Litterers Don't Help Him

Our Readers Say:

Cheers Black Youth

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Balto.

Dear AFRO:

Friday evening I was viewing the American Legion's parade across from the Civic Center when it began to pour down rain.

A very large and impressive marching group which had just swung onto Baltimore Street from Howard, immediately broke rank and bundled under the overhanging shelter of the Center. It was obvious that they did not wish to ruin their beautiful uniforms or cause damage to their expensive musical instruments.

Directly behind them came a much smaller group of black youngsters, marching proudly behind their leaders, and bearing two rows of flags.

They were sure getting soaked and blown all right, but they marched bravely on, never faltering. All of us black folk on the sidewalk were so proud we just had to applaud and cheer them on. Some of them looked our way smiling and encouraged.

The white group then apparantly shameful, pulled themselves into formation, and got back into the parade.

A small incident, but it illustrated, I felt, for the one millionth time, that we will not be turned back by adversity.

As the parade broke up, I heard one little black fellow say proudly, "They sure weren't fast quitters."

MRS. ROSE ANDERSON

Urban League Thanks

Dear AFRO:

Many thanks for the very fine article about our membership campaign and other information regarding the Urban League that appeared in the July 12th issue of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

This article has added greatly to our membership campaign and the publicity for our agency is beyond measure.

TRAIVS W. VAULS
Deputy Executive Director

Vote Against

Dear AFRO:

I am writing this to warn all my sisters and brothers, how important it is that we vote against Governor Mandel's proposed judgeship bill. I happened to be sitting in Southern Police Court last Tuesday where Jerome Robinson was presiding and two cases in particular aroused my interest.

One was a fifty-eight-year-old man, the other a seventeen-year-old boy. Both were black and I would say of middle income. Well dressed, easy going, soft spoken, etc.

Both were alleged to have taken merchandise valued at less that two dollars between them, both incidents occuring during store hours, what I call shoplifting, but they call grand larceny.

Both had private lawyers and both had paid money to get out on bail the night before.

Neither had been in trouble before. The elder man had just retired from Government service the old way before, having worked twenty-eight years, the youngster was an 11th grade student. Both arrests were by special policemen, one black and one white.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty. Previous to their case a white youth had been accused of going through the Harbor Tunnel and not paying the sixty cents toll. His arrest was by tunnel police, state employees.

He was let off and jokingly told to pay the sixty cents toll after pleas from his lawyer about the importance of not having a record.

When the lawyers for the two blacks entered the same pleas, especially for the youngster, Robinson blew off steam.

He blasted the lawmakers and the Supreme Court for changing the recent decision concerning the bail and fines, he blasted social change, and accused them of sitting back in their high chairs not knowing what from what, and this new law did in fact disgust him.

He found them both guilty and fined them both thirty five dollars.

Now these two people could both afford to pay this it seems without any real hardship, but suppose they had been poor along with being black, this could have been the start of many frustrations. Suppose both these people had sought employment and had been lucky enough to find it the next day, and then lost it because of this one thing. I don't condone crime, but I certainly do believe in justice.

Name withheld

Ed. Note: There will be no special election in November on the Mandel proposed constitutional amendment. However, the proposals will be placed on the ballot in November, 1970.

Slave And Master

Dear AFRO:

The white community has again shown the black community who is the slave and the master. On Saturday evening, January 18 at the Trailways Bus Station, a brother was harassed by a policeman.

The cop began hitting the brother in the chest with his "nigger stick." Believing that "this just ain't enough," the cop then turned loose his dog to attack the brother.

The dog not only bit the brother, but attacked the cop. When bystanders began protesting this form of police brutality they were arrested.

This incident took place almost six months ago. By this time you would have taken it for granted that Pomerleau would have begun to get his men "in order."

In case you were not informed or you were too busy following behind "whitey," twelve black brothers were given bails that amounted to over $200,000.00 Why? The reason why is because they protested the action of Officer Alvin Nachman, who was accused of deliberately instructing his K-9 dog to attack a group of West Baltimoreans on June 27.

I think it is very sad indeed that these young men must face the world with a criminal record, just because they protested and stood up like men against the treatment of a sister.

If you had been sitting on those steps Alvin Nachman's K-9 dog may have given you his autograph. Some doubts have arisen over whether or not this "incident" would have occurred in a white neighborhood. I don't have any doubts, this incident would have never occurred.

How many of these "accidental cases" can black people tolerate? When will you sit down and demand to M a n d e l and Pomerlean that this action never be repeated and Joseph Uhuruh (Ulysses Bagwell) be freed? You must work now because I don't want to read about you in the AFRO or any other local paper.

