Bogus real estate man is guilty; got $2,000 in 'rent'

On Friday a Criminal Court judge ordered a 37-year-old chestnut-haired "real estate salesman" to pay the AFRO for the house-for-rent advertisements he inserted in the paper's classified columns in January and February for the purposes of defrauding persons in need of homes.

The jurist, Judge Edwin Wolf also ordered the man, an admitted habitual gambler, to return the more than $2,000 he had falsely collected in rent deposits from 12 families.

The persons who called him after seeing the ads had no idea the man was not authorized to rent the residences nor did they realize the rightful owners of the plush Forest Park and Howard Park properties knew nothing of him or his scheme.

* * *

THE BOGUS real estate dealer who pleaded guilty is Jerry Jerome Rochkind, a Federal parolee, also known as "Jerry Roch," "Solomon Harris," "Morris Harris," "Mark Harris" and "Rock Harris."

* * *

WITH TEARS in his eyes he told the court Friday he was sorry he had robbed "all those poor people" of as much as $250 at a time for the one month rent in advance and "security" deposits.

During the trial Rochkind was described as "quite a guy."

He told the court he has suffered a gambling habit he has been unable to control.

A psychiatrist described him as a "fussy," meticulous

(Continued on Page 5)

$53Gs awarded by court for loss of an eye

In Superior Court last week Alexander Woodhouse Jr. was awarded a $53,500 consent judgment for loss of an eye and other injuries sustained in a taxicab accident in June 1965.

Mr. Woodhouse was a passenger in the cab when it allegedly struck a pole as the driver fell asleep at Bancroft Rd. and Liberty Heights Ave.

Sitting in the front seat, he was thrown so that his head struck the windshield, evidence disclosed.

Judge J. Harold Grady presided at the hearing. Howard J. Reamer was Mr. Woodhouse's attorney.

William Bennett was the driver of the cab. He and I. K. Edelstein, trading as the Checker Cab Co. were defendants in the Superior Court action.

Union Memorial aids job drive

Union Memorial Hospital initiated a special training course for 23 men and women this week, which officials of the institution say is designed to "aid an important community effort and to fill a vital hospital need."

B. Lee Mootz, Union Memorial director, said that his hospital's July 28 offer to train 20 to 30 people for general hospital duties was accepted by the officials of the city's concentrated employment program.

"Twenty women and three men arrived here on Wednesday after referral, and we were able to accept every one," said Mr. Mootz. "We processed all applications on Wednesday, conducted a short orientation on the 4th Friday and they began training on Monday."

Mr. Mootz said the new trainees will be paid a training wage of $1.40 per hour and will be entering food service, housekeeping and nursing aide training positions at Union Memorial. He said the training program will last from four to six weeks.

At the close of the training period, we hope to transfer our trainees into permanent positions at the hospital where vacancies exist," he stated. "If this can't be done in all cases, we'll do our best to see that the others find jobs in places where these skills are needed."

Red Cross offers jobs

The Red Cross is currently seeking qualified men between 22 and 45 years of age for national career staff positions as assistant field directors in the organization's services to the Armed Forces program.

Interested college-trained men who have completed their military service obligations and with background in social sciences, counseling or group leadership may obtain further information by calling Baltimore Regional Red Cross personnel office, 467-9905.

Consideration will also be given to applicants whose experience is commensurate with college training.

A local chapter official said here today that the increased strength of U.S. military forces here, at home, and in Southeast Asia has necessitated expansion of Red Cross services and personnel.

Presently, there are 300 Red Cross staff members on duty in Vietnam as compared to July, 1965 when 37 ARC staffers were assigned. Due to this increased activity requiring experienced staff, the Red Cross is conducting a nationwide search for new career staff members.

AA County NAACP asks action now

The Anne Arundel County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has attributed recent riots in the nation to a "failure to act on the part of the power structure" and has called on local government to act promptly

(Continued on Page 5)

Child, 6, slain, man, 68, charged

A six-year-old boy became the sudden victim of a spray of bullets near his home Saturday night.

With two bullet wounds in the neck, Kevin Jarnigan, of the 1100 block Argyle Ave., was dead on arrival at Provident Hospital.

Western District Officers Willie Cheeks and Ronald Davis said they were called to the scene at 9:46 p.m.

They reported three shots had been fired, two of them striking the boy in the neck.

Arrested, and charged the next day with murder, was William Faulkern, 68, of the 700 block Dolphin St. He was ordered held without bail.

Sgt. John Dunn, of Western, said the suspect had been caught fleeing from the scene by John Alexander, of the 1700 block Edmondson Ave.

The boy, who was first grade pupil at Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School, was the son of Mrs. Sandra Newton.

LATER THE same night Western police found the body of a white man in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

The victim, strangled with a necktie, was identified as E. R. Wilkens.

Police have issued warrants for two men believed to be involved in the robbery-murder.

