"She is now at rest..."

BALTIMORE — "She is not dead...she is asleep...death does not signal the end but a new beginning for Christians...we need not take leave of our loved ones by saying 'goodbye'...it is more accurate to say, 'goodnight.'

"Irene had reached the point where her tired body needed rest from the arduous task of a dedicated teacher...sleep has overtaken her...she is now at rest."

The Rev. Robert T. Newbold Jr., minister of Grace United Presbyterian Church, was speaking at Saturday morning funeral services for Mrs. Irene Olivia Colbert Edmonds, 59, of Tallahassee, Fla., where she was on the faculty of Fla. A. and M. College.

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FAMILY AND friends filled the beautiful air-conditioned Nutter Funeral Home for the 40-minute tributes.

Other ministers participating were the Rev. Octavius Graham, Knox United Presbyterian; and the Rev. A. J. Payne, Enon Baptist. Miss Joyce Jones sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Burial followed in Arbutus Memorial Park. Active pallbearers were: James H. Williams, James H. Murphy, Rap Wheatly, Donald Patterson, Alfred Moore, and Herbert Hill.

Mrs. Edmonds was assistant professor of speech and drama at Florida A and M University. Her husband Dr. S. Randolph Edmonds Sr., the internationally-known playwright and former Morgan State College faculty member now heads the Florida A and M College English department.

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MRS. EDMONDS was born in Florence, S.C. Oct. 31, 1908, the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. John T. Colbert.

She came to Baltimore when her father became pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church. Dr. Colbert was the first of his race elected to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Mrs. Edmonds was graduated with honors from the Baltimore public schools. She graduated from Syracuse University cum laude with an A.B. degree in 1928.

Her teaching career in Baltimore began at Douglass High School and Coppin Normal School (now Coppin State College.)

She was awarded a master's degree in writing, speech and drama at Johns Hopkins University in 1947. At Hopkins she was initiated into the Alpha Psi Omega Fraternity, an honorary dramatic organization.

She took post-graduate work at the Alliance Francaise in Paris, France and at Florida A and M University and was working on a doctorate dissertation at Florida A and M at the time of her death.

In the 1930's Mrs. Edmonds accompanied her husband to New Orleans where he became professor of English and drama at Dillard University.

During the last two years of World War II, she was public relations officer for OPRA for the State of Louisiana.

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MRS. EDMONDS was one of the eary pioneers in educational children's theatre and had been working in that area for 28 years.

She established the first children's theatre at Dillard University in 1935, where it flourished under her direction for 12 years.

Later when she and her husband went to Tallahassee, Fla. where he became professor of drama and English at Florida A and M, she organized and directed the FAMU Creative Children's Theatre. Her plays for children have been produced throughout the U.S.

Mrs. Edmonds also won national recognition in verse choirs. Hers was the only Florida group invited to represent the United States at Expo '67 in Canada in 1967.

Her plays and essays in literary criticism have received national acclaim.

Much of Mrs. Edmonds inspiration for community and educational involvement came from her father, Dr. Colbert, and her husband, Dr. Edmonds, and from her great grandfather, the late Dr. Henry H. Garnett, U.S. Minister to Liberia.

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HER LIFE was further enriched by her two children, Miss Hélène Péland Garnett Edmonds and Dr. S. Randolph Edmonds Jr.

She was a member of Jack and Jill of America and a founder of the Cornelia Mothers Club in 1935, the organization from which the local Jack and Jill chapter grew.

Among out of towners at the funeral were Mrs. Louvesta Edmonds, Mrs. Frances Thomas, Lawrenceville, Va.;

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Buggs, Mrs. Alice Dungee Kitchens, Mrs. Rudolph Morris, Mrs. A. O. Walker Jr., Miss Mariam Hughes of Washington and Mrs. Albert Dent, New Orleans, La.

SATURDAY funeral services for Mrs. Irene Edmonds, well-known Baltimorean who died in Tallahassee, Fla. last week, are her daughter, Miss Hénrietta Edmonds and Dr. S. Randolph Edmonds Sr., husband of the deceased, accompanied by Herbert Nutter, the mortician at left. Mrs. Edmonds was the daughter of the former pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, the late Dr. John T. Colbert and Mrs. Colbert, and a professor at Fla. A. and M. University at the time of her death.