SWAHALI MBOYA
Prime Minister of
the Black Student
Union-Edmondson
High School Branch

AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future ensured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums to provide jobs for everybody;

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

JOHN H. MURPHY SR. — 1920

"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of hate and bitterness."—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Baltimore Afro-American

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful, and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

Unthinking Adults

Children love to live in beauty, just like adults. All summer children in the city can be seen participating in clean-up campaigns, such as AFRO Clean Block, sweeping streets and decorating the area with flowers.

Right behind them come adults littering the streets as fast as the children can clean up. The adult litterers come from all over the city and the counties.

Unthinking persons ride through the city, throwing refuse from car windows because they feel the city is already dirty and one more piece of paper or one more can won't make any difference.

Persons who live in the neighborhood where the children are cleaning up toss garbage on the sidewalks and leave empty bottles on the steps and in alleys.

Although the work of the sanitation department is inadequate and trash cans are needed in many areas, adults can do a lot to set an example for cleaning up and keeping the neighborhood free of litter. Find a trash can or ask the city to deliver one.

Children remember the actions of their elders and often copy them.

Lets not discourage youngsters who want to do right and live in whatever beauty they can.

Stay On The Issues

Mrs. Helen Smith has a police record. In 1966 under the name of Hilda Betters she was found guilty of assaulting a man during an argument. She was fined $54 dollars. So was he.

She failed to pay the fine and changed her name to Helen Smith. Three years ago, in 1966, a warrant was issued for her arrest for not paying the fine.

Ironically, the case did not come out in the open until Mrs. Smith was attacked by a K-9 dog and filed a suit against the city.

The propaganda value, of course, is immeasurable. Her "record" can now be used as an instrument to discourage those who wanted to support her cause.

We think that the fine and the infraction have nothing to do with the case she is filing in court or with the question of who was right the night she was bitten by a policeman's dog.

Mrs. Smith's attorney, Mrs. Juanita Mitchell of the NAACP acted wisely in paying the fine and bringing Mrs. Smith to Northwestern district to face the law.

She has paid her debt to the court and now we hope that if she is due a payment for her injury, the city will as promptly pay her.

Besides Mrs. Smith's court case, there are the issues of what will become of the policeman involved and what is the future of police-community relations in Baltimore's black community.

Thus far, the Mayor and the Governor have dismissed proposals for an independent police review board. We think all proposals must be considered.

A concrete improvement must be made in police attitudes toward black people before the K-9 issue can be resolved and justice done.

And the situation will certainly not be improved by bringing up an old case that may wrongly blemish the image of Mrs. Smith.

Floating Equality

The city is planning a unique, futuristic floating housing project under the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The department's director, Robert Embry, went on record this week in an interview with the AFRO with the statement that the new project will be for everybody (See page 13).

In the past when new appealing projects were built in the city, they were obviously designed for the high i n c o m e bracket. We have Mr. Embry's word that this will not be the case for the Harbor project — that rich and poor will be able to live in the floating homes.

We agree with Mr. Embry that the time is past for the poor to be relegated to sub-standard housing and ghetto environments.

We will be looking to see whether his word is kept when and if the floating city becomes a reality.

Welfare 'Harassment'

The new chairman of the State Board of Social Services made two unfortunate and dangerous statements this week about welfare rights groups and welfare recipients.

Both statements add up to potentially increased hostilities between recipients and the Department.

Says Mr. Nicholas C. Mueller, "what I would like to do is improve the system by taking the money we give to people who just waste it and squander it and give it to the deserving . . . this is idealistic, but I think it can be done."

To fulfill this "ideal" he plans to inaugurate a reporting system: welfare recipients will have to itemize how they spend their checks.

By his own admission, Mr. Mueller states the obvious fact that "this will show people that most of the welfare recipients do what they are supposed to with the money."

In order to catch a few who don't spend their money the way the department thinks they should, Mr. Mueller plans to burden all recipients with the offensive, time consuming job of justifying their expenditures.

His second statement shows an even greater lack of understanding.

He says he opposes the agreement reached between the Welfare Rights Coalition here and the Department of Social Security. The agreement, won after days of protest, allows the group to use a phone and table at the department's headquarters.

"It's not quite cricket to give someone a desk and phone so he can harass you, and that's what the city's in for," says Mr. Mueller.

What the city has really done is attempt to improve relations between the department and recipients. The purpose of the welfare group is to take care of persons who are not receiving adequate aid and to educate recipients about the law.

If this is harassing to Mr. Mueller, then he obviously does not have the welfare of the needy at heart.

