Letters

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it. I did receive the prayers that you sent . . . Thanks a lot."

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This Gil and an unusual problem:

"Well, I've really messed up this time. I shot an officer in his leg. I thought he was a VC.

"I don't know how I'll make out, they may give me office hours because I did not yell 'halt' to him. Anyway, he is all right.

"Please don't let my mother know about my shooting that officer. I don't want her to worry about me. I'll let her know when I find out how I made out."

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This Gil was something to tell the press:

"So. . .only got six months. He's lucky they didn't give him 10 years. That's what they usually give for desertion, over here anyway.

"Just as soon as my enlistment is up, I am getting out. This Marine Corps, has too much racial and hate in it for me.

"It's just like Mississippi to me. I am not the only person who feels this way about the Corps. Every colored boy in company feels the same way.

"Just wait until a newsman asks me what I think about Vietnam. Wow — I'll never stop talking."

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Teenager

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told him she heard his foster son was killed in the 1000 block of Sterling St.

He went to the scene and identified the body for police.

Investigators had no further information of the caller.

Homicide Dets. George Montgomery and James Benton learned at the scene that a party had been held in the 1000 block of Abbott Ct. at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Lee, 46, until about 10:30 p.m.

Her son, William A. Lee, told police that the last he saw the stabbing victim was when he left the party with another youth.

He said the pain stopped to talk to two men in front of the house about 10:30 p.m..

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POLICE WERE questioning a 20-year-old man picked up at his home in the 1200 block of Waldo Ct.

The victim's foster parents said he was placed in their home about a month ago by the Department of Public Welfare.

Last-minute order cancels eecution

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City hit hard by Viet deaths

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parents, six sisters: Hattie, Virginia, Dorothy, Laura, Shirley, and Mary Macklin;

Also four brothers: Charles, Henry R., Richard and Willie H. Macklin.

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CPL. SMITH was one of a 16-Marine platoon that was clobbered by the Cong last Sunday. Only two survived.

"He was hit from the back by mortor fire," his mother, Mrs. Mamie Smith, told the AFRO. "He never knew what hit him."

A former Lemmel Junior High and City College student, he was rated a "very fine athlete".

"Unbelievable" is the way Mrs. Smith accepted news of her only son's death.

"Ralph wanted the Marines so badly. He quit school to join," She said.

"He was in Vietnam because he felt it was something he had to do."

The Marine Corporal was killed three weeks before his 20th birthday, April 11.

He was last home in April before going to Vietnam.

"When he kissed his grandmother goodbye, he told her he would not be back," his mother said.

"He was proud of his uniform. He always said if he had to die he wanted it to be quick.

"Recently he wrote to all his friends—every one he knew," Mrs. Smith said.

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IN A LETTER to his former homeroom teacher at Lemmel, Mrs. Leona Abrams, the Marine wrote:

"I have a strange feeling. . .They say always to look at the bright side. Well to tell the truth, this is something that has no bright side. At least, I can't find it."

The former City College student was well liked by his fellow students, Mrs. Abrams said.

"Ralph was fond of the church and the choir. He was liked by the members," the Rev. Daniels remarked.

"I have been amazed at the number of our young men who leave who always came back to their churches.

Cpl. Smith is survived by his mother, a grandmother, Mrs. Katie Smith; a great aunt, Mrs Mary L. Johnson; and numerous aunts, uncles and other relatives.

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CPL. PAYNE, a 1963 Douglass High graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Payne.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps after his graduation and was serving his second tour of duty in Vietnam.

His death came Tuesday from the explosion of a land mine that killed 13 Marines during a demonstration at the Da Nang Air Base.

According to his mother, Cpl. Payne volunteered for another year in Vietnam to take the place of someone with a family.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters, Joanne and Gail; two brothers, Anthony and Ricky; and a half-brother, Donald Powell.

PFC. BURLEY is a 1965 Carver High graduate who was drafted in January, 1966.