Mrs. Henry was a very good cook

"If someone wanted a good dinner from beginning to end they would go to her. She would plan the menu, cook the meal, and serve it too."

"Her specialties were lemon merangue pie and plain cake."

Some neighbors of Mrs. Cora V. Henry of the 2300 block Mosher St. were recalling some charitable moments in the life of this prominent West Baltimore Church woman who died last Wednesday at University Hospital. She was 81.

According to Mrs. Benjamin Vanlaningham, a neighbor, Mrs. Henry had been receiving periodic outpatient treatment at University for diabetes and a heart ailment.

"She was returning to the hospital for a routine checkup when her condition worsened," Mrs. Vanlaningham said.

"She died 45 minutes after they rushed her to the hospital in an ambulance."

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DESCRIBED AS a "very good cook," Mrs. Henry was employed as head dietitian at Friends School and Public School No. 452 for several years.

A native of Towneck, Md., she came to Baltimore in 1900. Six years later she joined Trinity A.M.E. Church.

After her marriage to William Henry in 1931, she joined Trinity A.E. Church.

At Trinity, she served as president of the Emergency Circle until 1967. She was also a member of the Stewardess Board, Missionary Society, and Busy Bees.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Trinity A.M.E. Church Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, William Henry; three foster children, Miss Catherine Leonard, Augustus Leonard, and John Pridgen; and six nephews.

Mrs. Anthony, 34, Morgan secretary

Mrs. Darzell Traver Anthony, 34, a secretary at Morgan State College for the past 10 years, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital last Friday, after an illness of two months.

Mrs. Anthony, wife of Claude A. Anthony, a Bethlehem Steel Company employee, was the mother of two children, Renee, 10 and Claude, Jr., 4. This month she was promoted from secretary I to Secretary II.

A native of Midway, Ala., Mrs. Anthony came to Baltimore with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tarver, 2nd, 31 years ago. She was graduated from Douglass High School and the Cortez Peters Business School. She attended Morgan State College.

For the past two years she has been church clerk at the Bible Way Free Will Baptist Church of which the Rev. J. L. Gamble is pastor.

She was vice president of the Morgan Chapter of the Maryland Classified Employee's Association 1967-68 and on the Hospitality Committee. She was also secretary of the Swannettes Social Club.

Survivors also include four brothers and four sisters. The sisters are Mrs. Rosa Lee Johnson, Mrs. Maxine Waller, Mrs. Evelyn Pearson and Miss Terry Lee Tarver.

Brothers are Lee Andrew, Eddie, III, Ronald Nathaniel and Melvin Allen Tarver. Martin Del Dwyer and Hendricks Funeral Home are handling the funeral arrangements.

—Why enlistments drop

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cline in re-enlistment.

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THE REASONS why colored GIs are not re-enlisting are numerous.

Among them: The Vietnam war, the racial situation at home, better job opportunities in civilian life, a chance to continue their education, and a desire to be part of the struggle for equality at home.

They are bitter because after fighting for democracy in the jungles of Vietnam they are denied the fruits of democracy when they return home.

Defense Department statistics show that the colored soldier in Vietnam almost "dies twice as fast in the Army as he should, statistically. Twelve per cent of the Army in Vietnam is made up of colored soldiers.

Twenty-one per cent of Army deaths by hostile actions, from Jan. 1, 1966 through July 1, 1967, were colored soldiers.

In 1968, more and more colored GIs are victimized by the war. Many of those lucky enough to survive Vietcong bullets are returning to civilian life by the thousands.

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THE AFRO talked to servicemen, who like thousands of others, have decided that military life is not for them.

Most are draftees and Vietnam veterans. One served in Korea. Their reasons for not wanting to re-enlist are as diverse as the things they want to do when they get out of the Army.

"I FIND IT hard to adjust to military career," say SP/4 Freddy Baker, 25, of Roanoke, Va. He is a member of the 47th Direct Support Group, now stationed at Ft. Meade.

