"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.

Prayer Of The Week

Help us O Lord, to see meaning in our own lives and glory in Thy world plan. Save us from smallness and narrowness. Amen.

History Week

Dr. Martin Luther King's insistence upon non-violence, lawful assembly, freedom of speech—and suffering without retaliation, won him the respect of Americans who believe in our democracy.

The quick support of President Johnson, the reaction in Congress, the public response to the call for the new revolution are new in our day.

History week takes a different form. For the time being at least—we turn away from the usual eulogies of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Sojourner Truth and Crispus Attucks to the little people who make history today.

The change is from personal to group achievement.

How many march in the wet and cold?

How many languish in jail without food or covering?

How many are willing to take the same risks today as those who offered everything in the Revolutionary and the Civil Wars?

These people will not have diplomas to put on their walls, but badges of courage, notices of evictions, membership certificates in NAACP, CORE, SNICK and King's organization will do as well.

Evidence that we marched at Selma or Birmingham or Montgomery until we won the right to vote is a decoration any citizen should covet and exhibit proudly to his children.

At Their Own Expense

Eleven Congressmen, four colored, headed by Congressman Charles Diggs of Michigan, went to Alabama last week to investigate the refusal of Dallas County officials to register colored voters.

They came back shaken by the experience. They found Alabama state sanctions Ku Klux and mob rule.

A citizen who asks to register can lose his liberty, his home, his church, his job or his farm in a flash and still not be able to get his name on the books.

The 15th Amendment, the Eisenhower and the Kennedy Civil Rights Bills are not enforced in Alabama.

Congress will be asked to enact more democratic ballot laws.

What it needs is Federal enforcement of those we have already.

Last week a Georgia restaurant owner was fined $200 for every day he refused to serve colored customers.

Fines, jail terms and restraints upon police who act contrary to Federal laws will finish the work begun by Martin Luther King's demonstrations.

A Service Well Done

"Negro History Week," the creation of the late Dr. Carter G. Woodson, comes to an end on Monday. During the week attention has been focused on what has been a shamefully neglected part of the American heritage-the contribution of colored men and women to their country.

There are many youngsters, and adults as well, who have never heard of such immortals as Crispus Attucks, Sojourner Truth or Nat Turner—names that should be indelibly scorched across their minds.

Our forefathers helped build this country, with the sweat of their brows and the blood of their bodies. But in American history books they have been ignored. It has been as if only the white people built America, while those of dark skins sat by and watched.

To correct these distortions, Dr. Woodson organized the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which this year marks its 50th anniversary.

Throughout its extremely useful life, the Association has had to depend upon individuals and groups for its existence, without any help from the large foundations which annually give away millions of dollars for far less worthy projects.

That the Association had survived and grown is due in a large measure to the dedication of the people who comprise its staff, and the assistance given by others who have recognized the tremendous value of the work being done.

At long last, it appears that the rest of America is slowly catching up with the Association, and now the history of colored America is commanding some attention.

This is a tribute to the sagacity of Dr. Woodson and the Association, which so very long ago began to gather the facts of our past.

In the years ahead, the Association will continue to fill a much needed role. It deserves the support of the entire community, as well as gratitude for the manner in which it has so capably filled a pioneer role.

10 Years

Winston Churchill's daughter, reportedly engaged to a colored suitor, is forbidden to marry in Maryland or 18 other states.

Eleven states have recently repealed laws banning interracial marriages.

Penalties for violations are lowest in Delaware, 30 days or $100; highest, 10 years in prison, in the backward states of Maryland, Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi and Indiana.

Florida and Indiana add a $1,000 fine to their ten-year maximum term.

Maryland makes the minister performing a mixed marriage liable to penalties.

The State Department should warn all foreign visitors who are interracially married to remain out of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, the Far South, and even the vacationland of Florida.

Diplomatic immunity can save them from punishment, but not from arrest.

Cheating

Some hundred members of the Air Force Academy were compelled to resign for violations of the code of honor.

The code bans giving or receiving aid in examinations. In addition, cadets obligate themselves to report any cheating which comes to their attention.

Cheating is practiced in our own Baltimore schools. In high schools, exams are passed around or sold in the cafeterias.

In some college exams, students are seated so close to each other that it is easy for one to see his neighbor's answers.

A little more work on the part of the teacher can prevent some cheating.

Arrangements should be made to space pupils far enough apart that even those with telescopic eyes can not see their neighbor's paper.

Or, all sections taking the same tests should be given them at the same time.

Better still, the honor system should be inaugurated in the lowest grades.

Just Accidental?

Faulty construction has been charged in four new Baltimore public schools.

Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman, who first exposed the inadequacies, notes that the most recent discovery, a missing safety value on the heating system, poses threat of explosion at any time.

No matter who is to blame, defects should be corrected promptly, and the blame placed later.

We note that all four of the schools, Lafayette, Lexington, Madison and John Howard are located in inner city areas.

It is felt in some official circles that children and parents who have only known bad schools may be too reluctant to complain.

However, we like to believe that this is accidental and has no relation to race or color.

Auto Insurance

Legislation to correct what appears to be widespread abuse in the auto insurance industry is the subject of heated debate in the General Assembly.

One bill, introduced by Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner John Jewell would require motorists to display tags showing they are insured and when it expires.

The purpose is twofold — protect insured motorists against accidents with uninsured drivers and prevent companies from arbitrary cancellations.

Another would increase traffic violation fines $5 by which would revert to the Unsatisfied Claims Judgement Fund, which is currently threatened with bankruptcy.

If passed the measure will bring relief to thousands of little people who hold policies with companies prone to cancel them without apparent just cause.

Whatever relief can be given these motorists and future policyholders will be a plus mark for the Legislature.

A 'Great Society' Problem

Our Readers Say:

Social Worker Responds

Dear AFRO:

"If there be one of you without sin, let him be the person to cast the first stone."

Yes, there are good social workers, mediocre social workers, and poor social workers just as there are good doctors, lawyers, ministers, newspapermen, mediocre doctors, lawyers, ministers, newspapermen, and poor doctors, lawyers, ministers, newspapermen.

Who among us can dare judge a whole profession by one person, two people, or a small group of people?

A doctor mends a broken limb, a lawyer wins a case a minister brings a soul to salvation. A social worker mends the twisted and maimed core of a human being.

A social worker lights the spark of human dignity, plants the seed of self respect, creates a feeling of value and worth.

A social worker can accomplish this only when there is a willingness to struggle, give of self, have compassion, understanding, and humility.

Drums beat out the triumph of a miracle medical cure, Drums beat out the victory of a legal victory. Drums beat out in blasting headlines a sensational story. No drums beat out the struggles of a social worker.

The results of a social worker's struggles are not tangible. There are only the slow measured steps of a soul who has learned to value himself as a human being and swings back into the whirlpool of society because he has been helped to reclothe himself with dignity, worth a sense of self respect.

It takes training, hard work, and experience to be a good social worker. If we are to approach the utopia of a Great Society, it will take the combined efforts of and the mutual respect for all professions.

Let us not condemn that which we do not fully understand!

VIVIAN E. SAN WASHINGTON
Vice-Principal Clifton Junior High School
Former School Social Worker
Member of NASW

Valuable Service

Dear AFRO:

I should like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the splendid and incisive review of my unit, "The Negro in American History." This review, needless to add, performs a most valuable service to the entire community.

The high degree of reportorial skill evidenced in the review of my work is, indeed a credit to the staff of the AFRO. Special thanks, however, are in order for Mr. Roger Nissly, who interviewed me relative to my unit on the Negro.

It is also certainly most appropriate as we enter into the 39th national observance of "Negro History Week," with its theme, "A Century of Freedom," that all boys and girls, Negro and white, have an opportunity to study the contributions of Negroes to American life.

The special supplement on the Negro published by your papers should prove very helpful and beneficial to all individuals desirous of knowing about the Negro in American life.

SAMUEL L. BANKS,
Teacher, Modern World History
Baltimore City College

Fear Tactics Charged

Dear AFRO:

Fear tactics, reprisal actions, intimidations and harassments, are still the implements used by management to "keep employees in their place," in the Washington, D. C. Post Office.

Conditions are very similar to the way it must have been on a plantation.

Morale is very low due to poor personnel practices.

Employees are treated like children. Many supervisors are nasty and discourteous, in dealing with both male and female employees. Employees who dare criticize management are subject to reprisal actions. Locked toilets have caused embarrassing situations.

Any infraction of regulations subjects an employee to possible adverse action proceedings and there are more adverse action letters issued in this office than in all of the other Post Offices in the Washington Region put together. Personnel turnover is terrific.

In spite of the many complaints that this organization has made about the intolerable working conditions in this office, nothing has been done to really correct the situation. We wonder how long will the employees have to continue to work under these conditions.

We wonder if the lack of any action is due to the fact that this office has a predominant number of colored employees.

This organization takes the position that something must be done to change the prevailing atmosphere and we say the sooner the better.

ROBERT L. WHITE, PRESIDENT
Wash. D. C. Branch,
National Alliance of Postal Employees.

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 this 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 by provide jobs for everybody.