In Vietnam since last June, he met his death while on patrol last Sunday.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Thomas; and two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Hearndon and Miss Joan Burley.

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SPEAKING OF Cpl. Smith and the other Marines, the Rev. Mr. Daniels asked: "What happens to our boys, those who live, when they come back home?

"Ralph found this place in the Marine Corps. Our youths should be able to find the same type of place - with a sense of belonging, a part of something good - in our society right here at home.

"When our boys come back, they only want to still be one of the boys, not just one of the 'black boys'.

"I feel this country owes something to our youth.

". . . if it were not for the ob-

Kids without

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college degrees to gain needed skills and high-paying jobs.

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BUT THE children in the one-fifth of the population Dr. Fields is concerned with, the one-fifth in cultural poverty, "would not even enroll in such programs," he says.

"They have no reason to believe they would not fail."

Without breaking into this cycle of poverty with education, the economic failure continues, Dr. Fields contends.

Miss Edith V. Walker, assistant superintendent for Elementary Education in the city schools, also cites an example of the poverty of educational experiences among the deprived youngsters of the inner city.

She recalls the first time, as a young teacher, she took a class for a visit at a farm and several of the pupils "burst into tears at the first sight of a cow."

The explanation was that the children until that time had seen only the small cows pictured in books and "were frightened at the monstrous real cows."

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THE ILLUSTRATIONS give a hint of part of the problem facing Upward Bound.

Accordingly, in its attempt to fit the 80 high school juniors for success in college life, the program contains a full round of cultural and recreational activities.

Interest areas which the students were free to explore during the afternoons of the intensive eight week summer session included: art, biological science, drama and television, electronics, journalism, recreational leadership, music and physical science.

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AMONG HIGH spots in these activities, students prepared art work for exhibit, wrote plays, published a newspaper and taped a program for television.

New experiences for the students during the short history of the program included concerts, lectures, trips to hospitals, industry, museums, theatre and movies.

The students saw, among other things, "Camelot," "The Sound of Music," "Doctor Zhivago," Hyman Pressman in a lecture and a ball-game between the Orioles and Kansas City.

Dr. Fields reported that before the ball game, 65 percent of the students had not been to Memorial Stadium.

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DOES ALL this come too late?

Programs like Project Headstart are aimed at providing these experiences while intelligence is still forming and the child has a chance to excell from the beginning in school.

Ideally, of course, the experiences should come earlier, but Dr. Fields believes it is still not too late to give the children — who have never had one — a chance.

And figures from a preliminary national study of the program bear out his promise that, starting after the sophomore grade in high school, there is still hope to break the cycle of poverty with education.

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FROM the first demonstration projects, 80 percent of the students continued their education.

Evaluation conducted by Syracuse University's Youth Development Center showed only 12 percent of these dropped out during their freshman year in college, far better than the national average of students in the same category.

In addition, another sample of the current 20,000 students enrolled in over 200 Upward Bound projects showed a "definite improvement in self-esteem and self-evaluation of ability, motivation for self-responsibility and interpersonal understanding."

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WITH FAITH that it could make these changes, the program at Baltimore Junior College was built on the seven assumptions that:

1. A student with a normal functional intelligence can functional intelligence can

the students received intensive morning classes in math and English.

The classes were small, composed of 13 students, a teacher and a student tutor. The small classes allowed for much individual attention.

During the school year classes are held on Saturdays at the junior college, and students are expected to come for tutoring at least once during the week after school.

The program has eight teachers and 12 college students as volunteer tutors.

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LAST SUMMER the students lived on the Morgan State College campus and had their classes at BJC. This summer the residency will be at Bowie State College.

For many, one of the luxuries of the summer program was sharing a room with only one person and having their own bed.

Upward Bound is not the only project of its type. Dr. Fields notes that some private organizations and church groups have similar programs on a smaller scale, "but it is not enough."