Baker, who was drafted into the Army two years ago is due to get out on Oct. 19. He has served with the Army Corps in Vietnam for one year.

He says he is getting out because he wants to go back to college and get a degree in physical education and biology. He had but one semester to finish when drafted.

Baker got married in April and that is another reason why he is not re-enlisting. Also, he feels there are some opportunities for him in civilian life and wants to take advantage of veterans' benefits.

He says despite the situation at home, colored soldiers in Vietnam feel "they do have a job to do. They don't have a choice.

"After being in Vietnam the majority can appreciate the U.S. to a certain degree. They can do productive things and have something to look forward to when they get out of the service."

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ANOTHER MEMBER of the same outfit who is getting out of the Army, because he wants to educate himself, is SP/4 Isaiah Henry. He is from Millsboro, Del. and had been in the Army two years.

The 21-year-old Vietnam veteran is married and has two children, ages three and two. He is leaving the Army on Aug. 31.

Henry had been in Vietnam as army maintenance man for one year and got interested in electronics while in the service. He plans to study electronics under the GI bill.

He says there is "a lot you have to put up with" in military life. He says he is in it not by choice. He was drafted and that's why he is getting out as soon as his time is up.

"A lot of guys I know are planning to get out. They don't like the Army," Henry told the AFRO.

Although he hasn't experienced it himself, Henry says discrimination in promotions existed in some outfits. He was told this by men from other companies.

Henry who says he felt "sorry for the Vietnamese," has no regrets about leaving the Army.

The Army experience "will help me get my diploma," he told this reporter.

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"MY WIFE doesn't want me to stay in the Army," was the reply given by SP/4 James Simmons when asked why he is not re-enlisting. He too is with the 47th group.

Simmons, 22, is from Cincinnati and is not a draftee. He volunteered three years ago, shortly after his wife's brother was drafted. He served with Army signal units in Vietnam for 13 months. He is the father of a two-year-old boy.

His brother got out of the Army last year after serving two years. Simmons is getting out next month

He feels that although Army life has some "nice" moments, civilian life is better. "You got freedom to do what you want to do as a civilian."

Simmons told the AFRO he is getting of the service because "I am tired." Also, "lots of people don't like the Army," he says.

When he gets out next month he plans to go and work for the Ford Motor Company in Cincinnati.

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SP/4 ELMER GREER, of Alton Ill., turned 21 on the day of this interview, July 26. A draftee he was been the Army two years, one year of which was spent in Vietnam. He is now with the 47th group.

He is getting out of the Army on Sept. 22. His reasons are simple and clear. "I don't like it (the Army) and I feel it can do nothing for me."

Two years ago the draft notice come to him as he was about to start school. When he gets out in September his plans are to study radio electronics.

Greer says he, along with hundreds of others, are leaving the service because they feel civilian life is better.

OF THE servicemen interviewed, SP/5 Randolph Matthews is the sole one who hasn't served in Vietnam. He served in Korea for 14 months.

Matthews is with the 18th Medical Brigade at Ft. Meade. He is 21 and a native of Washington, D.C.

He was drafted two years ago and is about to get out on Aug. 23.

Although he says he has "no complaints," Matthews is leaving because he feels he can make more money as a civilian and says "the Army is not for me." He is a baker.

The Army provided him with "nice experience," but he wouldn't want to stay in it.

SP/5 John Wanzer, 24, of Washington D.C., a member of the 18th Medical Brigade who had been in the Army for three years, told the AFRO he had run into racial problems.

Wanzer admits there is discrimination in the service. While stationed in Fort Gordon, Ga., it was a common thing for some of the white GI's to shout racial epithets at colored GIs, he told the AFRO.

He said most of them were from the South and didn't hide their feeling toward colored servicemen. He recalls several instances when he was told "we don't want no black men taking showers with us."

Asked if he ever got mad and started a fight, Wanzer's answer was no. "I think it was ignorance on their part and I let it go."

However, he feels colored GIs are not satisfied with the treatment they get while in the Army and after they get out.

