropriation to fight Baltimore's crime wave.

The money will be used at the rate of $2.50 an hour to pay policemen who will work an additional two hour shift.

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COMPTROLLER HYMAN PRESSMAN was in favor of the $100,000 appropriation, but would like to have known first whether the police department is using its 2,500 foot patrolmen to best advantage.

City Council President Thomas D'Alesandro, III, believes the $100,000 will not last long. He cites the need for the appropriation for a million dollars or more and 500 extra policemen.

Police Commissioner Bernard Schmidt says he has vacancies for 70 new patrolmen now but can't find them, much less 500 new ones.

The Commissioner also frowns on the use of auxiliary policemen, unarmed and in uniform, such as were used during the war when manpower was short.

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NO ONE HAS asked us how to put a crimp in the present increase in Baltimore's crime.

If they did, we would start by relieving some policemen of traffic duty and replacing them with women who have already gained experience as school guards.

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SECONDLY, FOR those areas in which public schools are regularly victimized by vandalism we would secure watchmen accompanied by trained police dogs.

It is unthinkable to us that a public building worth several million dollars is left without a night watchman every night and over the weekend.

Third, we would reintroduce corporal punishment in the public schools. If the parents cannot discipline the children, the school teacher can.

The old adage of spare the rod and spoil the child is as true today as it was a thousand years ago.

FOURTH, WE would consider a provision of the eligibility requirements for policemen, and make them the same as for the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

If a man can make a good soldier he should be able to become a good policeman. Many young men would rather be a policeman than a soldier and many soldiers would like to serve as policemen after discharge.

Another thought is that the colored community ought to be more involved in the police department and in the upper ranks.

In any event, the most important consideration now is to get more foot patrolmen in the areas where crime is most prevalent.

Backward Baltimore TV

No television station in Baltimore uses colored staff members on the air with regularity, although two Washington TV outlets have full-time tan newsmen seen every day.

It seems another indication of Baltimore's democratic backwardness that Washington, further south and with much of its audience in jim-crow Northern Virginia, can have colored TV personalities on the air without incident, while Baltimore with a third of its population colored, finds it difficult to follow suit.

One Baltimore TV station, WJZ-TV, has a colored newsman, Ernie Boston, who appears at times.

The other two go through the motions of integration by having colored "guests" occasionally but do not use colored newsmen or other TV personalities in regular day-to-day telecasting.

In the nation's capital, WTOP-TV (Channel 9) has Hal Walker as one of its top local newscasters. This station also has a colored film director and according to George Hayfritz, station manager, nine colored staff members in "office and broadcast production work".

Mike McCollelan is an on-the-air newsman at Washington's WMAL-TV (Channel 7) seen daily. This outlet also has two colored technical engineers on its staff.

Washington broadcasting executives matter-of-factly commented on the hiring of colored on-the-air personalities: "we intend to do more of this racial balancing," and "half of our audience is colored so it is extremely unintelligent for us to have an all-white staff. That's like insulting the hand that is feeding you."

Such enlightenment has not yet drifted into Baltimore.

Why No Colored On This Jury?

Will Byron Beckwith die for shooting Medgar Evers, NAACP official, while he was directing a regular campaign in Jackson, Mississippi?

We think not. Even if Beckwith were identified by witnesses, or confessed, or could be convicted, we doubt that a serious penalty would eventuate.

One index that motivates our thinking is the all-white jury in a state 49 per cent colored.

A jury trying a white man accused in the murder of a colored person has no colored jurors.

It could well be that none would volunteer, knowing that they would be murdered if they failed to vote as the white members of the jury directed.

We remember quite well the days when the Republican National Committeeman of Mississippi lived in Washington.

Mississippi is one of the most back-

ward states. Its resort to violence is a cherished tradition.

It persists longer than elsewhere.

This same violence massacred Indians and took away their native lands; enslaved Africans, and resisted their emancipation; and now murders those colored persons who insist upon voting.

So far as the jury is concerned, they might well reason that NAACP's Medgar Evers should have been killed.