Rat Problem

Dear AFRO?

I am one of your neighbors and a very young one at that. I have lived on Cliftview Ave. for about 16 years. I have watched our neighborhood change! I like this neighborhood and I believe you do too! It is nicely located, near parks, churches, colleges, food stores, department stores, and bus lines.

We have just recently received some trees to replace the ones cut down years ago. These new additions to the street scenery have enabled some of us to better show that we care about the physical appearance of our fronts. Many of us take pride in fixing up our backyards and being able to sit in them to enjoy the summer evening breeze, but did you know that there might not be any summer evening sit-outs or cook-outs this summer, Surprise! Well it's true.

From my observation I have concluded that if we (at least those using the alley between Cliftview and Normal Avenues) are to use our backyards for pleasant evening sit-outs and cook-outs we must do something about the rats. I have observed that the majority of the cats walking up and down the alley don't even attempt to capture any of those big rats.

I was sitting in my lounge chair very still listening to my radio when all of a sudden out of the corner of my eye, I noticed two little creepy shadows approaching from behind. I lifted my bare feet off the ground and began to yell and do a little jig in my chair.

Due to all the noise I created, my two little intruders in their haste to escape my wrath dropped their crust of bread, salvaged from a neighbors can, and took off down the drain gulley. I don't know about you but I can't bear many of such experiences.

We all must join in the fight to preserve our summer sit-outs and cook-outs. We can hit the rats where it hurts the most, his stomach. We can cut off his food supply by sweeping up our yards, making sure we have proper paper and garbage containers and by plugging up all suspected rat holes.

By doing these three simple things we can be assured that we can sit in our back yards in the evenings and enjoy the summer breeze that will add the finishing touches to our sit-outs and cook-outs.

C. A. CARTER

Roy Hamilton Succumbs:

A Great Troubadour Falls

The world of music was saddened this week by the passing of one of its great singers, Roy Hamilton, who died at his home in New Rochelle over the weekend.

Mr. Hamilton carved a name for himself via the record route which has made household names out of many great performers whose songs have gladdened the hearts of many who might have found through his music an escape from the vicissitudes of life.

With so much sorrow in the world, anybody who devotes his talents to erasing just a few of the shadows from our troubled lives has lived a good life because he made the burdens of others a little lighter to bear.

Mr. Hamilton reached his professional peak a little too late to become a hero of youth, in spite of the fact that he was a relatively young man reaching the age of only 41 when he died.

He started his professional career as a gospel singer as did Aretha Franklin, Della Reese, Dionne Warwick, Lou Rawls and many others who have reached the heights of popularity in recent years.

Mr. Hamilton, in spite of having a par excellent voice and a handsome face, was also the victim of color, constantly paying the dues of race that kept him from reaching the heights attained by white male singers of lesser talent like Eddie Fisher, Dean Martin and Elvis Presley and others who were given the romantic roles which were denied Hamilton on radio, television, stage and movies.

But in spite of all this, Roy Hamilton will long be remembered for his rendition of such inspirational songs which brought comfort to m a n y, such as "You'll Never Walk Along" and "Let There Be Love," both of which had a spiritual value we shall not soon forget. Like many others of our great artists, whose ranks are being thinned too rapidly, Roy Hamilton will be missed by the music world.

Afro Line

AFRO LINE is an AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be. All you have to do is write a post card to AFRO LINE, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address, and phone number. Then watch for the answer in the AFRO LINE each week because that is where the action is.

QUESTION: Who won the NAACP baby contest last month. The AFRO never did say. — JAMES COOK

ANSWER: One-year-old Orlando Daniels, shown here with his mother, Mrs. Eugene Daniels, copped the first prize, a silver loving cup. He reported $370.00 and was sponsored by Mrs. Susie Murphy of Wayland Baptist Church.

Miss Tanya Lockley, 16 months, won second prize of a diamond ring. She is the daughter of Mrs. Talullah Lockley of Brighton Street. Miss Lockley was sponsored by the Morning Star Baptist Church and reported $294.50.

Miss Andrea Michele Waker, age 4 years, received 3rd prize of a Silver Drinking Cup. She is the daughter of Mrs. Jesse Waker of Cordelia Ave. She was sponsored by the Rev. Mr. Meade of Israel Baptist Church and reported $233.55.