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

JOHN H. MURPHY SR., 1920

Pin-Point

Sickening Fear Of The Dum Dum

By GEORGE W. COLLINS

If we can duck the mushrooming clouds—and that adjective should not be taken lightly—now rising in Vietnam for a mite longer there are several items of interest hereabouts that should get our religious attention.

The most frightening are some of the reasons being offered by 'children of the street for the sometimes incredible behavior of a minority of today's angry teenagers.

On a single night recently, Western District recorded 15 assorted "serious crimes." Of the total of 22 persons involved, 18 were between the ages of 10 and 18.

Snatching purses, beating aged and defenseless men and women — in one case a matronly woman who had been just released from the hospital and walking on crutches—were robbed, beaten and kicked—bullying school children and teachers are just samples of the acts of violence.

Of course there are other underlying physcological and sociological explanations for this sudden burst of violence. But why the special emphasis on viciousness?

We asked the father of a teenager who has spent most of his tender years in the clutches of the law:

"I asked my son the same thing. I just couldn't understand why they would do things that nobody in their right mind would do.

"My son didn't pull any punches," said the worried father while furrowing his brow in baffling concern.

"He said most of his friends are on 'Dum Dum' pills. When they take these things, they just go crazy."

'Dum Dum' pills can be bought only on prescription, but doctors are not prescribing them for teenagers.

The question then is where are they coming from. Nobody seems to know—or not willing to tell.

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FOR THE benefit of the unschooled in the art of make-shift drugs, there is no such animal as a 'Dum Dum' pill per se. It derives its name likely enough, from the effects produced by two pills—a stimulant and depressant.

In order to put himelf in 'orbit,' the teenage user takes an amphetamine pill which is intended to stimulate. This however, does not get the job done. So he also gulps down a barbiturate tablet, which is designed to depress and ease tension.

It is when these counter reactions begin a tug of war that the youth—and adult—becomes a dum dum.

Under this condition, pharmacists and psychologists tell us, the user loses all capabilities for normal behavior and becomes essentially "Dum Dum!"

Where are they coming from?

We asked the Narcotic Squad.

"As far as we are concerned there is no problem," said Lt. Jacob Simonsen, second in command to Capt. Joseph Carroll, head of the squad.

He was asked to comment on reports that 'Dum Dum' pushers are doing a booming business at schools in the 'depressed area' of the city.

"Absolutely not," declared Lt. Simonsen. "Anytime the principals run across something of this sort they call us in immediately and we go into action. I can say that there is no problem of this type at the schools."

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A FEELING of relief, however, was not forthcoming because the echo of the worried father's words kept coming back like a song:

"My son said, and I have no reason not to believe him, that you can get 'Dum Dum' on any corner near any school—if you have the price.

"It's a lucrative business for the pushers,' he said sadly, "and they are pushing them."

The recent discovery of a school nurse, whose identity for understandable reasons, must remain anonymous, seems to confirm the father's reports.

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"THE PRINCIPAL brought this boy—he was 15—into my office and asked me if he were intoxicated," the nurse began.

"I told him that the student appeared to be, but I didn't detect the odor of alcohol.

"What do you mean, you don't detect the odor of alcohol, he's drunk, isn't he?" she quoted the educator as asking.

Further examination revealed that the student was indeed "high"—and this should be distinguished from intoxication.

The competent nurse, versed in the behavior of teenagers in "orbit," said she snatched up the youngster's shirt sleeve.

"His arm looked like a pin cushion, he was on heroin, at 15, yet!"

Subsequent interrogation revealed that before the student became a 'Mainliner,' as heroin addicts are known, he had graduated from glue sniffing, 'Dum Dum' pills, and marijuana cigarettes, the nurse learned.

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THIS TRAGIC course of study is obviously expensive—too expensive for a child of the slum whose parents have more than a handful in clothing, feeding and sheltering him.

Where does he gets the price?

You guessed it—he and all the others must, of necessity, turn to crime to feed the habit.

We submit that this is only a partial explanation for the youthful mayhem now plaguing us, but it is a vital part.

Dry up the source of these drugs now falling into the hands of the young and part of the problem is licked.

In order to do so, however the source must be determined and destroyed.

The Narcotic Squad can't do this. It does not accept the fact that there is a problem.

The job is left to teachers, principals, children, and parents.

One such concerned parent, a pharmacist by profession, has a logical explanation.

"The truck stops bear close watching. You see long distant truck drivers use these pills quite a bit. They get them at the truck stops.

"By some yet unexplained method, a lot of non-truck drivers are getting hold of them and are making money off the kids, and wrecking their lives at the same time."