"I feel if people fight for their country they should have a right a to live where they please."

"In a way I think some of the GIs are leaving because of the bias."

Wanzer is married and has a daughter who is two years old. He is getting out of the Army on Aug. 27 because "I just don't like it," he says.

He volunteered after he received a draft notice. This was to avoid being in the active reserve for two years, following his discharge. He has served as a medical specialist in Vietnam for one year.

Before joining the Service he worked as an offset printer for WRC-TV, Washington.

When he gets out of the Army his plans are to work for NBC as an assistant film editor (trainee).

No. 2 is now No. 1 at 25th Street

Dr. Thomas Sheldon, superintendent of public instruction, the No. 1 man in Baltimore public schools, left Friday for two weeks training period with the National Guard for a two-week training period with the National Guard Tactical Control Group at Griffin Air Force Base, Rome, N.Y.

Dr. Sheldon is a Lieutenant Colonel. He will return Aug. 12.

Moving up to the top post during his absence is William Pinderhughes, the No. 2 man, who began duties as an associate superintendent on July 23.

Mr. Pinderhughes, 48, was at his 20th St. desk at 7:45 a.m. Monday morning and stated he is taking care of small items to continue the groundwork for the Fall term which expects 193,000 pupils and 9,000 teachers to file into 220 schools.

As associate superintendent Mr. Pinderhughes, a native of Baltimore, is in charge of personnel, community schools, publications, information services, union activities, community relations, special projects and programs.

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MR. PINDERHUGHES has been in the Baltimore public school system 28 years.

Before he became an associate superintendent, he was director of staff relations and the chief negotiator for the Baltimore public schools.

Also an associate superintendent is Dr. Vernon S. Varina who is in charge of curriculum and instruction; elementary and secondary schools and pupil personnel services. A third associate superintendent post is vacant.

Dr. Sheldon came to head the Baltimore public schools officially on July 1. He was formerly the head of the Hemstead, N.Y. public schools.

Deaths

Evelyn Smallwood, 1238 N. Stricker St.
Lillian Wear, Wilmington Del.
Baby boy Hamilton, 708 Avondale Rd.
Amos Holland, Simpsonville, Md.
Dave Wheeler, 2000 Greenmount Ave.
Bartholomew V. Murdock, 1701 Madison Ave.
Selma Cummings, 213 N. Dallas St.
Lois D. Evans, 420 E. 25½ St.
Cornelius Rice, 1700 Barclay St.
Robert H. Brown, 1602 Spray Ct.
Viola J. Hayes, 3129 Hoffman St.
Arnett W. Jackson, 504 N. Chester St.
Ruth M. Shipley, 301 McMechen St.
Lydia Stokely, 808 St. Paul St.
Samuel P. Simpson, 125 Lakewood Ave.
Elmer King, 547 S. Paca St.
James L. Harris, 1716 Barclay St.
Emma Scott, 1802 N. Regester St.
Blanche Mickens, 1413 N. Gay Line St.
Milton N. Wiggins 3012 N. Wolfe St.
Gertrude Hines, 2716 Woodview Rd.
Joseph W. Jordon, 3830 Edmondson Ave.
Carrie Drake, 1109 Darley Ave.
Samuel L. White, 11 N. Schroeder St.
Ballard Emerson, 2038 Barclay St.
Thomas Mosby, 1701 Guilford Ave.
Leila B. Smith, 106 Dorchester Ave.

—Youth leader

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who are under 25. This is a crime not to have these people represented," Mr. Young said.

Mr. Young, who has been active in youth affairs, said that "if there is money for other things, then there is money for young people. They should get ready for the 20th Century."

Mr. Young, who has attended New York University, will be entering Morgan State this fall. He said that the present administration of Mayor Thomas J. D'Alesandro was making strides in reaching youth, but that it wasn't enough.

"Mayor McKeldin had a youth commission made up of adults, but the campaign of Mayor D'Alesandro had promised a youth commission," Mr. Young said.

The young politician said that he wanted a Youth Commission created that would be independent of the administration and that would be a "sounding board" on legislation and programs affecting the youth of Baltimore.