That is not a crime in Mississippi any more than the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas was a terrible crime to some Texans.

So, if they have any desire for peace, colored people move out of Mississippi. If they remain, they practice non-violence as recommended by Martin Luther King.

It cannot always be that way, even in Mississippi.

More Voters Urgently Needed

The NAACP and other groups have announced plans for all-out vote registration efforts.

It could be that this will be one of the most important election years in the history of the nation. In addition to voting for a president, Baltimore and Maryland will elect a U.S. Senator, a congressman-at-large and seven other congressmen—all of whom may have to run state wide.

The last day to register before the May 19 primary is April 18 and after that, registration will run from May 28 until Sept. 22, ending then until after the Nov. 3 general elections.

In a Baltimore door-to-door canvass of registered voters, 64,000 were not reached. The AFRO feels certain a large number of these persons will not answer letters to be sent them, send in correct addresses or vote in the primary, and thus be stricken from the books.

There is the additional fear that the largest number to be stricken from the books will come from the 100,000 or so colored voters.

Thus if colored voters are to have their proper influence in this year of critical elections, it is important that campaigns have the support of the community and public officials.

Out in Baltimore County mobile registration units already have been set up to make it convenient for new voters to qualify.

Baltimore officials again will be called upon to set up such mobile units and agreements should be reached immediately so that the greatest results may be gained from the registration drive.

Every segment of the city is the better off for every additional registered voter, especially if he will get out and cast an intelligent ballot.

Hope here, though is tempered with reality.

The conferees, including the ab-

Sam Daniels And EOC

The AFRO is pleased with the selection of Samuel T. Daniels as new executive secretary of the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Mr. Daniels is a young, intellient, well-trained man who has had considerable experience in the area of civil rights and negotiations.

He at one time did some work for the EOC and before that he served as executive secretary of the Governor's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations.

Mention of that position also brings the Governor's unit because he was interested in serving as manager for Harry A. Cole in a political campaign.

He again has a position in which he will not be able to take part in politics to the degree that he might like.

Under Mr. Daniels and the new board set-up brought into being by appointments made by Mayor Theodore McKeldin, has before it the brightest future in its history.

We expect the community to be

Who's Hewing Best Wood?

What Our Readers Say

Poverty's Harvest

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.

Dear AFRO:

Someone is kidding the American people. We are supposed to be such a prospering country and yet a great many poor colored and white men are taking to crime.

Poverty breeds crime. Just this past week another policeman was shot by a desperate robber here in Baltimore. Both bandit and officer were white.

It seems to me CORE and the other integrationist outfits would better serve and improve society by trying to keep poor whites and blacks from killing each other and uniting them against the common enemy, poverty.

Maybe President Johnson, by declaring poverty this nation's number one threat, in his State of Union address, will prove a leader of greater insight into America's needs than our late, beloved JFK.

Mr. Kennedy was born rich, Mr. Johnson poor, maybe this might be the background factor now required of a national leader—that he realizes just how desperate deprivation and hunger drives people to become.

You cannot talk about crime without considering poverty. You cannot talk about America without admitting that, in Mr. Kefnedy's words, one-third of this nation is ill-housed, ill-clothed, ill-fed."

I say 'til America's wealth is spread around more evenly, no one is safe anywhere.

STANLEY J. MORGAN JR.

Family Project

Dear AFRO:

Many thanks for your excellent coverage of the Baltimore Urban League's "Strengthening the Family Project" (Jan. 25).

You have brought again to the public's attention the vastness and need for such a program. It is sincerely hoped that many groups who have not done so will avail themselves to the service being rendered.

In the article, the all-day youth conference mentioned was sponsored by the young people of Faith Baptist Church, not First Baptist.

May the AFRO continue to enlighten its readers to the self-help projects of groups within our city. This should be an answer to the eternal question: What are colored persons doing to help themselves?

Mrs. Edna De Coursey Johnson
Associate Director
Community Organization
Baltimore Urban League

Indifferent People

Dear AFRO:

Representative Howard Smith, chairman of the House rules committee, has certainly made it clear that he is not responsible for being able to bottleneck legislative proposals in that committee.