Other runners-up included: Miss Renee M. Grahm, 6 months, granddaughter of Mrs. Madge Cannon; Miss Ellen Young, sponsored by Mrs. Ida Russell; Master Alexander Murray Schmoke, age 2 months, son of Mrs. Murray A. Schmoke; James William Dandridge, age 5 years, son of Mrs. James Dandridge Sr.; Yvette Parham, age 9 months, sponsored by Mrs. Ethel Jones; Monica Hawkins, age 7 months, sponsored by M. Watts; Leslie Williams, 15 months, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Williams; Rosa Lee Wilson, sponsored by Mrs. Ella Mae Veney; and Stephen Brody, age 3 years, grandson of Mrs. Louise Dickerson.

The entire drive turned out to be very enjoyable and profitable.

SWARMING BEES

QUESTION: In the summer time, many of us have problems about swarming bees, what can be done about them.

ANSWER: Mr. Hugo W. Lee contacted AFRO LINE and said when the bees begin to swarm and create problems for many people in the city and nearby areas, he will be glad to remove such swarms free of charge. Please call, 523-8663 or 747-5810.

LANDLORD PROBLEM

QUESTION: I've complained to my landlord about my roof leaking, spigot leaking and window broken out. When I first moved in, the windows were fixed once and tar put in the sky light. Children have been playing ball and broke the windows out since. What can I do? Mrs. Anna Mae Wallace, 2204 Guilford Ave.

ANSWER: The AFRO Line contacted your landlord, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weinberg. Weinberg Realtors. Mrs. Weinberg said the list of complaints would be taken care of and given to the repairman.

Political Notebook

Demo Youngbloods Girding For Primary

By MAX JOHNSON

If a degree of validity is to be credited to early indications, next year's Democratic primary could be seen shaping into an old fashioned slugfest such as only oldtimers and young oldtimers would remember.

Inner-party confrontation between the long powerful "Old Guard" conservatives and a rapidly growing dissent element which have liberal-thinking "Youngbloods" is unavoidable.

Sharp differences are sure to be reflected in opposing serious candidates fielded and/or supported by both factions.

A seething Democratic Party revolution is gaining momentum in key areas of this state, particularly the a-case in point is whether the Youngbloods can swing efforts advantageously.

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There are a number of early examples.

P a r r e n J. Mitchell, former noteworthy director of the city's Community Action Agency, will make his second successive bid to unseat veteran Rep. Samuel N. Friedel in the northwest 7th congressional District.

Mr. Mitchell, now a Morgan State College professor, is a Democratic Youngblood of proven representation ability — who lost to Mr. Friedel in "his initial try" by a narrow margin on a rainy primary day

Mr. Mitchell learned a lot in that campaign. Black voters have vastly increased in that district with rapidly changing neighborhoods.

By the time of the coming primary, they should form 50 percent or more of the party's registration there.

Mr. Mitchell's chances of becoming Maryland's first black congressman are bright—but he will be bucking the Old Guard all the way.

In a similar situation is likely at this point to be State Sen. J. Joseph Curran in the city's neighboring 4th Congressional District.

Sen. Curran, it will be recalled, made a strong bid in the last campaign for the Democratic seat of Rep. George H. Fallon, dean of Maryland congressman who has held the post since 1945.

Sen. Curran, too, is of the rising Youngblood faction, a young man with new ideas and considerably more liberal-thinking than Rep. Fallon.

Changing trends in that district could be advantageous for the senator—should he bid again as reports have it.

Rep. Fallon is virtually unknown in the black community—except among political oldtimers and young oldtimers.

He's a broad member of the Old Guard.

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Top man among the Youngbloods by virtue of office is Sen. Joseph D. Tydings, who is bidding to hold his U. S. Senate seat.

It was back in 1964 that Mr. Tydings brashly bucked the Old Guard establishment and beat out the faction's backed Louis L. Goldstein for the party nomination.

He then went along to knock off the Republican J. Glenn Beall in the general, who had held the seat for 10 years.

Old Guard support was lukewarm.

The frisky Mr. Tydings had added insult to injury by paying the state's contingent of delegates to the Democratic National Convention with his Youngblood supporter.

Many of the Old Guard brass still wince when that rebellion is recalled.

Sen. Tydings, therefore, is going to have to face some strong party opposition.

Already s o m e of the Old Guard brass have feelers out for an opposing candidate.

Early example was the non-surprising announcement over the weekend by House speaker Thomas Hunter Lowe that he may seek the Tydings seat.

On the heels of that came a report that Gov. Marvin Mandel would support him if he did.

Sen. Tydings is a liberal of the Kennedy ilk—a family with whom he long has been closely associated.

Mr. Lowe is a conservative—and buddy-buddy with key members of the Old Guard which jumped to rock-ribbed power under the J. Millard Tawes regime.

If they decide not to go with Mr. Lowe—they will go with somebody else against Sen. Tydings.