"The Youth Council hasn't done as well as expected," stated Mr. Young, citing that Mayor D'Alesandro has met with the Council for a grand total of five minutes.

"I want to see a place on the agenda by September and the mayor committed the new commission," he stated, adding that he had been working on an ordinance to be passed by the City Council for creation of a Youth Commission.

The Youth Council has passed resolutions in the past endorsing John O. Hopkins, controversial head of the Community Schools project, and has urged President Johnson to lower the voting age, according to Mr. Young.

Mr. Young observed that "at least it is giving us an opportunity that we never had."

The vice-president of the Mayor's Youth Concil also noted that 63 per cent of the youth in the city are black.

Noting that "the mayor should be identified with the young," Mr. Young said that "they are placing priorities everywhere else."

Mr. Young differs from some other factions of the youthful element by believing in "change from within, we should work with what we have."

Mr. Young said that some of the members of the Youth Council were "very scared" in speaking out on their feeling toward the administration and that an independent Youth Council would bring the real problems into the open.

"The youth revolution is needed as an answer to the blight, and all the other urban problems, the mayor should listen to what we have to say," Mr. Young stated.

"My answer is not race but youth, youth power," he said.

—The electric man

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formation of a hearing in Domestic Court, you then filed suit for divorce on grounds of adultery?

A Yes.

Asked what other evidence of infidelity he had obtained, the husband testified his wife would say she was going to the store and return to their apartment after midnight.

The husband also testified at one time he saw his wife escorted to their door by a man and at another time, he observed them in a car kissing.

Informing the court that he "stuck it out for the sake of the kids," the husband also reported in the meantime he found out "the electric man"—was residing in the 700 block W. North Ave.

He testified he recognized the man as "the man I had seen around fixing electric wires at the apartment house."

At one point in investigation of his wife's actions the husband testified he saw her and "the electric man" going-along-on North Ave. to his apartment where she stayed until after midnight.

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THE BLACKWELLS were married Aug. 25, 1962 in a religious ceremony in Baltimore, the record shows.

The husband testified he was a kind and faithful spouse and has been unable to forgive or condone his wife's actions.

Testifying on his behalf was his brother, Mitchell Blackwell, who also told the court of infidelities he had observed.

The witness testified one day he knocked on his brother's apartment door and the wife "cracked it open about six inches."

During the moment the door was cracked and before the wife shut the door, the witness told the court, "I saw the guy lounging on the couch."

Continuing, the witness testified, "She closed the door. She said for me to come back when my brother was home."

Later, witness testified, he observed his brother's wife and "the guy" going-in-a-taxicab located at Whitelock St. and Druid Hill Ave. around 1 a.m.

As he waited for a bus on the corner the witness testified he stood there over 45 minutes "and they never came out."

Sometime in the winter of 1965, the witness also testified, he observed the wife and "the guy" kissing and making love in a 1966 Mercury around 10 o'clock at night.

He told the court that "the guy" was employed at a local gas and electric firm.

Herbert Hirch, attorney, represented Mr. Blackwell at the deposition. The wife was not present at the hearing nor was she represented by an attorney.

—Mitchell

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VISTA volunteers who serve in the anti-poverty programs throughout the nation.

Mr. Mitchell proposed that two years of service in either the VISTA program or the Peace Corps should be offered as a choice to military service.

Mr. Mitchell had earlier blasted the Selective Service System in a position paper on the military draft.

The former head of the Community Action Agency charged that many draft boards have members who do not live in the area the board covers.

Mr. Mitchell pointed out that there are only a handful of black board members in population areas where the community is all colored.

"Draft Board number 16, for example, in Maryland's 7th Congressional District, has only one member who is a resident of the area in which Board number 16 functions," Mr. Mitchell wrote in his criticism of the draft.

The candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 7th district said that the determination of military service for young men "should not be made by people who know little or nothing of his life and his circumstances and his hopes and chances."

Mr. Mitchell pointed out that Selective Service Boards 20 and 22 have no members living in the area that they cover, and that "colored members of draft boards are scarce anywhere in the 7th Congressional district, although a district had several thousand black families."