That gentleman-gave the people to know that he has the support of many congressmen who otherwise swear to high heaven that they favor many legislative proposals which if translated into law, would benefit the public.

His meeting with the press last Sunday night put the 'expose' on many wolves who have hitherto paraded themselves in sheep's clothing.

And this is another reason why the people themselves ought to be more politically conscious of their responsibility to maintain representative government.

The very fact that Representative Smith whose views are obviously out of step with those of the people, is able to perpetuate himself in public office is a classic example of their sheer indifference.

I am unable to see that we have very much room for complaint about the do-nothing attitude of the current Congress.

JOHN W. NICHOLAS

Housing Inspections

Dear AFRO:

In conservation and renewal areas homeowners must let inspectors tramp through their homes and subsequently go into debt for home improvements they find neither necessary nor desirable.

The only way this situation can be relieved is to keep the inspectors out in the first place.

Councilman Rubenstein was going to submit a bill to repeal the right of entry of the inspectors. But BURHA didn't like it.

Mayor McKeldin, City Council President D'Alesandro and Joseph Allen asked Councilman Rubenstein to change his mind.

So now Councilman Rubenstein has submitted a bill to require search warrants that will permit the inspections to go merrily on.

The bill provides for "automatic" search warrants. A judge will issue a search warrant for any house in a renewal or conservation area simply because the house is located in a designated inspection district.

BURHA wants the whole city marked into renewal and conservation districts. What BURHA wants, BURHA gets.

When the inspectors get to your street with their phony search warrants remember that Theodore McKeldin and Thomas D'Alesandro want you to be inspected.

SALLY GOODSPEED

Reporters And Facts

Dear AFRO:

The AFRO is my favorite paper so this is constructive criticism. Some of your reporters are too lax with the facts. I've passed up some items that were wrong, but they are becoming more frequent.

The article pertaining to Sykesville stated the town is in Howard County, it is in Carroll County.

The report on the Dinah Washington funeral said that Clyde Otis wrote the song "What A Difference A Day Makes". Wrong.

Music and Spanish lyrics were written by Maria Greuer. "Quando Vuelva A Tu Lado" - English words by Stanley Adams, arranged by Paul Hill, Copyright 1934 by Edward B. Marks Music Corp., New York.

ERNEST CONWAY

Thanks For Article

Dear AFRO:

Thanks so much for the splendid article and the picture of my family. It was a source of great inspiration to me and my family, for which we are grateful.

JUDGE ROBERT B. WATTS

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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 homes secured;
Whether it is fighting to get rid of shame, to provide jobs for everybody;
Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices,

Pin-Point

Voluntary Action Good, Law Would Be Better

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

A meeting was held recently. By normal standards it was a fairly good meeting. An accurate appraisal of its ultimate accomplishments, however, must of necessity, be postponed.

The gathering in the Towson Senior High School — if nothing else develops — must be scored as an accomplishment. The location, the purpose and objective make it so.

It will be recalled that the conference was called by the Housing Advisory Committee of the Baltimore County Human Relations Commission.

The purpose was to explore the possibilities of bringing a "fair housing policy" or implementing the "open occupancy" philosophy in the "white noose" commonly known as suburbia which surrounds the city.

Heretofore all emphasis has been put on the flight to surburbia and how best to preserve the purity of the colorless noose.

But last week upwards of 500 people sat down together and seriously considered how best to drop color barriers in housing with a minimum amount of friction.

Normally, one would have great hopes for future good that will result from such a meeting.

Hope here, though is tempered with reality.

The conferees, including the absent county executive Spiro T. Agnew who sent a prepared statement agreed to meet on the condition that all efforts in the task to break down barriers be on a voluntary basis.

Mr. Agnew, who flatly declared that "I'm again' it" (meaning housing legislation) seemed to have sounded the tone for the proponents of "let us do it our wayism."