Sen. Tydings is a liberal of the Kennedy ilk—a family with whom he long has been closely associated.

But then the Old Guard just might have another big worry.

The Youngbloods might bid eagerly for the Mandel governorship.

The coming campaigns should be worth waiting around to see.

If YOU Ask ME

BY BETTYE M. MOSS

About people, places and things

Baltimore is losing two lovely, long-time residents next month. Dr. and Mrs. William Burghardt (Vivian).

Both leave their posts at Morgan State College to join the faculty at Bowie State College of which their friend, Dr. Samuel Myers is president.

Dr. Burghardt has been at Morgan since 1950 — served as professor of health, physical education, and recreation.

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The last 17 years he has chaired the department, except for a year's leave to work with the Department of Interior.

At Bowie, he will chair the health, physical ed department.

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At Morgan since 1951, Mrs. Burghardt has had several posts, counselor, assistant director in the admissions office.

At Bowie, Mrs. Burghardt will be English and academic counselor.

Dr. Burghardt holds degrees from Eureka College (Ill.), U. of Iowa and New York U. (Ph. D.).

The Mrs. is a graduate of Southern U., Tuskegee and New York University.

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Right now, there is much excitment in the Burghardts' Charlton Ave. home. They're busy boxing things and making ready to occupy their new split level in Lanham: M.d. ("It's just ten minutes to Washington and ten minutes to work, she explained.

But there is more good news. While Baltimore is losing the Burghardts, it will gain four members of their family.

Their daughter, Claudia, and her husband, Dr. John Morgan and the two Morgan Children, Jennifer, 3; and Zachery, 3 months, will come from Ohio. They'll live in Columbia.

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Dr. Morgan will join the Johns Hopkins staff as director in clinical pharmacology.

He's a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

And, get this, Mrs. Morgan is a graduate of Radcliffe and the U. of Cinn., with a master's in city planning and urban renewal, but right now she'll devote her time and talents to the children.

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More People moving about: Mrs. Emma R. Dorsey and her daughter, Cheryl, are in from a two-week vacation in San Juan and St. Thomas.

They had a chance to visit with relatives, SKI and Mrs. Bronson R. Brown of Salem, N. J., who are stationed at the Naval Air Base in San Juan.

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People in new houses doing nice things for nice people: When Alan and Lillie Brodnax of Richmond, visited here over the weekend, a number of us had a chance to see the comfortable new quiet and cozy Glade and Samuel Daniels haye recently occupied in the Strathmore section of Baltimore County.

The Brodnaxes, who were their **house guests, were the honorees at a Friday evening gathering.**

There to greet them were:

Messrs. and Mesdames John Wood, Howard Collins, James Murphy, Harry Cole, Richard Cummings, Jay Watkins, John Stokes, Dr. Ted Phifer and the Daniels' cousins, Seldon and Barbara Powell of Hempstead, N.Y.

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Before they departed for home Sunday, a number of the same people kept them busy at b r u n c h . . . golf and chit-chat, because you see the Brodnaxes are the kind of congenial people you like to be around.

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Thinking-of-you cards — Room 406 University Hospital will reach Dr. Benjamin Gordon, the dentist.

He suffered painful burns over all areas of his body when his 32-foot Trojan cruiser, 'Benita 2,' exploded Monday afternoon at an Annapolis Marina.

Mrs. Gordon (Shirley), is singing the praises of the Annapolis Fire Department and neighboring boat owners who rallied quickly when they heard the blast.

She adds it will be "a long time before I get over it because all I can hear is that explosion in my ear."

Mrs. Gordon was in the galley (kitchen) washing dishes at the time. She escaped with minor injuries.

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Dr. Gordon had one foot on the pier and the other on the cruiser.

Mystery is what triggered the blast since the motor was off.

The two Gordon children, Benita, 10 and Benjamin Jr., 6, had just left the area for the store, were not around at the time.

Another lucky person is Charley Thompson. He had started to the Gordon boat when his son called to him. He turned and paused to chat with him ("yes, I was a couple of minutes away from it," he said).

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Cuff not: Boat enthusiasts have not lost their love of the sport even though there have been near tragedies. A week back, another boat owner and his family jumped in the water when their boat went up.

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Sunshine please, to Greater Baltimore Medical center (6701 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., 21204), for William T. Dorsey.

Many know Mr. Dorsey as founder of the Municipal Employees Association. This his third hospitalization in two years, so keep his spirit up.

Thinking-of-you card, to Mr. and Mrs. Abdella J. Campbell (Edna Over Campbell), 3702 Denison Rd.

Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Mary Over, who made her home with them, died on Tuesday at the age of 101.