Suspect wounded in family dispute

Police Monday were keeping watch on James Moore, 31, as he lay in his S. Baltimore General Hospital bed, a suspect on three charges of assault with intent to murder.

Mr. Moore, of the 900 block Franklintown Rd., was arrested Sunday 2:30 p.m. in the rear of the 100 block W. Montgomery St. vacant lot.

Traffic Division Patrolman Christian Boetker reported he saw Moore in the vacant lot assaulting his stepchild, Patricia Bowens, 13, of 400 block Seagull Ave.

* * *

POLICE SAID the defendant dragged his stepdaughter to the vacant lot after a meeting with his wife and other stepchildren in the 900 block S. Light St.

Both Moore and his wife were taken to S. Baltimore General, Mrs. Moore receiving 15 stitches in her cheek.

Moore was treated for the bullet wound received from Off. Boetker, the result of a ricocheting warning shot.

Another man, Winfred Tutle, 16, also shot in the Ave. address, was also held by police for firing a .45-caliber Colt automatic pistol during the fracas.

Police said Mr. Tuttle's bullets hit no one.

Police charged Mr. Moore with assault with intent to murder his wife, step-daughter and Officer Boetker.

Western Electric plans expansion, 300 new jobs

Plans to add more than 300 new jobs in the next 18 months at the Western Electric Company's research and development facility at Cockeysville were announced Monday by Gov. Spiro T. Agnew.

The jobs will be professional and clerical. There will be openings in the fields of equipment engineering, computer development, purchasing, transportation and customer services.

When the new jobs are filled, they will bring to 1,700 the number of Western Electric men and women at Cockeysville, and the $9,000,000 earned by those employees last year should jump to nearly $12,000,000 in 1969.

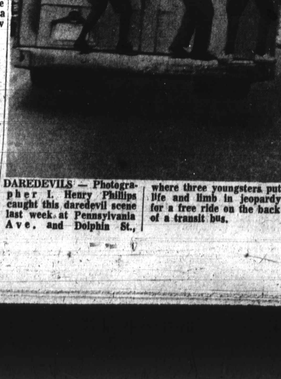
The company, a subsidiary of the Bell System, plans to increase its present 136,000 square-foot building space at Cockeysville by 40 percent, according to E. W. Hertenstein, the firm's Eastern Regional general manager.

MOST OF Western Electric's skilled employees have been hired locally since the company opened its regional center in 1964, Mr. Hertenstein told the governor.

Gov. Agnew said the electronics firm's expansion plans for its eastern regional headquarters and engineering center located in the Greater Baltimore Industrial Park will further enhance Maryland's stature as one of the nation's top states in the field of research.

"Recent surveys," the governor stated, "have shown that only California and New York are receiving more Federal money for scientific research than the nearly $1 billion now being distributed in Maryland.

"While there is an understandable distinction between Federal and private research funds," he added, "diversified private investment in our state, combined with Federal projects, make Maryland a prime center for research activities."



DAREDEVILS — Photographer L. Henry Phillips caught this daredevil act last week at Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St., where three youngsters put life and limb in jeopardy for a free ride on the back of a transit bus.

Morton hit on his Rat Bill stand

Three City Council candidates have decried Representative Rogers Morton's position on the Federal Rat Control Bill.

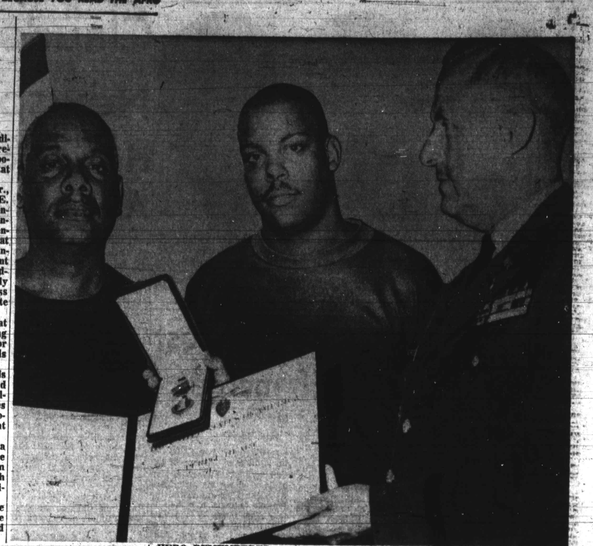
John D. Alexander Jr., Allen L. Fox and Floyd E. Rogers deplored the congressman's statement, contained in a letter to the candidates, which said that "there was much political inspiration in the development of this program by the Administration with absolutely no assurance to the Congress there would be adequate funding."

The candidates said that this "amounts to nothing more than a weak excuse for failing to meet the real needs of the people of our cities.

"If every program which is called politically motivated were dealt with in this callous manner," the candidates said, "we would have no programs and no government at all."