With all due respect to Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., which has enjoyed a measure of success in "stabilizing neighborhoods;"

The Real Estate Board of Greater Baltimore, sociologists, educators and just plain people, left to the personal preference of the individual, housing segregation will always be a part of life in the county just as it is in the city where voluntary action has flopped as a cure for the disease of segregation of an type.

It could be that experiences on the darker side of the world of black and white have left us a bit cynical, but for the life of us we can't see white residents of Baltimore County or anywhere else saying — after years of dual living conditions — "we are ready to accept housing integration voluntarily."

Fear of being ostracized, criticized, and labeled a "do-gooder," "pioneer," and other unflattering outcasts is too deeply rooted to permit voluntary action to get the job done.

A law on the other hand would have the two-fold effect of giving those who need it an excuse for compliance and holding a threat of penalty over the heads of those who do not now and never will accept fair housing or fair anything else.

In this category we would have to put the young man, who asked Robertt Holt, acollee trained, successful businessman:

"What are you doing to make yourself acceptable to white people?"

How we controlled the urge to grab that microphone and give that

Sightseeing

The Senator Goes On UN Visit

BY JAMES D. WILLIAMS

There's one dependable thing about Senator Hiram P. Mugglewump that most unreconstructed of all unreconstructed rebels — and that is he is always willing to shoot off his mouth at the drop of a reporter.

Most of the time—if not all the time—the senator ends up on the wrong side of the issue. In fact the last time the senator was right on anything was when he predicted, after the Allies entered Berlin, that Germany would lose the war.

One of these days the senator is going to be right again, but such, however, was not the case this week when he encountered a reporter as he stepped off the Southern Flyer at Washington's Penn Station...the senator would have been in town earlier but he refuses to ride on any train that doesn't have the south someplace in is name.

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REPORTER — Just getting back from out of town, senator?

SENATOR — You don't think I came down here jus to watch the trains come in, do you?

R—With you senator, anything at all is possible.

S—I can see right now that I'm going to have trouble with you. Ain't you got no respect for a United States senator representing a sovereign southern state?

R—I'm sorry senator, I'll try to show you a little respect.

S—That's better. Now what was you wanted to ask the old senator?

R—Where are you coming from?

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S—AIN'T you heard, the senator has been up to that there United Nations in New York making an investigation so I can tell the folks back home what's going on up there.

R—And what did you find?

S—Colored people.

R—I beg your pardon?

S—That's what I found, colored people...colored people all over the place . . . and they wasn't all just plain colored colored, some of them was Asian colored . . . now don't that just about beat all.

R—I don't see why you find it so strange. The UN is supposed to be organization of all the nations in the world—except Red China.

S—But son, you've got to see it to believe it. Those colored folks up there outnumber us good white folks something fierce.

R—Did you get a chance to talk to any of the colored delegates?

S—Not in public I didn't. You knows the senator got to watch his reputation back home. Suppose I had been talking to one of them colored boys and some no good photographer had taken my picture and sent it back home.

Shucks son, folks would think I had sold out to that N double ACP and I might not get elected again, and then I'd have to go to work, and I been a senator too long to do anything strenuous.

R—But you did talk to some of the colored delegates in private?

S—Yes I did, son and believe me, you'd be surprised to know that some of them uneducated colored boys from overseas can't speak no America.

They can speak French, German and Swahilli but when it comes to American, they don't know nothing, which proves what when I been saying all along is right.

R—And what's that senator?

S—Colored folks ain't ready yet.

R—Tell me something about those you did talk to.

S—Well I gets invited to this swanky private cocktail party where all these delegates is and after a few snorts of real drinking whiskey — none of those slissified martinis and manhattans for the senator — I'm feeling kind of friendly like.

I sees this colored boy in this bathrobe and I walks over to him all friendly and white like and I tries to strike up some conversation with him and he gets right huffed up.

R—What did you say to him?

S—Well I starts off by telling him how much I likes colored boys and girls and just to make it real good, and to show him it don't really matter that I'm beter than he is, I tells him that I knows colored people 'cause I had me a good old colored mammy when I was knee high to a hound dog.

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R—HOW did that go over?

S—Not too well...Have you ever seen a colored boy turn red...now son that's really something to see.