Baker's Dozen

Now The Wellspring, Hopefully, The River

By BAKER E. MORTEN

WASHINGTON

There are hopeful signs that finally — after the city's fair housing regulation has been in effect for a full year — something other than lip service might be paid to enforcement of the act.

To date, the pattern has been more mouth than mobility on the question of enforcement, and as a result, a battery of civil rights and fair housing groups has come down on the heads of the District Commissioners.

The 17-group delegation, when it visited the Commissioners, complained that the housing law had become buckled in the apparatus of procrastination and the tools of conciliation.

The visitors pointed up the fact that in many instances, under existing policies, real estate agents are allowed a "first bite free," (that is, they are granted the privilege of racially discriminating the first time with immunity).

Even second and third time offenders "often get away with only a mild slap on the wrists," the commissioners were told.

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NOW, THE truth in these charges has practically made a farce of the housing law as far as enforcement is concerned. Some realtors no doubt must consider the housing code a joke because of the inadequacies of enforcement.

Chief administrators and enforcers of the regulation are the Commissioners Council on Human Relations, the Corporation Counsel and the Real Estate Commission.

Each agency has a distinct responsibility in the administration and enforcement of the housing law, and each seems to have been only lukewarm in discharging its responsibility.

So, a few days ago, the commissioners read them the riot 'act. "Speed up the handling and processing of housing complaints," city fathers ordered, "and act within two weeks on each complaint."

This is the first hopeful sign that the city means business in its enforcement of the housing regulation.

The commissioners could have gone a step further and directed the human relations council to unveil for publication the names of realtors charged with discrimination when complaints are filed, and one wonders why they did not.

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PUBLICATION OF names might serve to be a worthy deterrent to practices of discrimination in the sale of homes and the rental of apartments. For one thing, it would acquaint the public with just who the culprit is.

In ordering District agencies to speed up the process of handling housing complaints, the commissioners directed:

- The Human Relations Council to dispose of cases within two weeks through conciliation.
- The Corporation Counsel to decide within two weeks whether or not legal action is necessary.
- **The Real Estate Commission to take action within two weeks in cases where the Human Relations Council believes discrimination exists.**

These directives by the commissioners don't go far enough, but they do offer hope.

The Human Relations Council needs to be equipped with a provision which would automatically keep a house or an apartment off the market while an investigation is being conducted into allegations of racial discrimination.

The Corporation Counsel, currently under fire from CORE for refusing to prosecute a real estate firm in a case involving Gordon Patton's attempt to purchase a house, ought to be nudged into taking more legal action against violators of the housing law.

And the Real Estate Commission, an agency which could do wonders toward enforcing the housing law through its power to take away licenses from realtors, needs to begin lifting licenses of violators.

Since the housing regulation was issued nearly 13 months ago, there have been upwards of 119 housing complaints filed, and only about 65 cases conciliated by the Human Relations Council; seven cases referred to Corporation Counsel for legal action, and only one successfully prosecuted; and no licenses at all lifted by the Real Estate Commission.

The commissioners, though not going far enough to insure that the housing law's requirement ought not be circumvented, have responded favorably to a growing need by ordering a speed-up in the handling of housing complaints.

It is to be hoped that from this wellspring a river will flow.

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," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw Street.

★OPINIONS AND COMMENTS★

10 pathways to happiness

The following "Ten Pathways to A Happy Life," are from Faith Magazine:—

1. I forget disagreeable things.
2. I understand the art of enjoying myself.
3. I keep my nerves well in hand, and never inflict them on anyone else.
4. I belive in the goodness of People.
5. I always try to say pleasant words.
6. I don't expect too much from people.
7. I never forget that kind words and a smile cost nothing but can be priceless treasures to those who need them.
8. I do unto others as I would be done by.
9. I meet God every day through prayer, meditation and reading.
10. I have abiding Faith in God's love and care for me.

Fellowship says thanks

Didn't it rain on Sunday! Just the same nearly 200 persons attended Fellowship House's open meeting at Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

Feature of the meeting was dedication of a plaque bearing the names of 84 persons and/or organizations which have been patrons of this vital community organization.

Orchids to Alvin T. Smith. He designed the 20x28 mahogany plaque and lettered the names of sponsors.

Leon P. Bass, Fellowship board president, finished the wood. Lovely!

Mrs. Lillian S. Watty, membership chairman, arranged the programs.

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Dr. Houston R. Jackson, school exec, gave the dedicatory remarks.

He singled out Fellowship Director Ruth Fegley ('a dedicated leader'); and Sidney Hollander Sr., and Miss Grace H. Turnbull ('their generosity made it possible to occupy the new Hilton Road headquarters . . .') and Mrs. Adah K. Jenkins ('she interested me and many others . . .').