"How can anyone say that a program which would remove the 100 rat-bite cases from Baltimore's annual health statistics is politically motivated is beyond us."

The group called for the House to re-examine its vote on this "bill which would have helped the people."



HERO REMEMBERED — A Purple Heart Medal, awarded posthumously by the Republic of Vietnam to Pfc. Robert J. Thomas, who died in war, was received last week by the hero's father and brother, George Thomas Sr. and George Thomas Jr. Col. William F. Wadsworth Jr., senior army advisor, made presentation at the Fifth Regiment Armory.

SILENT MEETING — Oliver Hawkins Jr., 29, 306 N. Carrollton Ave., a deaf mute since birth, visited Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin at his City Hall office Thursday afternoon, en route to register for work under the city's comprehensive employment program. Mr. Hawkins has been doing volunteer work with the Multiple Sclerosis Society and is a cabinet maker. The mayor surprised his aides by conversing with him in sign language. Here they are viewing a framed news story about Mr. Hawkins.

Parks says 2nd D. voters should replace Prucha

Councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. took issue Monday with the 2nd District's Councilman Clement J. Prucha's reported attack on the leadership of CORE and U-JOIN and said he has given liberal thinking people of his district cause to replace him.

Mr. Parks is a candidate for reelection on the 4th District's City Council ticket of Michael-Adams-Parks, which includes Mrs. Emma M. Michael, well known civic worker, and Mrs. Victorine Q. Adams, member of the House of Delegates.

Noting that Councilman Prucha reportedly stated that anti-poverty funds should be cut off in his area until U-JOIN's Walter Lively and CORE's Stuart Wechsler are removed from office, Mr. Parks stated:

"By recent news releases and letters, Councilman Clem Prucha has earned the label of a reactionary.

"Throughout his labored statements, his meaning seeps through. He still stands for parceling out liberty bit by bit.

"Anyone that can't hear clearly the clarion sound of full freedom now" is an enemy.

"By Clem Prucha's recent vote in the Council and by his present public statements he has given reason for liberal thinking people in the 2nd District to seek to replace him."

Federal agency opens housing counsel service

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has initiated a pilot project a free housing counseling service in Baltimore for those families or individuals having difficulty in renting or buying housing they can afford.

Allen T. Clapp, director of the Baltimore insuring office of the Federal Housing Administration, an element of HUD, said if the results show the program is a useful way for FHA to improve its service to the public, it then may be broadened. The program also is being tested in Washington, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

Mr. Clapp said he anticipates this service will be beneficial to anyone who avails himself of it. He said the service should be especially useful for low and moderate income families, minority groups and others who have vexing housing problems.

For those seeking to buy, FHA will review the various factors affecting home buying ability — family composition, ages, income, savings, debts, credit factors, and so on. Information supplied by the families concerned will be held in confidence by FHA.

On the basis of this information, the counselor will make an informal recommendation as to the range of the home prices it appears the prospective buyer can afford. This is a guide and not formal credit approval or a commitment by FHA to insure a mortgage.

A similar service will be offered and a recommendation made regarding capabilities of those seeking rental housing.

The counseling service will include FHA assistance in making appointments for those individuals and families to see various homes or apartments that are suitable to their needs, circumstances, and desires. The names of real estate brokers who are actively engaged in the sale or rental of FHA-or VA-owned housing also will be given to the families.

Appointments for the counseling service may be arranged by telephoning 962-2520, or writing the FHA at 31 Hopkins Plaza, Federal Building.

D'Alesandro wants more tech schools

Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd called Monday for the establishment of professional-technical high schools with industry and labor support, to help insure future employment opportunities for the city's youth.

Mr. D'Alesandro, Democratic candidate for mayor said:

"Baltimore should take the leadership in developing new facilities in convenient locations in the city and in the surrounding suburbs, to serve the entire metropolitan region and to take advantage of resources found in industry.

"There must be greater coordination between the needs of industry and the skills taught at the high school level.

"For this reason", Mr. D'Alesandro continued, "industry and labor should be involved on a continuing basis in the design of the curricula and in the evaluation of the technical programs.

"It has been reported that there are some 20,000 unfilled jobs in private industry in the metropolitan area. Yet, there is also a dearth of qualified applicants to take advantage of these opportunities in skilled fields."

'Sunday School picnic' halted, police nab 2

Charles Luthardt, 59, chairman of the Fighting American Nationalists, and Robert Robusto, 44, who claims to be head of the Catholic Anti-Communist Committee, two right wing organizations, were arrested Saturday night.

Police took the two into custody about 7 p.m. during a hate rally in Patterson Park.

Police Col. Frank Battoglia said when they tried to disperse the crowd that was becoming disorderly, Mr. Luthardt refused to cooperate, and grabbed him (Col. Battoglia) by the arm.

* * *

THE TWO two appeared before Judge Harry A. Cole Sunday, who reset the hearing for Aug. 13 to allow the accused men time to obtain a lawyer.