He starts spouting off all this foreign alk, and all I can make out is he's calling me a nasty colonialist, and then he starts waving his arms like he's some kind of big bird.

I asks him "is you upset about something boy" and that only makes him madder. Next thing two guys is leadin' me out the door, with my drink in my hand, and they is telling me that I just done insulted the head boy of one of them African countries and he swears he's going back hime, and give back all the money we done lent him.

R—Sounds like you created an international incident.

S—Son, they tell me that I came near touching off World War Three.

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R—DID ANYTHING else hapen?

S—Well I'm so shook by all this fuss that I stops in a bar to replenish my glass and they get this other colored boy in there on the stage singing Freedom Songs.

Now if there's one thing I hate it's freedom songs so I tells this boy worse than unpity colored people to sing the songs he's suppose to sing like "Old Black Joe."

R—And then what happened?

S—You see this here patch on my haid?

R—Yes.

S—That's where he hit me with the geetar before I got throwed out.

R—Imagine you are glad to get back to Washington?

S—I sure am son, them folks up in New York is crazy.

R—Before I leave, is there any final word you like to say?

S—There sure is...Don't never ask no freedom song singing colored boy to sing no "Old Black Joe"...Son that guitar sure did hurt, and he didn't even have the decency to take it out

Kennedy memorial stamp on birthday

The John Fitzgerald Kennedy memorial postage stamp will be issued May 29, on the 47th birthday anniversary of the 35th President, Postmaster General John A. Gronouski announced.

The date of issuance was chosen by Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. Shortly after President Kennedy's death, President Johnson requested the Postmaster General to issue a stamp and consult with Mrs. Kennedy.

It is an American tradition, dating back to Lincoln, to issue a memorial stamp when a Chief Executive dies in office.

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If YOU Ask ME

By B. M. MOSS

Teachers meeting

Educators from all over the state are gathered at the Lord Baltimore Hotel here for the annual Md. State Conference on Education.

The two-day meeting opened Thursday morning with luncheon. Discussion groups and a dinner meeting followed. Sessions wind up today (Friday).

At the opening meeting, William L. Wilson, vice president of the State Department of Education, presided.

Noting the conference theme, 'Current Forces Influencing American Education,' he observed, 'he who fails to study the past, is destined to re-live it. . . .'

He introduced Governor Tawes to extend greetings, describing him as 'a devoted friend of public education.'

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The state's chief executive urged moral support of the 16 million dollar school aid bill which goes before the Legislature next week.

Jerome Frampton Jr., State Board president, pointed to the lag citizens on county boards and the state boards as those who speak for education—only in the sense that they represent the three-quarter million children, teachers and the people . . . and they must have faith in what they enunciate. . . .

Main speaker was Dr. Arthur A. Hitchcock of D.C. executive secretary, American Personnel and Guidance Association.

In discussing pressures on teachers and pupils, he suggested that a good teacher is one who is fundamentally involved with students . . . who has the fearlessness to become so involved, secure enough to 'let loose the brakes,' and let youngsters develop.

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He added even slow learners will likewise respond with a dedicated teacher.

He noted that 29 per cent of the population will 'never connect with the ongoing world...' and suggested educators can do a lot more about this 'very grave' situation . . . noting the need to train people for new kinds of work.

Among head table guests—Dr. Edward N. Wilson, newest member of the state board (he succeeded the late Dr. D. W. Holmes); and State Senator Verda Welcome.

Thursday evening speaker: Dr. Thomas G. Puller, Jr., state superintendent of schools.

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Seen in the audience: Coppin State's Dr. Parlett Moore; City Councilman Walter T. Dixon, School board members Percy Bond, Mrs. Marie Parring, Dr. William Stone; Baltimore's Superintendent George Brain and Assistants Clarence Gittings, Houston R. Jackson, Edwin Stein, among others;

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Also spied: — Mrs. Charlotte Shervington, Dr. James Pair and Mrs. Mahlon Oswell, members of local citizens' Advisory and PTA groups.

