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BY BETTYE M. MOSS

Cry baby first day in school

There was little excitement at 1536 N. Carey Street, the home of John H. Murphy, Sr., and his wife, Martha Elizabeth Howard Murphy on January 17, 1889 — the new baby was the fourth boy and the tenth of eleven children. There had been a baby every two or three years since their marriage in 1868.

They named him Carl James Greenbury Murphy.

He weighed just seven pounds.

Mother Murphy and the five Murphy daughters made him and his younger brother, Arnett, the family pets.

Like most spoiled kids, Carl suffered his first rude awakening when the family took him to school and left him in the care of a strange woman.

In later years, he recalled: 'I was a cry baby my first day in school. I remember it very well. Teacher put me in a front seat until I cried myself out.'

As a child, he was shorter than other children, and grew to manhood just a bit above five feet.

It soon became apparent that you could not judge his potential by his height, or his girth, or his weight, or his voice, but by the power of his mind and imagination and the strength of his character.

Star quarterback, tennis star

In Douglass High School he was called 'Pat' Murphy. James H. N. Waring, his lifelong friend, remembers: 'He was a whale of a quarterback on our high school football team . . . he was one of the toughest little guys I ever knew.

This bulldog tenacity to overcome any obstacle in his path and to do well those things he set out to do followed him all his 78 years.

At Howard University, he was a champion tennis player as well as an outstanding student.

He graduate cum laude in 1911, the same year he was appointed university scholar at famed Harvard University, where he earned his master's degree and then went on to the University of Jena to continue his German studies.

From 1914 to 1918 he was instructor and later professor of German at Howard University.

'I never regretted it . . .'

July 6, 1918, was a day of decision. . . the university's Secretary George William Cook wrote this "good" news:

'My dear Professor Murphy, I have the honor to announce that at the meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Howard University your salary was increased from $1,000 to $1,120 per annum. . . . payable in ten monthly installments. . . .

'Should he accept this 'magnificent' offer, or should he return to Baltimore where the family had been begging him to 'come help out Pa and the boys at the AFRO.'

A week before his death, he told me, 'I would have to take a big cut in salary with one baby and another on the way . . . but I felt it was my duty, and I have never regretted it.'

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In March 1961, ... when he turned the presidency of the AFRO over to his nephew, John H. Murphy 3rd, he told a stockholders' meeting:

'I had two ambitions, one to occupy the president's chair as long as my father,' and he did for 39 years. . . .

'The second ambition was to train a group of young people in the newspaper field,' and he did.

At last year's annual Capital Press Club banquet in Washington, his citation noted, 'most of the nation's leading newsmen today have sat at his feet to learn the game . . .'

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For The last 48 years as president and chairman of the board of directors of the AFRO, his has been the guiding spirit—the responsibility to make the decisions, his the lot to take the brickbats.

From his hospital bed last week he told me: — I've been fighting all my life' someone had to cast the negative vote to get people to thinking about their rights.

'I remember the time I was thrown off of a WBA train because the conductor said I had to move from a seat . . . my head was bruised and bloody but that incident which hurt me physically did more than anything else to make me realize we must fight for our rights through the courts.'

And, he did. . .On May 9, 1923, then City Councilman Warner T. McGuinn, who was his attorney, wrote: 'Kindly find enclosed check for one cent as the result of your 'big' verdict in the case of Carl Murphy vs. W.B.A. Railroad. Congratulations on this 'great' victory. . .'

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'We Must fight for our rights through the courts, but we must do it in good temper,' was his constant plea.

It was with this philosophy that he reorganize the Baltimore branch NAACP.

He gave $500 from his pocket to provide a fund for NAACP attorneys' briefs in the case of Donald Murray which opened the U. of Md. Law School.

It was this case which triggered the fight for equal school opportunities all over the country.

Early, he learned the value of money —he established the rule that the AFRO in order to be independent would owe no man.

Pay for everything in cash so you can speak your mind was his philosophy.

Even in later years when there were those who would suggest floating a loan to buy a new building. . . It was his decision which abided. . .we have never missed a payroll in 75 years. . .we will owe no man .we will not spend what we don't have. . .

He was as careful with the AFRO money as he was with his own. To a daughter at the university of Wisconsin he wrote on Feb. 8, 1938:-

'Last week I wired you $138.12. I instructed Postal Telegraph to wire $136.00 and the $2.12 was to have paid for sending it.

'They wired you the entire amount and charged the $2.12 to the AFRO-AMERICAN bill.

'Please return the $2.12, so that proper adjustment can be made. Your dad.'

He wanted boys and he often called the five of us 'Willie' or 'Johnnie' and we laughed about the nicknames we still use today.

We all sold AFROS — Myrtle Ave., Harlem Ave., George St., — the area within a four block radius of the home were our routes . . .

He insisted and saw to it that the 'profits' we made went into a bank account — 'you can not, you will not spend it.'

One daughter today recalls her first fur coat was purchased with the pennies he made her save in her second year of college when she went off to a far western college.

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He was a do - it - yourself man . . . nothing was supposed to break—if it did, he was the carpenter who showed us how to tighten a screw —a battered bike or a door or a porch or the side of the house could be painted and he did it.

We needed no plumber . . . he bought the tools and did the the job.

Frequently, he repaired an office chair or a jammed desk drawer, employees watched in amazement as he took off his own coat and showed them how to do it.

This kind of demonstration was carried on in the home — we learned to fix the lawn mower.

We had no frilly clothes — shopping was done twice a year — all five girls had the same kind of coats — no fur on them. They were purchased to last a lifetime.

New shoes were rare — Dad bought a kit and learned how to put new soles on them and we wore them always shiny and clean 'so they can last.'

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Scholar - civil rights pioneer — worker for the common man.

With all these titles, it is amazing he found time to be a family man.