Music (a cappella) was by the Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church Choir, directed by Miss Betty Johnson.

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Know what Fellowship House is? Here is what its credo says:

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE is a place where people of varied backgrounds and beliefs learn to know and understand each other through meeting and working together. Only thus can we learn to recognize and respect each man as an individual.

In an era of increased awareness to the need for easing tensions between groups it is essential that we learn to live together.

Through programs and projects which seek to replace fiction with fact, prejudice with understanding, Fellowship House seeks to demonstrate how this feeling of Fellowship may be extended into th community.

Upcoming Fellowship House program: "The Process of Becoming Equal,' An Institute in Race Relations, for six consecutive Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning March 4. Dr. Harriet Trader is coordinator. Public is invited.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

This and that about people

Treat in store this weekend: Dr. Howard Thurman, the world-famed preacher, traveler and author, is in Baltimore as star attraction at Morgan Christian Center's Religion In Life program under the direction of Dr. Howard Cornish.

He speaks at 10:30 chapel on Sunday. On Monday at 10, he addresses the student body in Murphy Auditorium. He'll also speak at the Christian Council's 5 p.m. dinner meeting on Monday.

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Morgan President and Mrs. Martin Jenkins host a reception in his honor on Sunday at 7:30.

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Cuff note: Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church is making extensive repairs. From now until the work is completed the Sunday school will hold sessions in nearby Madison Ave. YWCA.

This is proof one good turn deserves another. Remember when the YW first moved from its Druid Hill Ave. location?

It was the Presbyterian Church which offered its quarters while the new Y building was undergoing repairs.

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New member on the Madison Ave. Y staff: Mrs. Alice Black, assigned as program assistant in the group activities department. She's a Morgan grad.

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Glad-you're-better cards to Mrs. A. Katherine Gross, the school principal, of 3402 Springdale Ave. She's been ailing for two weeks, returned to her post on Wednesday.

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Also feeling better: Richard Washington, 1531 N. Payson St. He's home from Provident Hospital, where he had surgery. Many know Mr. Washington as past potentate of the Shriners.

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Home from Lutheran Hospital: Newton Curtis, 3810 Grantley Rd. He's the retired Md. National Bank employee.

Couple your get-well cards to Mr. Curtis with happy birthday wishes. He marks his birthday today (Friday), Feb. 12.

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In our midst: Elizabeth City (N.C.) State College President, Dr. Walter Ridley, speaks in Baltimore, Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m.

Place: Forest Manor, 2808 Forest Park Ave. Occasion: 1965 Membership kick - off meeting of the Baltimore alumni chapter.

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Birthday note: Greetings today (Friday, Feb. 12), for Theodore (Teddy) Johnson, the friendly good neighbor. His address: 2417 N. Pulaski St.

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Sunshine to Mrs. Catherine Torrence, the Madison Ave. Dress Shop proprietor. She's in North Charles General Hospital.

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Mrs. Bea Wright, the teacher, is not yet able to be out and around, but she's doing better at her Bryant Ave. home.

There she is surrounded by as lovely a display of flowers, get-well cards and gifts (lovely lingerie et al), which gives you some idea what a lovely lady she is.

The AFRO's Favorite Teacher Contest now on will send the winners (2 of them), on an all-expense seven-day trip to Nassau.

Who's your favorite teacher? Send in the name TODAY by clipping the nomination blank in this issue, or better still bring in your nomination to the AFRO office.

More people and things

Vacationers: Dr. and Mrs. Albert Burwell (Helen), and Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Phifer (Etta), are on a Caribbean cruise.

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Plenty of sunshine, please, to Delegate Iram George Dixon (D.-4th), 1906 McCulloh St.

She is still confined to her home-has been for several weeks.

Do keep her spirits up.

Many know her as energetic clubwoman and dedicated member of the State Legislature.

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Times flies — It has been a year since the William Bakers (Audrey), 2557 W. Lafayette, welcomed their darling Paula Denise. Her birthday was Feb. 3. Older children are Donell, 16; and Winfield, 12.

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Thinking - of - you cards to L. U. (Duck) Gibson, the longtime Douglass High coach. He's in Fort Howard Hospital.

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Cheer to Mercy Hospital for William Ruffin of 2914 Allendale Rd.

And do cheer his wife, friendly Mrs. Thelma Ruffin.

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Sympathy cards to the family of St. Elmo Johnson, 37. The former Baltimorean died suddenly in New York where he was a transit driver. Cards will reach the widow, and son, Mrs. Betty Johnson and 15-year-old Adrian, at 952 E. 214th St., Bronx.