Mr. Mitchell also charged that board 2 "in a large black area has no black members."

The Murphy Homes Recreation Center is sponsoring its first summer fun carnival for the community August 2, at 1 p.m.

Featured at the "Big 8 Fun Camp" will be food, games and rides for all.

The Murphy Homes Recreation Center is located at 730 George St. For more information contact Mr. Pasley Graham, 637-7348.

—Registration

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Chestnut St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
School 200, 2516 W. Lombard St., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

AUG. 6

School 22, Hamburg and Scott Sts., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
School 70, Warren and Battery Aves., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
School 101, Biddle and Wolfe Sts., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

AUG. 7

Pimlico Jr. High, Pk. Hgts. and W. Northern Pkwy., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
Library (Brooklyn), Third and Patapsco Aves., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

AUG. 8

Pimlico Jr. High, Pk. Hgts. and Northern Pkwy. W., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
School 400, Edmondson and Athol Aves., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
School 145, Poplar Grove and Lafayette Ave., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

AUG. 9

School 145, Poplar Grove and Lafayette Ave., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.
Brent Association, 1919 Brunt St., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

AUG. 10

Cherry Hill)Community Center), 2700 Spelman Rd., 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

NOTE: The office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, Peoples Court Building, Fayette and Gay Streets, will be open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. including Saturdays, from Aug. 7, through Aug. 12, the last day of registration prior to the Primary Election to be held Tuesday, Sept. 10.

—Mayor urges

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applied to minor violations.

After the meeting, Mr. Pomerleau said that he would issue a departmental directive to city police on the use of "stop and frisk."

Mr. Burch said in his guidelines that the "stop and Frisk" ruling by the Supreme Court could be used in all suspected crimes under "reasonable suspicion."

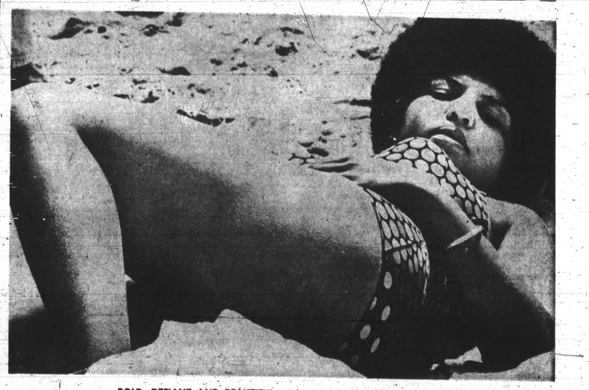
The mayor said that he thought the attorney general's guidelines were "good state-wide" and that he wanted to be certain that police are sensitive to some of the social problems I deal with" in the city.

Mr. Russell had sent a letter earlier to Mayor D'Alesandro asking that he use his office to urge that the "stop and frisk" rule would be used with restraint to "insure the safety and stability of our city."

SOMETHING WONDERFUL HAPPENS...

Living proof that something wonderful does happen in Summer are these four beautiful women who were photograpehd by the AFRO photographer at Atlantic City. These fascinating and candid shots also give evidence to the splendid variety of beauty among black women.

ROUND FACED BEAUTY contemplating the sea



BOLD, DEFIANT AND BEAUTIFUL and serene, a storm at peace

YOUTHFUL, EBULLIENT with a smile as bright as the sun

EXOTIC, DELICATE a slender wisp of chestnut dressed in white.

YES, WE ALL TALK

By MARCUS H. BOULWARE

Can't Think on Feet

Question: I am an accountant who can dictate a convincing letter and talk persuasively in small groups and conferences.

However, when I am on the platform, the sea of upturned faces rattles my thoughts.—J.K.

Answer: Work hard at setting up purposes for your speech (to inform, to persuade, etc.), and keep at it daily and persistently.

I suggest that you read aloud, make an outline of your speech, and then discuss the main points in terms of the issues.

This plan will work no matter if you are in your favorite arm chair, behind your desk, or on the public platform.