Mr. Luthardt was released under $104 bail on the disorderly conduct charge.

Earlier this month he and other segregationists were refused permission to have meetings in public parks.

Mr. Luthardt subsequently put the hate rallies under the name of "Sunday school picnics."

Police check angry crowd

Police broke up a rowdy crowd in the vicinity at Gino's drive-in restaurant North Ave. and St. Paul St. early Monday morning.

The crowd, put at about 100 to 200, by police Col. Frank Battaglia were mainly teenagers who had just come out of a dance at the Crystal Ballroom around the corner on North Ave., police said.

About eight to ten policemen from the Headquarters Tactical Squad took about two hours to disperse the crowd, the colonel reported.

Rock-throwing, window-smashing and angry shouting spread throughout the area before the crowd was brought under control, he said.

Three injuries, none major, were reported.

J. Edward Weaver, 84, was 'dean' of Druid Hill Ave.

J. Edward Weaver Sr., 84, "the dean" of Druid Hill Ave. is dead.

The friendly man with an abiding interest in young people, and with activities in the area where he made his home for 47 years, died unexpectedly on Thursday.

He and his family had lived at 1336 Druid Hill Ave., since 1920.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Trinity Baptist Church, where Mr. Weaver was a charter member.

The Rev. Carl Washington, intermin minister of the church, officiated.

Assisting were two Catholic priests, Father Knox of Immaculate Conception and Father Gay, former Immaculate priest. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

During the early years of his life, Mr. Weaver worked with his father, John R. Weaver, in the catering and upholstering businesses.

In 1910, he opened his own upholstering shop at Lafayette Ave. and Division St. He was noted for his excellent craftsmanship in the trade.

* * *

UNTIL HIS death, he had been the oldest living member of Trinity Baptist Church since it was organized in 1880.

In 1963, Mr. Weaver was honored at a testimonial and given a plaque in recognition of his 75 year membgr.

(Continued on Page 5)

Hicks seeks Council seat

In the listing of candidates in the Aug. 1 edition of the AFRO, the name of Thomas E. Hicks, 3947 Pinhurst Ave., a Democratic candidate for the City Council in the 5th District, was inadvertently omitted.

Mr. Hicks is an attorney, a graduate of Morgan State College, with a law degree from North Carolina College.

Mandel backs D'Alesandro

Marvin Mandel, Speaker of the House of Delegates, has given his endorsement to the mayoral candidacy of Thomas J. D'Alesandro 3d.

Mr. Mandel said:

"The election of Tommy D'Alesandro will consolidate the city delegation and bring the city government closer to the people.

"He has appeared enthusiastically before the Legislature and its committees in gaining assistance and in advancing solutions to Baltimore's problems.

"In my capacity as Speaker of the House of Delegates, I have found Tommy vitally concerned with the welfare of the people of Baltimore, and above all, he is knowledgeable in every facet of city life."

Mr. Mandel also endorsed Mr. D'Alesandro's running mates William Donald Schaefer for City Council President and Hyman A. Pressman for Comptroller.

Rev. Daniels proposes job system for poor

A compulsory civilian conservation corps to employ youths during the summer months in beautification and cleaning work with the city was proposed Monday by the Rev. Sidney Daniels, a 4th District Democratic candidate for the City Council.

He also proposed that there be an acquisition of more camp sites for youths, to be operated on a summer-long mandatory campaign program.

The Rev. Mr. Daniels stated, however, that such crash programs are not the preventive answer to racial disturbances, but training programs furnish one basis.

"There must be," he said, "a complete overhaul of the personnel hiring system of the city government, so that the poor can be employed.

"All city contracts should have a clause guaranteeing the hiring of a minimum number of those on the poverty level."

$50

That's right, each and every week, the AFRO pays a total of $50 for news tips. YOU can share in this prize fund. Just be FIRST to call AFRO City Desk, MUberry 5-6015 as soon as you witness a newsworthy event. Bring photos of news events to City Desk and qualify for a special prize.

C.O.D. OIL CO.
OR. 5-1818
Pay Cash and Save
$15.00
Per 100 Gallons
Tax Included
WE OFFER PREMIUM QUALITY FUEL AT A SAVING

ANNIVERSARY SECTION

The Afro American

BALTIMORE AUGUST 8, 1967

DIAMOND JUBILEE

75TH ANNIVERSARY SECTION

WE ARE 75 YEARS OLD

First AFRO was 10 by 14, four pages

The newspaper read by 611,028 persons each week today differs vastly from the 10 by 14-inch four-page sheet termed AFRO-AMERICAN and issued 75 years ago.

The editor was the Rev. William M. Alexander, 525 McMechen St., pastor of Patterson Avenue (later Sharon) Baptist Church, president of the Northwest Baltimore Colored League and chief supporter of the Northwest Supply Company which operated a provision store at 1210 Fremont Ave. and a printing plant at 1112 Fremont Ave..