Address cards to 1917 Ruxton Ave., for his mother, Mrs. Sarah Johnson Green.

The deceased attended school in Towson and studied at Morehouse and Downingtown Industrial School. Funeral was Thursday evening in New York.

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Baby note: It is a first for Mr. and Mrs. James Newton (Consuella), of Fairfax Rd.

He weighed 7 pounds plus, when he arrived Feb. 3, at Hopkins, has been named Derek Justin Newton.

Mother is a Lemmel music teacher. Dad is a government chemistry instructor. Paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Newton, is also a teacher.

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Ill at Sinai Hospital (224-A) is Mrs. Alberta Bowie, 2324 Reisterstown Rd., the Maryland State Beauty Inspector. She has been ailing almost a year with a kidney condition.

Cheer to City Hospitals for Mrs. Sterling Paige (Josephine), wife of the AFRO reporter. She had surgery on Thusday.

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al: Willis R. Miller, the YMCA as-

Political Notebook

Assembly Roundup

By MAX JOHNSON

Maryland's General Assembly is now nearing the halfway mark in Annapolis of this its first 70 -- day session - leading to a March 30 adjournment.

Well over 300 bills have been introduced in the Senate, more than 400 have been placed before the House - and about as many more are expected in both chambers before the March 2 new bill deadline.

Nobody seems to know or be reasonably certain of what pressing remedial legislation, if any, will come out of this Assembly.

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ONE OF the first bills the Senate passed would repeal the law requiring the licensing of stallions - the male species of the horse family.

The House chose to look in the direction of humans - and gave early okey to a measure which would prohibit one spouse's offer of conciliation from being used as a defense in a divorce.

Generally, little of major significance is expected from either chamber - until Gov. Tawes' budget is out of the way.

The Senate did, however, approve on Monday evening four Legislative Council bills - designed to tighten controls and policyholder protection in the auto insurance industry.

Several proposals covering this industry still remain in committees of both chambers - and ultimate action is speculative at this point.

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OTHER PRESSING matters before both the Senate and the House are such controversial issues as:

1. Reapportionment.
2. **Broader public accommodations, removal of racial discrimination in the sale and rental of housing, and in employment.**
3. Congressional redistricting.
4. A Baltimore Administration bill asking that the city be granted authority to levy a local income tax and some lesser taxes.

Senator Verda F. Welcome and Del. Clarance M. Mitchell 3rd (both D. 4th D., Balto.) are sponsors in their respective chambers of the civil rights bills now before the Judiciary Committees of each.

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THESE ARE but some of the major legislation proposed in one form or another before the Assembly.

One which Baltimoreans will watch with high interest is proposed by Senator Joseph V. Mach (D.-2nd D.), and Del. Edgar P. Silver (D.-5th D.).

They are asking for a general registration of voters in the city - which would mean knocking out all the work of the NAACP, churches and cooperative organizations in the recent register to vote campaign.

Their proposal would, if adopted, clear the voter registration books—everybody would have to register all over again.

They estimate this wouldn't cost more than $250,000.

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ANOTHER GENERALLY seen more acceptable proposal is that employees of the Supervisors of Elections be placed under the state's merit system.

More acceptable here is by way of comparison only - and not to be construed as necessarily ultimate approval.

At stake here is the sticky business of taking patronage jobs from the political bosses - an always hesitant matter.

Also - the attention now leveled from more angles than previously at Baltimore's Police Department has prompted a number of proposals to effect changes.

They range from some to curb the department's purchasing power to placing the whole setup, including the commissioner, under the direct jurisdiction of the city.

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IN THE related crime field has come, too, several stricter punitive proposals.

One would increase the penalty for carrying a concealed weapon—another, for ex-mample, would make it an automatic capital offense to kill policeman in the line of duty.

Senator Welcome had a ready answer for that one - though not necessarily condoning capital punishment.

She said it this was to apply to policemen - let it also apply to all elected public officials as well.

Senator Welcome can speak with an undisputed degree of authority for such an amendment - having been last year the victim of an assassination attempt.

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SUCH IS A brief roundup of the General Assembly's progress to date.

One thing is sure - they're not going to lower the voting age to 18 years.

Another to make book on is this - they're not going to levy a new tax on beer.

Next to Gov. Tawes - George Hocker is still the biggest man in Annapolis.

Labor-Business

Election Set Aside

By STERLING A. PAIGE

Union news of the week is the battle for control of the United Steelworkers Union. At press time (late Thursday) the total count in the rank-and-file balloting for union president was not complete.

David McDonald, incumbent, is holding a slight margin over the challenging I. W. Abel, now secretary - treasurer of USW.