Also here: Mrs. Gertrude Poney, Easton, Talbot County; Mrs. Sylvia Nolan, Severna Park, Anne Arundel; and Mesdames Ruth S. Jones and Leola Dorsey, Howard County.

More people, things

Neptune Yacht Club members journeyed to N.Y. over the weekend for the boat show.

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Baltimoreans were among those who attended the second annual theatre party (at Arena Stage), sponsored by the Methodist Ministers' Wives in D.C. on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Phenoia V. Carroll, wife of the Rev. Edward Carroll, district superintendent, chaired the event.

Play was "The Wall," the Millard Lampe 11 vehicle based on the John Hersey novel (about Nazi atrocities.)

Afterwards, members of the cast and some hundred guests had buffet dinner at the Carrolls' Varnum Ave. home.

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Baltimoreans there: The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Edgar A. Love (he's Methodist president bishop of the Baltimore area); Mrs. Elsie Sessoms and daughters; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Valentine, Mrs. Margie Spencer, Mrs. Bernice Chatman, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cockey, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Valentine and Michael and Grant Valentine.

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AME Zion Bishop and Mrs. W. J. Walls (Dorothy), of New York, have been in our midst the past week.

They were at the home of his niece and nephew, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Welcome (Verda).

They came down for the prelate's regular checkup.

While in our area, they went down to Norfolk for the funeral of Mrs. J. D. Caution (Georgie), wife of the minister.

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Pleasant lady met this week: Mrs. Tucker Dearing (the former Lillian Davenport), a Howard U. prof. She was reported in fair condition at Washington's Providence Hospital today

For the record: Carl Thomas Rowan, the 38-year-old journalist whom President Johnson picked last week to succeed Edward R. Murrow as director of the U.S. information Agency, worked for 15 months (1947-48), as a string correspondent for the AFRO.

At the time he was living in Minneapolis.

Later, he worked as copy reader in our Baltimore office for a brief period in 1948.

A lovely sight to behold were the decorations at the Chipperettes Snow Ball on Saturday evening.

The snow men and winter scenes were the work of E. Robert Umphery, the school principal.

When he was a student at Coppin Teachers' College, he learned how to take discarded paper boxes, and crepe paper and make pretty figures.

It took six hours for him and two helpers to decorate the Union Hall for the Chipperettes' very elegant dinner dance.

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Talented Mr. Umphery is married to the former Mary Woolford.

They have four daughters who range in age from seven months to 19 years.

Daughter, Beverley, a '64 deb, is a Morgan freshman.

Sheridan is a First National Bank clerk.

Sharon, 7, is a second grader.

Baby answers to the name, Roxanne.

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Mrs. Bessie Smith Harmon, 83, who was buried last week, was a pioneer resident of Druid Hill Ave. (1320).

She and her late husband, Mansfield, lived there for 45 years. He died six years ago.

All her life, Mrs. Harmon was active in Metropolitan Methodist Church. She took a loving interest in the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

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Stolen car notes:— We got the car back on Friday. It had been missing three days.

How come someone could steal it when it was locked and parked in front of the house?

This was the question this writer asked at the police department's auto lot.

Answer: It takes expert car thieves just 16 seconds to jimmy a window and drive away.

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In fact, a car is stolen every 25 minutes in Baltimore.

Some are fit only for the junk pile when police find them abandoned on the streets.

Ours was in pretty good shape.

If your car is missing, it might be on the police car lot.

Location of lot: 240 Calverton Rd., south of the 2600 block W. Franklin St. It is open 24 hours.

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HERE IS A switch: The handsome officer on duty at the police-car lot was brown-skinned Det. Arthur Butler.

His pleasant 'May I help you?' was a welcome relief from the 'whaddya want, girl' you've too often received from some other men in blue.

Detective Butler is a veteran of twelve years on the police force, has been with the auto squad and special services less than a year.

P.S.— His own locked car was stolen a month back.

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Did you know that you must pay $7 — that's right seven bucks to claim your stolen car if police find it. It's called a tow charge. That's not fair- particularly when you didn't steal the car.