The price was three cents a copy.

FIVE BUSINESS MANAGERS

Associated with him were five men termed business managers: W. E. Toney, William H. Daley, George W. Reid, F. A. Gains and George Dowtin.

Messrs. Daly, Toney and Reid were stall keepers in Lafayette Market. Mr. Dowtin was a grocer at 244 Brice St.

After the first issue the size was increased to a 13 by 19 four-column page and then to a seven-column page before adopting the standard eight column format. ...

NEWS ITEMS

News items were much the same as now. The Cab Calloway's celebrated their twentieth anniversary. Bishop James A. Handy held an AME Conference. Bethel Church presented to its pastor, the Rev. J. H. A. Johnson, a $50 purse.

John H. Murphy Sr. was called to serve on the Federal Grand Jury. The Howard-Lincoln football game was called off when the Baltimore Athletic Association refused to rent its pro-league baseball park. Reason assigned was "social equality."

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Dr. Marcus Cargill was a member of the City Council from the Eleventh Ward. Frederick Douglass wrote the AFRO a letter concerning the World's Columbia Exposition at Chicago and Georgia W. Murray was the one colored member in the U.S. Congress.

The Rev. Frank Williams pastored Perkins Square the Rev. Alfred Young, John Wesley ME; the Rev. J. C. Allen, First Baptist.

The Lexington Savings Bank, Everett J. Waring president, had $37,000 in deposits. Warner T. McGuinn was clerk at the Liquor License Board, Lloyd Lowndes was governor of Maryland and McKinley's chances of election to the U.S. presidency were considered excellent.

Dr. William H. Weaver, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church was appointed to the board of the Industrial Home for Colored Girls at Melvale.

MARYLAND MUTUAL

There was a shake-up in the Maryland Mutual Benefit Association of which Nathaniel Gibson was president and Walker Lewis treasurer. The name has since been shortened to Mutual Benefit Society.

William Johnson's Barber Shop was located at 327 Lanvale St. George P. Douglass's dining room at 732 N. Eutaw and John C. Minnis, ice cream manufacturer, at 534 W. Biddle St. Dr. J. W. Johnson had a dentist office at 434 Orchard St.

The AFRO announced that the term "Negro" was offensive and would not be used. Its columns thereafter would employ the term "Afro-American" or "colored" instead.

AFRO ACTUALLY 78

The Rev. Mr. Alexander was no beginner in the newspaper field. His first venture was the "Home Protector," a weekly which he published for three years until he changed its name to AFRO-AMERICAN. Actually this newspaper is therefore 78 years old. Under Dr. Alexander the paper was well printed and well edited.

He remained the owner of the AFRO until August, 1895 when it was taken over by the Northwest Supply Company of which William H. Daly was president. Mr. Daly was an able business executive. Later he became a successful theatrical owner.

William T. Griggs, age 11, addressed the directors of the Supply Company with which his father was associated and advised them that the AFRO was here to stay. At that time two other colored weeklies were published here, "The Standard" and "The Hour."

PROPHET GIRGGS

Young Griggs was a prophet but he did not see the failure of the N. W. Supply Company with its four stores.

John H. Murphy Sr., then 50 years of age, borrowed $200 from his thrifty wife, Martha Howard Murphy, salvaged the name and printing equipment, moved to 1210 Paterson Ave. and the AFRO got its second wind.

Mr. Murphy was editor, advertising and circulation manager, pressman and make-up man. A job printing department helped finance the newspaper.

MERGER WITH LEDGER

Jan. 6, 1900 the AFRO was merged with the Ledger owned and published by Dr. George F. Bragg, the rector of St. James P. E. Church located on N. High St.

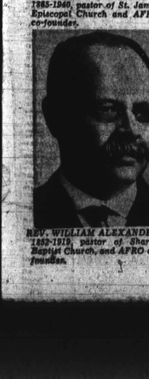
The Ledger plant was located first at 1605 McCulloh St. with William E. Tabb as general manager. It moved to 210 Courtland St. a block away from 307 St. Paul St. to which later spot the AFRO also moved its plant.

NAME LEDGER DROPPED

The Ledger was dropped from the masthead on Dec. 11, 1915. During these 15 years, Dr. Bragg received the princely sum of $3 a week as chief editorial writer.

When John H. Murphy Sr. died in 1922 he was succeeded

(Continued on Page 2)



REV. GEORGE F. BRAGG 1855-1940, pastor of St. James Episcopal Church and AFRO co-founder.

REV. WILLIAM ALEXANDER 1852-1919, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, and AFRO co-founder.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR. AFRO Founder — 1840-1922

He had been a whitewasher, a janitor and a Civil War soldier in 1864. He recalling, was in the wilderness with General Grant and in North Carolina with General Sherman when he captured the rebel army General Joe Johnston . . . . I went in a slave and came out a freedman . . . with a sergeant's stripes on my shoulder . . . with the blue uniform of my country as a guarantee of freedom . . .'