The original local plan called for 80 students to be carried through from the sucmer after their sophomore year until their entering college, and for a new group of 80 sophomores to be added each summer.

But the increase in Federal funds expected for this year did not materialize.

INSTEAD OF the $50 million asked for the national projects (to allow for the adding of new students, since $25 million was spent the first year), only $30 million was

granted, Dr. Fields explains.

Thus no new students could be added, and locally the junior college is following through with the original 80 students. (Several boys and girls have dropped from the local program and have been replaced).

As Dr. Fields noted earlier, 70,000 families in Baltimore qualify for the poverty criteria of the program, and it is a question of "what we are willing to spend for these people."

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26. Send telegrams & make long distance calls
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32. Modern fully appointed funeral coach
33. Furnished register of all attending services
34. Place car & driver at disposal of family from time of first call through day of funeral
35. Render any and all services as requested whether or not it falls in regular line of duty
36. Render a complete and itemized memorandum of charges both when arrangements are made and after
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38. Parking Facilities
39. Memorial Record for family and friends
40. Provide acknowledgement cards
41. Crucifix, candles and prayer cards when desired
42. Lady attendant (women's and children's cases)
43. Arranging and placing casket
44. Use of catafalque
45. Arranging Flowers
46. Keep record of flower donors for family (description of floral tributes)
47. Motorcycle escort (uniformed) if desired
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If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

People, places, things

The subject of this item is 'John Stood Straight and Tall."

John is John H. Murphy board of directors died Feb. 25 at the age of 78, John became this newspaper's chief executive and the company first president in our 75-year history.

On Monday, he was scheduled and did indeed preside at the 60th stockholders' meeting, even though seeing for me to chair. Not because it's the first stockholders meeting at which I'm presiding; not because Mr. Carl (Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman, board of directors) passed away just a short month ago;

"Nor because my mother died yesterday (Sunday) on a glorious Easter morning.

"But mainly because this stockholders meeting, at all meetings, is the place where Mom would have wanted to attend.

"She was my best press agent. She continually urged me to do a better job and, according to her, there was no job I couldn't do.

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Day Later, the Governor's office called to ask whether he would consent to serve out the remainder of his uncle's term on the Morgan State College Board of Trustees.

All of this in the short span of two weeks.

Those of us who have been at his side during these trying days can report with complete honesty, John has stood straight and tall. He has!

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Proud Youngster about this week: 18-year-old Robert Daniel Everett.

March 29th was his birthday. He dined at the Chesapeake Restaurant with Mrs. Vonzella Tyler, Miss Dietra Randolph, Kenneth Venable, Arthur Winn, Hattie Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Randolph.

Robert is a senior at Dunbalk Senior High School.

Thinking Of you cards to Mrs. Leonora Lee, 2734 Guilford Ave.

She received word that her husband, Maurice Lee, the 53-year-old merchant seaman, suffered a stroke and was buried at sea on Sunday.

Mr. Lee had been home three weeks ago when his ship was in dry dock, and apparently was not ill.

There are two Lee children, Tolanda, 13; and Lausanne, 6.

Treat in store: The Easter section of the 'Messiah,' will be performed by the Carver High School Mixed Chorus and the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church Choir on April 9 at Carver.

Clarence Hjanderson is director. Feafured soloist will include Carver faculty members and friends.

Among them: Joseph Eubanks, baritone, Morgan State professor; Earl Booker, tenor; Roberta Long, soprano; Betty Malkus, contralto; and Mack Statham, organist.

Admission is free, but patrons are being asked to contribute $1. Proceeds will go to help purchase robes for the Carver Choir. A worthy cause.

People are talking about that glorious singing heard Good Friday in Mondawmin Mall.

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Do YOU know who they were?

There were small boys and girls as well as larger ones. One girl singer sounded like Marian Anderson. They were terrific. WHO WERE THEY???

Write and tell this column about them.

More about people, things

Cuff Note: March 30th was Shut-In Day. It is a national observance, aimed at remembering those who are housebound by reason of age or illnes.