Obatofy Booklet: In reply to injuries about the booklet on the oratory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the supply is getting and no more will be printed.

Send one dollar to defray printing cost and postage.

Readers: Questions on speech will be answered in this column, or by mail if you send two stamps and a long, self-addressed business envelope to M. H. Boulware, Tennessee A and I State University, Box 364, Nashville, Tenn. —37203.

STACEY ANSWERS

I'm now interested in another man

Let Stacey help you with problems, if you are 21 or over or if you have an adult problem. Drop a card or a short letter to Stacey Answers, AFRO Magazine P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore Md., 21203. All names will be kept confidential.

Dear Stacey:

I'm 26 years old, married but separated and, the mother of four. I've been separated from my husband four years and I'm now interested in another man.

We've been going together for about a year and he has asked me to marry him in July.

He is nice, generous and I believe he loves me. I know that I love him. What do you think of this situation? Please Help.

Dear Please Help:

It sounds like a simple situation. If you two love each other and you believe that he's good for you and your children then get your divorce and marry him. Your kids need a good father.

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Dear Stacey:

I have a very grown up problem. I'm 18 and there's this fellow who wants to marry me.

I've told him that I won't marry him or accept the ring which he has bought. But he won't listen. What I refused to marry him he cried. He actually cried.

Every night he comes to my house and stays until at least 1:30 a.m. I ask him to go home; he stalls. I fall asleep and when I awake he's still there.

He won't even listen to my parents who tell him that I'm too young and they won't let me get married. Even his mother has tried talking to him. Please help me!. In Serious Trouble.

Dear Serious:

It seems to me that it's up to your parents to first keep this boy out of your house at those hours; keep him out all together if necessary.

And secondly, your father should inform the lad that his desire for marriage to your daughter is premature. Heaven only knows what difference it would have made but you shouldn't have lied to him.

Set it straight. Tell him the whole truth about the baby and everything; the two of you then go to your parents and explain it to them.

Then pray!

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Dear Jan:

I'm 17 and I have a 21-year-old boyfriend who is in Germany. My parents know how we feel about each other and they know that he asked me to marry him when he comes home.

We've been going together about four years and I've already accepted his proposal.

My parents don't think I'm ready for marriage and I know they won't approve of my going ahead anyway.

I know I'm ready for marriage; don't you think so? CONFUSED

Dear Confused:

No.

If you were you'd know that in your state you are considered a minor and you would have to have the written consent of your parents before a marriage license would be issued to you.

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Dear Jan:

I like a boy who is 16 but he lives 16 miles from me. I don't see him very often. What can I do to see him more? IN LOVE

Dear Love:

If your families don't move any closer to each other you'd better find a fellow who lives nearer.

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Dear Jan:

I am 15 and my boyfriend is always picking arguments with me. He's very nice but he just doesn't know how to carry himself.

Should I help to change him since we love each other or should I forget him.

We've been going together for two years. LONELY

Dear Lonely:

Apparently you are outgrowing your boyfriend. It's a natural thing so don't expect too much from him. Above all, don't try to change him.

If he doesn't catch up, don't worry; someone will come along who'll fit in better with your ideas of what a young man should be like.

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Dear Jan:

I'm 18, and this girl is always picking on my boyfriend. She says that she'll pick on him as much as she wants and there's nothing I can do about.

I'm going to have his baby soon and I'm afraid to lose him. He said that he loves me and not to worry about this girl but I can't help it.

What can I do? G. J. F. L.

Dear G. J. F. L.:

Don't worry, after the baby comes you'll feel a little more secure. This other girl won't frighten you half as much when your confidence returns.

In the meantime, you'd better start worrying about what kind of home you're going to have and how you can best arrange for its welfare.

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Dear Jan:

I'm 16, and I'm crazy about a boy who is 17. Before I got so crazy about him he used to come to see me two or three times a week.

I live on the outskirts of the city and he lives in the city.

Now he says that I live too far away, and he doesn't like to come out here.

But he knows that I'm crazy about him and he doesn't want to come and see me at all. He wasn't like that before I got so crazy about him.