AFRO-AMERICAN.

VOL. 1 NO. 2. BALTIMORE, AUGUST 20, 1892. PRICE TWO CENTS.

NORTHWEST BALTIMORE

This part of the city increases in prosper ity weekly. Everywhere new houses can be seen in course of erection, and they are often occupied before completed. Apparently the new comers both white and colored, are industrious and have located with the purpose of staying and adding wealth to the community. With the increase of population, comes new business enterprises and this has caused the old establishments to take on new life. The outlay of goods are very attractive and will compare favorably in quality and prices with Eutaw and Lexington Streets.

At Lafayette market, the butcher produces dealers make special efforts to furnish the very best quality of supplies. say their method is quick sales and profits. This state of things is a great advantage to some of us, who five years had to pay twenty per cent. more for supplies in Lafayette market, than cost in Lexington. The change has come by men of business ideas, and they serve to be supported in their efforts to keep pace with the age.

One special reason why we Afro-Americans should patronize Lafayette market is that there does not seem to be any office existing between the races. Well colored men do business side by side, they work together for the welfare of each other. This is the result of intelligence and perseverance, and now that the news sentiment has been created let it be in motion. Another great advantage that Northwest Baltimore offers Americans, is that they can buy house easy terms. The houses are well laid on wide streets and have all the improvements. Many Afro-American have lived down town all their lives, recently located among us and the change has added to them health and wealth.

As to Fishing.

The pastor was calling at the home of Brother Billings and the small boy was entertaining him until the parents came down.

"Do you ever go fishin?" inquired the youngster who had inherited his father's fondness for the sport.

"I am a fisher of men," responded good man.

"Do you carry your bait in a jug, like papa does?" was the next question, and just as the minister was preparing to answer with a seraphic smile of innocence lighting up his genial countenance the boy continued "What do you use for a sinker, papa?"

"And what do you want to fish for?" I'd like to know!" was the response.

"Why, papa, I want to wear it, George. Did you think I was fed it to wave in the atmosphere to scare the snakes away?"

AN ALARMING CONDITION.

Our School-status, by W. Ashbie Hawkins.

We have many just complaints against the authorities in a majority of the counties of this State for the very poor facilities provided by them for the education of colored children. The houses and their equipment would be disgrace to younger and less wealthy cities than Maryland, the terms are too short for effective work even by the best teachers, and there is a reckless disregard of the character and attainments of those laced over our children.

[illegible] rollment and better attendance. It is not at all creditable to us that this condition confronts us, and we call upon every teacher in the State to do something to remedy it. The best argument which is used against us when we seek increased facilities, is the one, that we don't take advantage of the ones we have. And a good one it is. We have a right to every facility offered others, but unfortunately for us we do not seem to have the power to enforce it. Neglecting, as we appear to be doing, to profit by our poor advantages, we are not operating successfully for a successful better class. Every parent owes the to himself, his country and his God to ate those for whose being he is responsible.

[illegible] of our people are admittedly [illegible] want, but viewing their surroundings, [illegible] hard to conceive why they cannot [illegible] that illiteracy is their greatest curse, that education is its only remedy. The red teacher of to-day has an enormous [illegible] to do. His mission is primarily to his [illegible] in his school room, but if he stops [illegible], if he does no [illegible] to reach their [illegible] parents, to disperse the darkness [illegible] their homes, he will find that his school [illegible] efforts for good are more than counbalanced by the evil tendencies of his [illegible] association. Let us take advantage [illegible] opportunities as we find them, and [illegible] our time lamenting that they [illegible] of better.

All He Needed.

[illegible] am trying to raise $5 to send to my family," said a ragged-looking speci[illegible] to a man waiting for a Jefferson avenue car, "and if you can help me a little I [illegible] be greatly obliged."

"I don't want me to give you the money, do you?" asked the man.

"Yes, sir; only enough to make out the [illegible] I've got a start, sir.

"How much money do you need?"

"A nickel, sir."

The poor, ragged, [illegible] needy one put his hand in his pocket and [illegible] Daily $4.90, sir," he said, tiredly and [illegible] broke for the car.

What She Wanted With It.

[illegible] I want a new dress, George."

"Why, [illegible]"

"And what do you want to do with it?"

"Why, [illegible] to wear it.

"Did you think I was fed it to wave in the atmosphere to scare the snakes away?"

[illegible] restraints or conditions placed upon us by the powers that be. The school houses may be poor, and the teachers inefficient, there are enough school houses, and a sufficiency of teachers to warrant a larger enrollment and better attendance. It is not at all creditable to us that this condition confronts us, and we call upon every teacher in the State to do something to remedy it. The best argument which is used against us when we seek increased facilities, is the one, that we don't take advantage of the ones we have. And a good one it is. We have a right to every facility offered others, but unfortunately for us we do not seem to have the power to enforce it. Neglecting, as we appear to be doing, to profit by our poor advantages, we are not operating successfully for a successful better class. Every parent owes the to himself, his country and his God to ate those for whose being he is responsible.