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Tip: One way to foil auto thieves: Remove the distributor cap and take out the rotor when you park.

It's trouble, but it beats paying $7 and running around looking for your car.

Then you have to remember not to misplace the rotor cap!

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P.S. The printer who is correcting this column provides no comfort. He advises that good car-thieves carry spare rotors with them.

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Singers needed: Teens and young adults are invited to join Madison Square Recreation Chorus, directed by Mrs. Georgianna Chester and William M. Birche, every Monday, between 7 and 9 p.m. at the center, Biddle and Eden Sts.

known NAACP attorney.

She is in charge of student teaching at Coppin State Teachers' College.

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Mrs. Hazel Turner, of Mrs. Samuel Blackwell (Pauline), AFRO secretary.

She fell in a downtown store a week back and broke her right ankle and leg.

She is in a cast, having already had two operations... so keep her spirits up.

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Cheer to Mrs. Lauretta Jones, 1802 N. Carey.

She suffered a stroke, a Tuesday ago, is doing nicely now.

Many know Mrs. Jones' daughter, Charlee Bethea, the Hopkins Hospital IBM clerk.

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Back on the job after surgery at Md. General is Bernard Benns, 2125 Druid Hill.

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Resting comfortably in Hopkins (Thayer), is D. Arnett Murphy, retired AFRO advertising director.

Dr. Perry gets new HEW research post

Promotion of warren Perry Ph. D. to the newly created position of deputy assistant commissioner for research and training in the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration was announced by Miss Mary E. Switzer, VRA Commissioner.

Dr. Perry was formerly assistant chief of the training division, Department of Education and Welfare.

Miss Margaret M. Ryan also has been promoted from the position of training consultant in social work to take

People, places, things

Treat in store: Glorious Grace Bumbry, billed as the 'ravishing' and 'brilliant' mezzo-soprano, appears here in Baltimore next week.

Date is Monday, Feb. 3, 8:30 p.m., at the Lyric Theatre. Sponsor is the Baltimore Area Conference of the Methodist Church, headed by the Rt. Rev. Edgar A. Love, resident bishop.

Miss Bumbry last appeared here in Oct. 1962, shortly after she became world famous.

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Remember she was summoned from an overseas engagement to sing at a White House dinner given by President and Mrs. Kennedy?

While in our city, Miss Bumbry will be entertained by her Zeta Phi Beta sorors.

Soo, if you want a real treat, plan to hear Miss Bumbry. As we reported in Oct. 1962, she is an extraordinary artist.

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The Dr. Merze Tate who was knifed by a teenage hoodlum in D.C., is the same Dr. Tate who was dean of women and political science professor here at Morgan State.

Dr. Tate, a world traveler, is now a Howard U. prof. She was reported in fair condition at Washington's Providence Hospital today

Words of wisdom

Nothing is as contagious as enthusiasm. It moves stones, it charms brutes. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it. — Bulwer

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do. — Barrie.

He who harbors a slight will miss the haven of happiness. — Anon.

We apply to high for things close by. — Anon.

Congratulations

Best wishes, please, to Mrs. Benjamin Morsell (Elizabeth R.), 513 Sanford Pl.

On Feb. 2, she will be 83 years old.

Mrs. Morsell is the wife of the retired postal worker, a longtime Red Cross volunteer and Berea Temple member (7th Day Adventist).

She is the mother of Mrs. Lauretta Valentine, the florist.

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Dr. and Mrs. T. Henderson (Geneva) Kerr (he's the veteran pharmacist), observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday with a family dinner and reception at Wilson's, hosted by their children.

In lieu of gifts, the honorees and the children jointly donated a substantial sum to the Cambridge, Md. Non-Violent Action Committee.

Wasn't that grand?

The children are Thomas Jr., his wife, the former Norma McAllister; Louise and Morsell Hines; and daughter and his wife, the former Delores Parker.

Seven grand-children and a great-granddaughter complete the family circle.

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As we mentioned a column ago, Dr. Kerr is a pioneer supporter of the local NAACP (with his money and his talk), and for over 40 years conducted the drugstore at George St. and Myrtle Ave., now the site of the George B. Murphy Homes.