Mrs. Campbell, who is Douglas High principal, is the only child. Dad was the Rev. David Over, founder and long time pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

She has been a devoted daughter for many, many years, beginning back in 1958, when her mom had to curtail her activities because of advancing age. . . and past three years when she has been confined to the house.

With all this time Edna and her husband, have provided Mom Over with the comforts of life right at the home she shared with them.

You don't hear of this kind of devotion any more.

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More about people and things

Members of the Pleasurette's Social Club sponsored a bus trip to Wildwood, N.J. on July 19.

Members of the club are: Mesdames Velma Bailey, Doretha Woodford Betty Howard, Rathier Harris, Pauline Jackson, Irene Johnson, Lillian Patterson, Helen Jackson, and Geneva Moses.

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Cuff note: Word from Boyd's Tavern, Va., of the death of the mother of Chauncey Carey. He is known by a number of Baltimoreans because he visited here frequently.

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Good News: Mrs. Barbara A. Parker of N. Schroder St., received a Sustained Superior Performance Award from Brigadier General William H. Blakefield, Commanding General, U. S. Army Intelligence Command, during ceremonies held recently at Fort Holabird.

Mrs. Parker, a personnel security specialist, has been employed by the Intelligence Command for two years.

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More visitors in our midst a week back: J. Westbrook McPherson, one time Boston Urban League executive, now manager of Manpower resources with Xerox.

He and others from Xerox hosted a luncheon at Holiday Inn to talk with the local leaders about job opportunities with the firm.

Also here, another Xerox executive: Harvey C. Maupins of the firm's Rochester office.

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More Good News: A few years ago we attended IWngoes' Club affair and heard Connie and Howard Wharton entertain.

They did "She Is My Inspiration," which he wrote. Mr. Wharton played the guitar and Connie sang.

We thought it was a beautiful tune and said so in this column, suggesting it should be published.

Billy Butler, the great guitarist, formerly with Bill Doggett's Orchestra (They made "Honky Tonk" and sold two million records), has made an album with the Wharton tune on it.

It has been released on Prestige Stereo Record No. 7622, three songs on a side.

The album is: "This is Billy Butler."

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The Whartons are friends of Billy and Marian Butler who live in Teaneck, N.J.

This is good news.

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Cuff note: Postmaster Warren M. Bloomberg was advised recently by P o s t m a s t e r General Winton M. Blount that the post office department is seeking competive bids to build and lease a new Clifton Station here in Baltimore.

Bids m u s t be submitted to the Real Estate Office by August 1 here in Baltimore.

Interested?

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The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bynum B. Hughes, 503 Pennsylvania Ave., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary a month ago with a reception at the Central YWCA.

The Rev. Mr. Hughes is pastor of Beacon Baptist Church, 505 Pennsylvania Ave.

Mrs. Hughes, t h e former Lucille Porter and the Rev. Mr. Hughes were married in Baltimore on June 29, 1944, at the Baltimore City Court House.

She owns the food market which adjoins the church on Pennsylvania Ave. near Franklin

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R e d-faced department: In our stories on the untimely death of Edward (Dicky) Waters, an issue ago, we referred to him as assistant director of CHAMP.

Actually, he was assistant supervisor of volunteer services with the Community Action Agency.

Many knew Mr. Waters as an energetic, conscientious worker who gave many hours of volunteer service. He will be remembered by many for his work with young people for his unselfish service with youngsters at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, where funeral services were held July 14.

A large number of co-workers and longtime associates attended who worked for the man who earned the title 'Mr. Kindness' to many.

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Memorable moments: At the Provident Hospital annual staff dinner a Sunday ago, people took time to remember others, like:

Dr. Bruce Alleyne, the veteran dentist, who received a special citation for his contribution to the dental department at the hospital.

In accepting the plaque, he said movingly, 'this is very exciting for me . . . feel good . . .' (And you would too, if people stopped to say a special 'thank-you.').

And Dr. James D. Carr, retiring staff member who will soon take a post with the city health department, was given a special plaque. His 'I wish Dad were here' to see what has happened to the old Provident since his father, the beloved Dr. William T. Carr, family physician, and others started the old hospital down on Oxford St. and later on Biddle St. Remember? If you do, you can count yourself as a pioneer resident of Baltimore.

They've set the date — It's Aug. 2 for Dr. C. R. Campbell, the beloved Baltimore physician, and Mrs. Mildred Harper, the Philadelphia social worker.

Their wedding will take place at 1 p.m., at Christ and St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Germantown. A lawn reception will follow at the Izzie Long mansion.