[illegible] of our people are admittedly [illegible] want, but viewing their surroundings, [illegible] hard to conceive why they cannot [illegible] that illiteracy is their greatest curse, that education is its only remedy. The red teacher of to-day has an enormous [illegible] to do. His mission is primarily to his [illegible] in his school room, but if he stops [illegible], if he does no [illegible] to reach their [illegible] parents, to disperse the darkness [illegible] their homes, he will find that his school [illegible] efforts for good are more than counbalanced by the evil tendencies of his [illegible] association. Let us take advantage [illegible] opportunities as we find them, and [illegible] our time lamenting that they [illegible] of better.

[illegible] today.

"The houses and their equipment would be a disgrace to a younger and less wealthy states than Maryland," the early bit of AFRO crusading declared.

Apparently ruffled by what is known today as "second-class citizenship status for Americans of color," the writer, W. Ashbie Hawkins an attorney, thundered:

"There is a reckless disregard of the character and attainments of those placed over our children. In some localities, it seems to be the idea of the authorities that anyone is good enough to teach in a colored school."

Pointing out that the State Board of Education reported that there were 68,409 colored children of school age in the state at that time and only 34,796 are enrolled in school; the critique found that the average attendance "reach no higher than 17,273."

For this unhealthy development, the writer took dead aim at colored parents while assessing blame.

"Just think of it!" he complained. "But 50 percent of the children in the state are in the public schools and but 25 percent of them attend regularly.

"Allowing for the number in parochial and private schools, colleges, and universities, there still remains a

(Continued on page 15)

AFRO marks 3,900 weeks of bold crusading

When, in the summer of 1961, three AFRO reporters posing as African dignitaries were served in segregated restaurants on then controversial Route 40, the amused reaction of those who were familiar with the newspaper over the years was, "That's the AFRO for you."

The stunt was typical of the newspaper which for the past 75 years has consistently sought to point up the incongruity of racial segregation in a country which purports democracy.

Its role as a spokesman and a forum for the thoughts of black America has inevitably cast it as the conscience of white America.

* * *

FROM ITS earliest days important decisions were made which have guided the newspapers throughout its life.

Fully aware that the colored American had to make a place for himself in a society that did not welcome him; mindful of the inherent shortcomings of a people enslaved for 244 years, and believing explicitly in the potential of people to make good given the opportunity, AFRO goals were set.

From the vantage point of 75 years, and in the light of today's controversy as to new directions for the colored American, one gets the eerie impression the early decision makers were almost clairvoyant in their relevance.

* * *

FOUNDED IN 1892, the 4-page paper that sold for 2 cents in 1893 contained the usual church and social news.

In the August 29, 1893 edition is a letter from Alexander Echelberger, editor of the Prohibition Advocate, praising the development of the Baltimore newspaper, but lamenting the fact that the colored man "should be so much like his white brother in even evincing a large capacity for the follies and vices of so-called society."

"Hold a stiff rein brother," the newspaper editor urged.

* * *

THE AFRO expressed gratitude to Mr. Echelberger for his "warm acknowledgement," but suggested that his sincere concern for the plight of his colored brother might better be aimed at the conditions under which he lives.

"... we suggest to Brother Echelberger that he use his pen more freely against the lynching and burning of colored men in the South. According to press reports, mob law is now accepted as the higher law of the uncontrollable element in the south.

"Like all other men, the colored man is liable to imbibe bad environment; there is a vividness to his crime to alarm," the young newspaper asserted.

* * *

IT WAS also in the early years that the editors of the AFRO made it clear that the word "Negro," because of its slavery connotations, would not appear in its pages to indicate colored Americans.

"If we had our way we would impose a fine of a hundred dollars on every member of African descent who would stamp our people with such a slanderous term," said an editorial in the August 10, 1895 edition.

Another early conviction of the newspaper was that the colored American should develop businesses of his own.

It sought to set the example by starting the Northwestern Supply Co., and the Lexington Bank, 314 N. Eutaw St.

The Northwestern Supply Company grew to operate stores at 118 Orleans St., 623 Sharp St. and 1216 Fremont Ave., selling interests in the company at $5 a share.

* * *

"INDEPENDENT in all things, neutral in nothing," is the quotation the newspaper carried of its editorial page during early years, and not without meaning.

It was both a declaration of purpose, and a warning to those who sought its unconditional allegiance.

John H. Murphy Sr., who in 1907, gave up his whitewash brush to turn his attention for the next 25 years to building a successful newspaper, turned down the Saloon League's offer of $1,500 for a page of advertising in those early days.