His cough syrups — Kerr's kell-A-Kough, Kiddie Kough and Gas-Go — are widely used.

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Here is another Kerr record: — All during this half century, the family has lived at 1907 Division St., in Northwest Baltimore.

Address your hellos to them there.

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Belated: — Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Batton (Elisabeth), 1312 N. Potomac St.

They recently renewed their vows at a 25th anniversary reception at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, with the Rev. William Tapscoff officiating.

Did you see their happy smiles in that picture which appeared here a week back?

When the marriage ceremony was reenacted, Herman Giles gave the 'bride' away. Mrs. Clara Mayth and Mrs. Mary B. Ames were attendants. Terri Batten was flower girl.

Other participants: Greg-

ory Turner, ring bearer; Donald Crosby, best man; James R. Ames, usher.

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Mrs. Laura Giles presided at the reception in the lower auditorium.

Ushers served as hosts, with the assistance of Mrs. Carrie Greene.

Music was by Mrs. Clara Mayth and Misses Vivian, Veronica — and Constance Turner. Accompanists were Mrs. Hazel Turner and Mrs. Josephine Turner.

'Twas quite a lovely affair.

Mrs. Pauline Coleman's talented hand arranged the reception dainties.

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More congrats due: Feb. 1 birthday cards for Mrs. Harrison Bryant (Edith), 3409 Callaway Ave. She is the wife of the pastor of Bethel AME Church.

Feb. 4 cards for Mrs. Jean Beckett, the teacher, 4401 Norfolk Ave.

Feb. 2 birthday cards to William K. Clarke, 530 Sanford Place. Feb. 5, AFRO City Editor Moses J. Newson. Feb. 6, Miss Charlotte Williams, 2908 Parkwood (she's the sunshine gal who has been ailing).

Same day (Feb. 5) greetings to another good neighbor, Mrs. Charlotte Swan, the music teacher. Her address:—2042 Ruxton.

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Feb. 7th remember long time AFRO staffer, Miss Ivy Boone, now living in her native Meadville, Pa. (507 Randolph Lane).

Same day cards for AFRO Woman's Editor Lula Jones Garrett and for Mrs. Art Carter (Edna), a D. C. teacher and wife of our managing editor. Her address — 3514 New Hampshire Ave., NW.

Couple your birthday cards to Mrs. Carter with get well messages. She has been ailing.

Feb. 8, the Rev. Walter Paige, pastor, Faith Baptist.

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Greetings to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Williams, (Beulah) of 2803 Harlem Ave. On Jan. 30, they marked their 25th wedding anniversary.

Their children are Mrs. Juanita Collins—and Vernon G. Williams. There is one grandchild, Robert Vernon Collins.

Send them sunshine

SYMPATHY cards to Mrs. Genesta Jenkins Gilbert, 2208 Whittier Ave., and to other relatives.

There have been four deaths in the immediate family since April.

Latest was Monday when a nephew, William Springer (Buddy) Smith, age 50, died at Fort Howard Hospital.

Remember he was an original member of the Baltimore Guardsmen organized when several of the present members were in high school?

Remember he married the former Mildred Butler who died three years ago?

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OTHER recent deaths in the family:

His mother, Mrs. Corrine Jenkins Smith, last April; Henry C. Jenkins, an uncle, in October; and Watson I. Jenkins another uncle, in December.

Surviving aunts are Mrs. Montrey English, and Mrs. Theodosia Johnson, both of Baltimore; and Mrs. Edna Watson, N. Y.

Uncles are Yale and Davenport Jenkins, both of Baltimore.

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OTHER survivors of Mr. Smith are his sisters, Mrs. Mildred Allor and Mrs. Irving Camphor (Thelma) 1115 Tiffany Ct., who is making funeral arrangements.

If you gather from the above that this is truth in the oft heard statement that everybody in Baltimore is related, the kinship of Gilberts, Smiths, Allors, Johnsons enumerated herewith gives substance.

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