Federal Judge Rozel C. Thomsen ordered Baltimore dock workers back to the ships late Thursday.

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ON THE local front, Free State steelers have gone two - to - one for McDonald. Figures reported by Ed Abott, staffer of USW District 8 (Maryland), show 10,194 votes for McDonald territory.

Despite results of the total count locally, McDonald supporters feel shaky about national returns. Only hope for the incumbent now lies in returns from larger locals in other cities whose votes could swing balance of power to close - pressed McDonald.

In other local labor matters, John A. Pennello, Regional Director of Region 5, NLRB here, recommended setting aside the recent certification election at the W. P. Ihrie Potato Chip Co.

Objections filed by company against organizing tactics of American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, AFL-CIO were sustained and second election is expected to be ordered.

Longshoremen along the East and Gulf Coasts continue to ignore President Johnson's plea to return to work in ports with contracts while negotiations carry on elsewhere.

Some shipping associations have appealed to the President to intervene in the matter. Shippers are accusing unions of unfair labor practices.

Expected strong stand from the White House has not materialized yet, despite hurried Philadelphia trip Sunday by Labor Secretary Wirtz. Wirtz is believed to have carried the official word to the Sunday conference: "Settle up at once—or else."

The Port of Brotherly Love promptly reached agreement. However, top ILA officials stood pat on the all-ports-or-no-ports rule.

Thus the labor leader and the national leader stand face to face while the "Great Society" is wailing over an estimated $6 billion loss to the economy. The 60,000 striking longshoremen have also idled another 100,000 workers in other fields.

Baltimore alone lists some 96 vessels tied up in the port because of the thirty-three day strike.

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ON THE brighter side of the labor picture, our people are moving up into better positions with the Department of Education.

Recently, examinations were given for the position of Building Operations District Supervisor and top score went to Edward Bryant, Cherry Hill resident employed as Building operation supervisor.

This week it was announced that Mr. Bryant has been appointed to the District Supervisor post. With 14 years of service, he became Area Supervisor less than two years ago. His top scoring in the promotional examination and his subsequent appointment again emphasizes my favorite theme: First qualify — then apply. Opportunities do exist — it is up to you.

Incidentally, a move ahead for one leaves an opening for another to fill. From Pimlico Junior High, the Department of Education has moved Oscar D. Jones Jr. up to fill the post vacated by Ed Bryant. Mr. Jones is now the new area supervisor.

This column congratulates both men for their forward moves, and also salutes Dr. Tom Goedeke, assistant superintendent of business management, for making these appointments.

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THE NAMING of Angela Bambace to the Community Action Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO) is a good move for both labor and the community. Angela is vice president of one of the oldest and most democratic of our unions—the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

If there is any one who can comprehend the problems of poverty and the need for positive action to combat it, Angela Bambace is the one.

Hural Thompson, of United Steelworkers, has been re-named to the Baltimore Community Relations Commission, keeping alive the involvement of labor in community affairs.

Directors of the Apprenticeship Information Centers and other apprentice programs are still puzzled because of the lack of involvement by the colored community in the various programs against which community leaders were not too long ago shouting charges of discrimination.

Another case of open doors with nobody going in.

ABOUT BUSINESS

The $125,000 bid made by the Parks Bussage for a tract of land in Camden Industrial Park has been reinstated following action by the City Council Tuesday in passing an amendment to the city's conflict-of-interest law.

The amendment will permit elected officials to enter into contracts with the city as business men, provided the transaction is in the best interests of the city. BURHA is now expected to give swift approval of the bid.

Lee Martin, Morgan State grad, is the new face in the sales department of Mal Sherman's Realty office on Reisterstown Rd. Lee worked in real estate selling and managing after graduation, then took a tour of duty with the Army. He returns to civilian life as an experienced real estate salesman in the Sherman organization.

Words of Famous Failures: "But we ALWAYS did it this way."

★PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS★

Notes on this and that

Pleasant youngster met this week: St. George Crosse, a first - year medical student at the University of Maryland.

He is 25, stands six feet tall. Last June, he was graduated from Md. State College, where he was one of the leaders in the campaign to desegregate public places in nearby Cambridge and in Princess Anne.

He has not only been a freedom fighter at home, he has also served Uncle Sam two years in Hawaii.

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Young Crosse is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. Winston Crosse, formerly of Grenada, B.W.I., now of Laurel, Del., where the Rev. Mr. Crosse is pastor of Waters Memorial Methodist Church. Mrs. Crosse is a nurse.

In addition to St. George, the Crosses have six other children. Look at this list; bet they have a grand time when they gather for family reunions:—

Daughter, Charis is an English teacher at Morgan State College, where daughter, Jay, is a senior. Another, son James, a 1964 Morgan grad, is a student at Howard U. Medical School.