There was money to be made in politics but Mr. Murphy saw early the innate weakness of such alliances. The AFRO was one of the first weeklies to survive without the financial assistance of politicians, or the support of fraternities or churches.

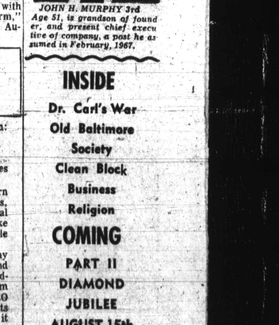
* * *

ITS INDEPENDENCE became apparent over the years.

The newspaper has campaigned with McKinley, bulmoosed with Teddy Roosevelt expounded the cause of the Progressives and LaFollett, and advocated the election of Al Smith, Franklin Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson and John F.

(Continued on Page 2)

DR. CARL MURPHY 1889-1967, son of AFRO founder and chief executive of the newspaper for 44 years until his death on Feb. 25, 1967.



JOHN H. MURPHY 3rd Age 51, is grandson of founder, and present chief executive of company, a post he assumed in February, 1967.

LBJ sends greetings

"President Lyndon B. Johnson leads the nation in saluting the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers on their 75th anniversary, August 13, 1967.

His letter says:

"The seventy-fifth year of continuous publication is a proud milestone for AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers — and for the profession that they have served so long and so well.

"The unfettered press is one of America's most cherished freedoms. But more than that, it is the guardian and sentinel of all freedoms.

"And for three quarters of a century it has found full and responsible expression on the pages of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

"So as you observe this meaningful anniversary, I am delighted to extend my congratulations and warm good wishes to you and to the staff and readers of your fine publications.

"I know that you will carry forward your enviable reputation.

"And I am confident that you will sustain the prompt and reliable news coverage that has earned you the respect of colleagues in the Fourth Estate and the confidence of Americans everywhere."

"LYNDON B. JOHNSON"

AFRO Page One News of 1892

By GEORGE W. COLLINS
City Editor

"We have many just complaints against the authorities in a majority of the counties of this state for the very poor facilities provided by them for the education of colored children."

If time and space permitted, that excerpt could make for a lively guessing game. Ask any reader when and where that statement was published chances are he or she would name any number of current publications which could be commenting on the educational aspect of the race question.

There would be no difficulty in linking it with the current unrest now rocking America's large cities or to the present debate between professional teacher organizations like the Baltimore Teachers Union and the Public School Teachers Association.

* * *

ACTUALLY IT comes from the second edition of the AFRO, published Aug. 20, 1892, one week after the newspaper was founded, a facsimile of which is reproduced on this page.

It was published under the heading of "An Alarming Condition" and detailed the sad plight of educational opportunities for children of color, much like countless pronouncements are doing

Miss Moses is 75 years old on our birthday

Contained within the pages of this special edition of the AFRO is a vivid description of what Baltimore was like 75 years ago when the first edition of the AFRO came off the press.

While there is no graphic picture available showing conditions in Spring Hill, S.C., at that time, it is known that a bouncing baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. George (Abbie Gail) Moses.

That baby, like the AFRO, was born August 13, 1892. Today she is a spry retired seamstress, Miss Lulu M. Moses, who proudly proclaims that "I have served my community for more than 40 years with the best of my skill."

That alone is reason for the AFRO and all its readers to shower Miss Moses with happy birthday greetings and wishes for many more days of good health and happiness.

The dual celebration by Miss Moses and the AFRO is but an extension of a long and treasured friendship. Here's how she puts it:

"I have been a reader of the AFRO Newspapers for many years. I like the Magazine Section best of all, although each column is very interesting to read."

If this priceless endorsement from one of its very special readers gives the AFRO cause to burst its vest buttons, it is understandable.

MISS LULA M. MOSES Bachelor lady also celebrates

An only child, Miss Moses further says:

"I am single and a bachelor. I am a retired seamstress. I made women's and children's clothes besides working on the farm."

Miss Moses now lives at Route 5, Box 26, in Sumter, S.C., but there is little doubt as to where her sentiments lie.

"I am a lifelong member of Shady Grove Methodist Church in Spring Hill. My active groups were the Busy Bee and Live Wire Clubs."

As was the custom of that day, Miss Moses's parents recorded her birthday in the family Bible. Under the heading "Births" is this notation:

"Lulu M. Moses
"Born August 13, 1892.
"Spring Hill, S.C.
"Daughter of George Moses and Abbie Gail Moses."

Since Miss Moses was born the same day the AFRO was, she is eligible for a special prize which will help make her celebration a memorable event.

While extending birthday greetings to Miss Moses and accepting them from individuals and organizations from across this land, the AFRO sincerely hopes that when its 100th anniversary arrives, it will be able to join her in a joint celebration.

INSIDE
Dr. Carl's War
Old Baltimore
Society
Clean Block
Business
Religion
COMING
PART II
DIAMOND
JUBILEE
AUGUST 15th