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3129
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Contrast in fabrics will add to the interest of this pair that cuts the skirt on the bias and cuts the sleeve in one with the side of the overblouse. The lines all make for easy sewing. No. 3129 comes in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 14, skirt 1¾ yards of 54-inch; blouse, 1¼ yards of 54-inch.

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If you want your little maid to look like a doll, make her this nursery princess and its pretty pinnie. No. 3227 comes in sizes 2, 3 and 4. In size 4 dress takes 3 yards of 35-inch fabric; pinnie 1⅛ yards of 35-inch.

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TELL IT TO JAN

I've accepted his proposal

If you are under 21 and have a teen-age problem, Jan might lend you a helping hand. All letters will be answered in this column ONLY. Write Jan, AFRO Magazine P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. Write all letters clearly and briefly.

Dear Jan:

I'm 20 years old and in love with a girl 19. I treated her very nice and gave her everything she wanted. She said she loved me but she left me for another fellow who beats her up a lot.

What about this? F. O. O. L.

Dear F. O. O. L.:

Don't take it so hard. It's easy to see that the things you thought the young lady wanted were just not the things she wanted.

That's an honest mistake. So look at the brighter side. She'll probably have him locked up for assault before long.

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Dear Jan:

I'm 15. My problem is that I look at least two years older. My boyfriend is 19.

I am pregnant and he doesn't know it. I told him that I was 16 when we started going together a year ago. He never found out how old I really am. TROUBLED

Dear Troubled:

How you look is the very least of your problems mention the trouble your boyfriend is in.

Heaven only knows what difference it would have made but you shouldn't have lied to him.

Set it straight. Tell him the whole truth about the baby and everything; the two of you then go to your parents and explain it to them.

Then pray!

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Dear Jan:

I'm 17 and I have a 21-year-old boyfriend who is in Germany. My parents know how we feel about each other and they know that he asked me to marry him when he comes home.

We've been going together about four years and I've already accepted his proposal.

My parents don't think I'm ready for marriage and I know they won't approve of my going ahead anyway.

I know I'm ready for marriage; don't you think so? CONFUSED

Dear Confused:

No.

If you were you'd know that in your state you are considered a minor and you would have to have the written consent of your parents before a marriage license would be issued to you.

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Dear Jan:

I like a boy who is 16 but he lives 16 miles from me. I don't see him very often. What can I do to see him more? IN LOVE

Dear Love:

If your families don't move any closer to each other you'd better find a fellow who lives nearer.

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Dear Jan:

I am 15 and my boyfriend is always picking arguments with me. He's very nice but he just doesn't know how to carry himself.

Should I help to change him since we love each other or should I forget him.

We've been going together for two years. LONELY

Dear Lonely:

Apparently you are outgrowing your boyfriend. It's a natural thing so don't expect too much from him. Above all, don't try to change him.

If he doesn't catch up, don't worry; someone will come along who'll fit in better with your ideas of what a young man should be like.

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Dear Jan:

I'm 18, and this girl is always picking on my boyfriend. She says that she'll pick on him as much as she wants and there's nothing I can do about.

I'm going to have his baby soon and I'm afraid to lose him. He said that he loves me and not to worry about this girl but I can't help it.

What can I do? G. J. F. L.

Dear G. J. F. L.:

Don't worry, after the baby comes you'll feel a little more secure. This other girl won't frighten you half as much when your confidence returns.

In the meantime, you'd better start worrying about what kind of home you're going to have and how you can best arrange for its welfare.

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Dear Jan:

I'm 16, and I'm crazy about a boy who is 17. Before I got so crazy about him he used to come to see me two or three times a week.

I live on the outskirts of the city and he lives in the city.

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A HERO'S HONOR

MR. AND MRS. EARL MILES (center) accepted the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge and the Expert Rifleman Badge, awarded posthumously to their son, Staff Sergeant Roney H. Johnson, who was killed by hostile action in Vietnam. The presentation was made at Fort Meade, Md. by Post Commander Colonel Charles B. Boswell (second from right). Mr. and Mrs. Miles live at 233 Midland Avenue, Baltimore.