Even though it is now April it is not too late to remember a shut-in. Please do.

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Add To young people on the way up: Carver Green, first student to earn his master's degree from Peabody Conservatory.

He gives his degree performance this Sunday, April 2 at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer, 5603 N. Charles.

Club Notes: The Pleasurettes met Sunday at the Chauncey Avenue home of Mrs. Ellsworth Bailey.

Plans were made for a supper scheduled for June 17.

Club members are:

Mrs. Velma Bailey, president; Mrs. Rose Harris, vice president; Mrs. Joyce Scott, secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Brooks, treasurer; Mrs. Geneva Moses, financial secretary; Mrs. Helen Jackson, business manager;

Also, Mrs. Pauline Byrum, Mrs. Doretha Woodford, Mrs. Eleanor Knight, and Mrs. Lillian Patterson.

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Like Good singing and good preaching? You'll get both on Sunday at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church (Rosedale St. and Woodbrook Ave.).

This is where the Rev. Edgar L. Reid is minister. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Dr. Wendell R. Grigg of Atlanta, Home Mission Board executive of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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People Coming and going: Mrs. Marie Young of McLean, Va., and her friend, Mrs. Katie Yates of Baltimore, are in from Norfolk, Va.

They flew down on the private plane of Leon Bartnick (Mrs. Yates' employer), to pick Mrs. Young's son, Thomas, and his daughter, Shirley.

Mrs. Yates, by the way, is on cloud 9. Due home any minute is her son, Sgt. Reginald Yates. He is to return from Vietnam for a new assignment.

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Cuff Note: Mrs. Yates and her husband, Mr. Atlas Yates (he's the Gas and Electric employee), also have five daughters.

They are Ada, 17, an Edmondson High senior; Veronica, 16, Edmondson junior; Carol, 10; Rosalind, 8; and Lori, 6;

All attend School No. 88. The family belongs to Wayland Baptist Church.

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Out-Of-Town relatives here for the funeral last week of Mrs. Eugenia Phillips included her brothers William O. Nixon, superintendent of Highview School for Boys in Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. Alfred Nixon, biology professor at Alabama State College.

Also here: Mrs. Alfred Nixon (Tessie), supervisor of teachers in Union Springs, Ala.;

And, Mrs. Phillips' sister, Mrs. Winifred Brown of Chicago; and her daughter, Mrs. Joyce Davis (wife of the Rev. Thomas Davis), and their twin daughters, two-year-old Stacia and Alicia.

And from Newark, her nieces, Mrs. Myrtle Lassiter, Miss Carol Lassiter and Miss Laura N. Nixon, a Spellman College junior.

East Orange, N.J. visitors on the weekend: Dr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Wells (Edith). He's the dentist. They guested with her sister and brother-in-law Father and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson (Theda.) And, both sisters look like little girls in the long, white ball gowns they wore to the Alpha Phi Alpha founders' day affair.

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Mrs. Mae Downs of Philadelphia was here with her cousin, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson.

Mrs. Carlita Jones and daughter, Candy, here from Buffalo, for the holidays.

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Church Note: Members of Trinity Baptist Church have set April 21st as the deadline to make reservations for the testimonial they are planning for their former pastor, the Rev. Herbert O. Edwards. It will be April 28 at the Sheraton.

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Circle May 25 . . . that's the date a citizens' group of all races, religions and political persuasions is planning a testimonial for Henry G. Parks Jr.

He's the City Councilman and businessman, (More Parks Sausage, Mom.

By the way, Mr. Parks' million dollar downtown site will be dedicated this Saturday afternoon.

A bit about this and that

Many clubs seek a worthy person to help on the road to fame and fortune. Here's a person you can help.

Miss Linda Claire Wharton, daughter of Mrs. Elaine D. Wharton a June 1967 (to be grad of Western High School).