Baltimore's Dr. and Mrs. McDonald Bando (Thelma), he's the physician and she's the Morgan dean of women), will stand with them. Afterwards the newlyweds will jet to the Caribbean for a ten-day honeymoon.

Cuff note: If you think that diamond Dr. Campbell put on his bride-to-be's finger is saying something, you should see the pear-shaped diamond earrings he gave her. Honest!

More suburbia: Jack and Augustine Gloster's new Hyattsville, Md. home was the scene of a large gathering on Saturday. Cook-out and all the trimmings.

Special guests here were Ethiopian visitors and Jack's former associates when he was in a State Department post in Addis Ababa. He is now vice president of the National Urban Coalition.

A number of Baltimoreans were about, including members of M r s . Gloster's large family. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brown, who have been married 54 years this month, were there and looking young and gay. Isn't that grand!

All To Live In Floating City—Housing Commissioner

Robert V. Embry Jr. is trying to help Baltimore city get away from the idea that poor people have to live in bad houses.

Sitting in his downtown high rise office this week, he spoke candidly to the AFRO about the many housing projects proposed during his first year in office.

The former City Councilman (3rd District) was appointed commissioner of the newly created Housing and Community Development Department last July and is also technically executive director of the Housing Authority.

A graduate from Williams College and Harvard Law School, he practiced law here for four years before going to the council. He is well acquainted with Baltimore and sensitive to its housing needs.

Originally, said Mr. Embry, Urban Renewal tore down houses in low income areas and office buildings and industrial parks replaced them.

"The Gay Street Renewal, Old Town, Upton, Belair Market, and so on are in each instance planned by the community who lives there," he said.

"They are all urban, inner city and 100 per cent black."

The commissioner, who thinks Baltimore's architecture could be better than it is, feels that housing should be determined by the people.

"The housing of the Gay Street Project and in other proposed areas was designed by the residents themselves," he said. "All our projects are constructed for the people living there now. They decide what is to be torn down and what is to stay up."

Acquisition of land for the Gay Street project has already begun and in September, ground will be broken for the non-profit housing apartments.

There will be 900 units of townhouses or "walk-ups" and a 10,000 sq. ft. shopping center. A highrise for elderly people may be added later, he said.

Mr. Embry would like to see changes in the inner city and in the county migration of city residents.

"I'd like to see more closing of streets to get away from the traffic," he commented. "The block concept with all the houses facing the street wasn't the best idea of the city. I think more inner city areas should have closed blocks for parks."

ROBERT EMBRY
'They want something new . . .'

Many city residents are moving beyond the city limits "to live in an all white world" of Baltimore County, he continued.

The "Floating City" project is a good plan and possibly an answer to the city's migration problems "if we are going to keep people in the city especially our young people," he said.

"They want something new," he said. "They like having a sail boat tied up downstairs and it is safer than a city, if a person is afraid. It's much cooler and beautiful."

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The commissioner views this type of project as housing for all people.

"I don't view this as poor people's housing," he said. "I view this as housing for all. Some rents will be high and some will be low; it's for the rich, the black people and the white people."

The most important aspect of this project is that it "creates land in the harbor without displacing anyone," he added.

Integration in the city seemed almost impossible at one time because of blockbusting. Mr. Embry c o m m e n t s that blockbusting isn't prevalent now and is controlled.

"I'm all for it if it means a black family moves into a white neighborhood," he said. "I'm against it if it means a realtor comes in to a neighborhood, scares the people, buys the property and sells it to a Negro family at a higher price. It makes integration impossible.

While Mr. Embry is a quiet gentleman, however his insight into the future and progressive projects, makes him forceful.

Facing two large photos, one of an elderly black man and the other a young black boy gripping a wire fence, Mr. Embry commented briefly on the racial complex of the city in the next five years.

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"I don't think the city will be all black," he said. "I don't think the government will be all black. I don't think people will elect them because they're black; but I do feel black men will have more of a chance in the future."

"I think the leadership in this city will be integrated for a long time to come," he asserted.

One of Mr. Embry's other projects indirectly involves using more black contractors and sub-contractors.

A Vacant House Program, using some Federal funding, will attempt to rehabilitate and renovate a house that is dragging down a neighborhood. The house would be fixed up and sold to a family.

"The house would be fixed up and sold to a family or rented to one until the family was able to purchase it," he commented. "We're hoping to increase black contracting and sub-contracting so they'd be doing the work."

Distressing K-9 Incident

Dear AFRO:

The Board and Police-Community Relations Committee of the League of Women Voters of Baltimore City share the concern of many black leaders regarding the distressing incident of June 27 when several Edmondson Avenue residents were attacked and bitten by a police dog.