Kester is a University of Delaware sophomore. Wayne, 15, is a junior at Laurel High; and Ernest, 7, a second grader.

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P.S. — This writer asked St. George how long a medical school student has to study.

He indicated he's in school eight hours, studies four hours or more 'every day, including Sundays.'

In - between he has to supplement a $500 scholarship award he won recently from the Omegas Fraternity with a part - time job at City Hospitals, where he works as an externe.

Marriage? No indeed, he answers quickly. 'I couldn't support a wife now. I've got to study.'

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War in Vietnam might be world-wide interest, but youngsters all over the country are upset by Thursday's announcement that Ringo is married.

Nine-year-old and sixteen-year-old in our household exclaimed, "Oh no!"

If you've been in the vicinity of Harlem and Warwick Aves., recently, you've probably wondered about construction on the Harlem Ave. side of Union Memorial Methodist Church.

This is to report that the church's Methodist Men are building a side-walk chapel.

It has no steps, is designed so that people might walk right in off the street and meditate at all hours of day or night.

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Other attractions: an altar and stereo music one might turn on with the push of a button.

It can also be used for small group meetings and weddings.

The sidewalk chapel idea is copied from Mt. Vernon Church in Washington, says Union's pastor, the Rev. N. B. Carrington. He hopes it will be ready by conference time in June.

Mainstream

Social Workers II

By RALPH MATTHEWS, JR.

Social workers have a collective genius for treating effects and ignoring (or avoiding) causes.

They ring changes on Parkinsons Law which rules: work expands in proportion to staff growth.

Or more simply: the more social workers there are the more people have problems.

Social workers, by some trick of rationalization, can calmly interview a penniless family in a hovel with toilet leaking down into the kitchen, without feeling that pain which would send said social worker out into the suburbs.

Where, with the strength of righteous outrage, social worker would knock the slumlord who owned the trap back in town into the hydrangeas for profiting on the misery of others.

Social workers avoid these oversimplifications because it is over-simplification and "unprofessional," not to mention sociopathic behavior.

Most importantly, why should slum lords and social workers fall out anyway, both of them being in the misery business?

Corporate structures may fight the customer but they rarely fight each other.

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BEING narcissistic and masochistic, social workers are enraptured of their professional self - images (the Alfred Schweitzer syndrome) and at the same time enjoy the pain of shouldering society's most awesome burdens.

This is artificial narcissism. The Dr. Schweitzers are in the minor. (Praise be!) Social workers are in a profession structured on such vast ambivalences (professional self - hatred being the other side of professional self - love) that few of them can resolve their dilemmas satisfactorily enough to ever know how they really feel about the rest of humanity.

Their self - induced pain goes beyond the bounds of plain old masochism, with which all of us necessarily suffer, because social work as it now confronts us has no hope of meeting its admirably impossible goals. Nor does social work want to do anything except persevere. Pain upon pain.

Pioneering American social workers were concerned with programs that effect changes.

This made them reformers, rebels, paranoids, psychopaths, all the things today's social worker is taught to contain, constrain, submerge as best he or she can.

Today's social worker is, as mentioned earlier, hardly after reform or revolution or prevention. Today's social worker is more coroner than "helper," or "changer."

He is misery's file clerk, keeping the records of the indigent, maimed, environmentally damaged etc., reporting on the living "dead" and keeping them zombies through dotes. By conformity of thought and behavior, today's social worker is betraying the revolutionary principles upon which his "profession" was founded.

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IT WAS stated here last time that a re - definition of social work seemed in order.

So look now to Mississippi where the Student Non - Violent Co - Ordinating Council, (SNCC) wages guerilla warfare against the closed society of that state.

It may be protected that Robert Moses, the young genius behind SNCC in the Deep South, hardly qualifies as a social worker and he would be the first to resent such a label.

But Robert Moses and the students who have joined him on the Delta are engaged in what may be the most significant social work operation in this nation in terms of changes effected in the mind and spirit of a great many people who had previously been rooted in utter hopelessness and despair.

I would like to cite the SNCC implications as well as a strange sort of social work now going on in war-ridden Vietnam as the broad base for a drastic over - haul of present social work and social welfare concepts in our urban centers.

And curiously enough the tactics now underway in Mississippi and Vietnam were first broached in our time by American social workers on the streets of big cities.

Those trained in those two parallel American traditions of social work which for want of better terms we can call "the nice white lady from the suburbs visiting the unfortunates" approach and/or the "bourgeois matriarch among the savages" mentality, will not like these