She has accompanied the Western High School chorus at the piano, taken piano lessons since she was six, and has a beautiful alto voice.

Linda has been selected by her teachers for a European study tour of nine countries from June 20 to July 19. To take the tour alone is $855. Her mother, a widow with three other children, has managed so far to get her started and registered. It's a tremendous task.

Would you like to help? Mrs. Vivian Cook is chairman with Ida Smith co-chairman. She has been recommended by Mrs. Florence Carter and Mrs. Orangie Epps.

She'll need special luggage to hold 6 pounds (they will get special black dresses, a chorus dress and stole ($38.50) books $47.78 plus her tuition, insurance and incidentals.

You can help . . . send your check or money order to the Linda Wharton Fund, c/o Mrs. Smith, AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw or to this column.

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Out And looking good: William (Bill) Parrott, the teacher and musician.

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Dr. Laurence G. Paquin, the city's school superintendent, is still confined to Hopkins Hospital.

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New Members of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Beulah Parker of Fayetteville, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Matthews and daughter, Barbara Ann Gill.

Happy Birthday:—On April 4th, remember the AFRO's hello lady, Mrs. Susie H. Clarke. She's the gal with the sunshine in her voice.

Belated: March 29th was the 25th birthday of Sp./4 Edward Widgeon. Send him hellos U.S. 53918571, HQ Co. 16th Sig. Bn., Cs-41, APO New York.

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Belated Happy anniversary hellos to Dr. and Mrs. Furman Templeton (Irene). It was their 30th on March 27th.

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Isn't it good to listen to talented young people and encourage them with your applause and your money!

At St. James Episcopal Church, the Easter Sunday morning congregation had a pageant performe' by the Sunday school groups.

Narrator with a beautiful speaking voice was Evelyn Datcher. She's the outstanding Eastern High student.

Keep an eye on this girl. She's going far.

Visitors here over the Easter weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Scott of Chicago. They visited in D.C. and Baltimore.

In our city, they were guests of Mrs. Josephine Dever of Harlem Ave.

Many know her as the sister of the late Rev. Frederick Douglas, founder of Douglas Memorial Church.

Wise words of the week

These words were written by Mary F. Butts:

Build a little fence of trust
Around today.

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Fill the space with loving work
And therein stay.

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Look not between the shelterings bars
Upon tomorrow.

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But take whatever comes to thee
What you can bear
And with God's help endure
Another day.

Senators fielder in insurance job

WASHINGTON

Washington Senators outfielder Fred Valentine has been appointed as a Metropolitan Life Insurance consultant, it was announced recently. The past off-season, Valentine was employed as an auto salesman for a local firm.

Federation to sponsor confab

The Washington and Vicinity Federation of Women's Clubs will sponsor its 19th annual one day conference and luncheon on Saturday, April 15, at 1601 R. St., NW.

Miss Elsa N. Smith is president of the federation; Miss Susan B. Liles is chairman of the conference and Mrs. Esther Allen is program chairman.

The theme of the conference is "Education In A New Social Order."

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the business session will start at 10 a.m. Clubs of the organization will report on their activities during the past year. Workshops will be conducted.

The Young Adults and girls workshops will stress the importance of preparation for a career and means of securing employment. Mrs. Marguerite Gilmore of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Labor will serve as coordinator of the work.

MRS. THELMA CALHOUN, dean of Women of Howard University will be guest speaker at the luncheon which will be held at 1:30 p.m.

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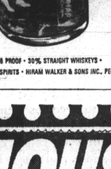

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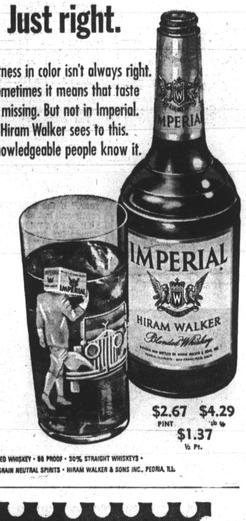

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