He stressed family solidarity. . .cooperation is not a luxry it is a must, was one of his favorite expressions.

Demanded, expected excellence

With his five daughters, he demanded and expected excellence. His philosphy is best expressed in this letter to a daughter on January 26, 1941:

'Don't laugh when you hear of parents dedicating their children to a carreer before they are born, farsighted mothers and fathers always do, unless they merely live and have no program for themselves and no plans for the future.

Our condition as a minority group is too precarious not to pray and work for salvation.

'The AFRO is one of the instruments to bring about a new day.

'Of course, you must have time for other things — for marriage, for family and recreation, but the AFRO must come first.'

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Social gatherings, cocktail parties were not his cup of tea. He abhored drinking and permitted no smoking in the parlor.

He enjoyed gardening, fireside talks, family sings . . . reading aloud to the children and grandchildren and studying the stars through a telescope . . . playing a game, and friends at each meal and second-guessing a football or baseball coach, croquet, reading books, writing poems on special days, prayers for meals, most of which he composed and shared with family at family reunions.

Always they expressed gratitude for blessings and the opportunity to serve.

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He wrote the words to several songs (with music by William Parrott.

Among them, 'The Angel's Song,' and 'Lord, Come, Need Help'

He spent his 78th birthday in the hospital. A note on the bedside pad, in his own handwriting said: 'I was able to sleep a bit last night. . . the sun is shining this morning.

'I am reasonably comfortable. This is my 78th birthday. I thank God for a good life . . .'

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Under Peary's tutelage, Matt Henson became an able navigator, adept at calculating distances and plotting charts. A short time later, Peary began his renowned arctic expeditions to locate the North Pole, and Henson accompanied the admiral on all seven trips.

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No longer was Matt Henson an obscure adventurer. He was given a Congressional Medal, life membership in the Explorers' Club, a commendation from the President, a Master of Science degree by Morgan State College, and numerous medals and plaques from civic organizations.

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Gadabouting In Baltimore

Deltas scan long range plans for gathering of 4,000 in '69

With Lula Jones Garrett

Delta Sigma Theta officials and committee women were here, last weekend, to begin the plans for the sorority's 1969 Boule, which will be held in this city.

They lunched in the revolving rooftop restaurant of the Holiday Inn, Downtown; had cocktails with Harold Jenkins and took a look at the Civic Center where some of the affairs may be held; and did a bit of checking on Holiday Inn and Lord Baltimore, where their 4,000 sorors may stay.

Dr. Geraldine T. Woods, the national president, flew in from Los Angeles, Calif., for the conferences . . . was joined here by Mrs Hobart Taylor of Washington and Mrs Patricia Press, also of the D. C. office staff.

Mrs. Vivian Washington, this city, is convention chairman . . . and on the committee are Mrs. Christine Moore, president of the Baltimore Alumna Chapter; Mrs. Ida Smith and Mrs. Bernice McDaniels.

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MEMBERS OF Las Doces Civic Guuld will have their dinner party in the Chesapeake Restaurant, this year. The affair is the annual party for their clergymen husbands.

A meeting on Saturday, took place in the Conley Road residence of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter L. Matthews, where, afer the business session, Mrs. Matthews served dinner which featured her specialty, Shrimp Gumbo and Rice.

The group earlier announced that their annual fashion show will take place on May 28th and will be held in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Mrs. Hyla Franklin is chairman for this project. Mrs. Emma Lee Daniels is dinner chairman.

At the session were Mesdames Evelyn Byrd, Emma Daniels, Marie Dawkins, Louise Jackson, Myrtle Johnson, Clotelle Jones, Mary Revels and Louvenia Swinson

THE PLANNING Committee for the One Day Conference of the Maryland League of Women's Clubs have completed plans for the 28th Annual Conference to be held on Saturday, March 25, at the Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel.

Theme is "Education For Better Human Relations In Our Changing World."

Committee members are Mrs. Lillie Strothers, Mrs. Thelma Daley, Mrs. Beryl W. Williams, Mrs. Emily Bryant, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Mrs. Gwendolyn C. Lee, president, Mrs. Emma D. Dudley, program Chairman and Mrs. Marion Jones Jackson, luncheon chairman. Reservations must be made before March 17.

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A SURPRISE shower' for bride-to-be Cherlyn Nicholas, Saturday, brought her all sorts of luscious gifts.

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Miss Nicholas is to be married to Michael Mitchell, Saturday.

The party was given by Miss Barbara Bennett at her Spruce Drive home, and attended by Misses Allenette Gail, Joyce Thompson, Valerie Nicholas, Jennifer Jones, Melba Thomas, Gloria and Edith Green, Wanda Swann, Deborah Alexander, Christine Jackson and Genevieve Nicholas.

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ENJOYING OPEN House with Dr. Parlett L. Moore, president of Coppin State College, and Mrs. Moore, were members of the State Department of Education, city officials, faculty members and town citzens, Saturday.

The Moores have been in their new location on Warwick Ave. facing Windsor, since early fall. Mrs. Moore, charming in a spring green wool shift with matching jewelry,

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Economical meals for good eating

Oranges being among the top buys at the fruit stands these days, they're bound to show up frequently on the well-planned menu.

Look for good quality oranges to get the most value for your food dollar, suggests the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service.

BEST QUALITY oranges are firm, heavy and finely textured in skin appearance.

Color is of little importance in judging an orange, say C and MS commodity specialists. The fruit must be picked at a mature stage.

Florida oranges are picked when golden orange and may turn green later on. Artificial color is often added to satisfy the notion that oranges must be orange colored.

RUSSETED ORANGES, though possibly less attractive because of their dark or bronze-colored marks on the outer skin, are good, too, if they're heavy for their size, firm and have a fine-textured skin.

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