The League's studies in such civil-rights-related fields as education, employment, and housing, and our cooperative effort for citizenship education with inner-city residents, have convinced us that a problem such as this one, which is so distressing to a segment of our population, cannot be ignored by the population as a whole if we wish to avoid further polarization in our city.

We hope the concern expressed by black leadership extends also to the entire community, and that responsible citizens throughout the city are discussing and considering i s s u e s raised by the incidents:

1. What is the rationale for the use of police dogs?

2. In view of the fact that the people attacked were either adjudged innocent or charges were dropped in Municipal Court, can a patrolman-dog team be considered sufficiently predictable for use in the city?

3. What level of police budget and training must the public support to give maximum assurance that all policemen will act responsibly and with discipline?

4. Should citizens request from the Police Department more prompt release of reports by the Internal Investigation Division on the behavior of police officers, especially when a volatile situation exists in part of the community?

5. Is the present procedure satisfactory by which citizens' grievances concerning the police are handled?

6. What role does the public demand of its police force regarding property rights and individual rights? Are these roles contradictory?

We commend Commissioner Pomerleau for suspending indefinitely all K-9 operations in residential areas during review and evaluation.

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Relations Committee

'Dean' Of Black Art Educators Dies In Washington, D.C.

By SAMUEL L. GREEN
Curator, Art Gallery
Morgan State College

Funeral services for Art Department founder James Vernon Herring, Professor Emeritus, were held June 4th in the Andrew Rankin Chapel on the campus of Howard University, where the noted art educator had spent half of his life as both student and teacher.

After having graduated from the old Howard Academy, Mr. Herring matriculated at Syracuse University, from which he was granted with the Bachelor of Pedagogy degree in 1918.

After having spent time teaching in various deep South colleges he joined the faculty of Howard University as teacher of art in the then Department of Architecture. Desiring to broaden the cultural horizon of his students in that institution, especially in the area of the visual arts, Mr. Herring soon founded the Department of Art.

Another dimension to the art education program he charted was the Howard University Art Gallery, the first space professionally defined and directed gallery among colored institutions.

At the time of his death, June 1st, the program which he had started awarded both the B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees; and among other outstanding collections included in the Howard University Gallery were the Alaine L. Locke Collection of African Art and a special Kress Collection of Renaissance paintings.

The late Professor and Director of the Gallery at Howard University was recently honored at the Morgan State College Art Gallery with an exhibition of works from the private gallery which he co-founded with the late Curator-Director, Alonzo J. Aden.

In 1966, failing health and advanced age (he was 82 years old at the time of his death) prompted Professor Herring's decision to close the private gallery that was also his home. In November 1968, "Salute to the Barnett Aden Gallery" was the title of the exhibition arranged by Professor James E. Lewis, Director, Art Gallery at Morgan State College, and also a fitting tribute to both Messrs. Aden and Herring. In the foreword to the catalogue of that exhibition he states.

"One of the objectives of this educationally instituted Morgan State College Art Gallery is to let the aesthetic relay. It must reflect upon and bring from the past that which is relevant, make use of it today in an attempt to orient its public: student, scholar, and the general community, toward the future. Further, we feel the responsibility of being the "art baton" of another institution which, exhausted, has run its course, as is the case with the Barnett Aden Galleries of Washington, D.C.

During its twenty-five years, the Barnett Aden Galleries has made a significant local contribution to the arts in Washington, D.C., and a more specialized effort nationally.

While engaged in these activities it skillfully developed its own collection to a rare point of diversity and quality for a gallery with its years and history. It is just this history and quality which We feel should be continued by our gallery which has an unlimited potential and great optimism about its role in the visual arts; Taking on the many responsibilities of such an exhibition should be a clear demonstration to our resolution.

The high level of relevance shown through these works immediately should be noted. Although by no means restricted to the historical contributions of the American colored person in art, its oldest work is a painting by Edward Mc Bannister, 1828-1901, entitled "Landscape." More recent works are by other outstanding American colored people, including Romare Bearden, Charles White, Hale Woodruff, Laura Wheeling Waring, Harry O. Tanner, William E. Johnson, Richmond Barthe, Elizabeth Catlett, Selma Burke, Jacob Lawrence, James Wells, James A. Porter, Samuel J. Brown and Archibald Motley. Many other American colored people are represented.

ENTERTAINMENT

Book Review

By AL RUTLEDGE

THE MAN WHO CRIED I AM

Signet — Paper Back

Little Brown — Hard Back

If there is a novel which best describes how black Americans are shuttled, shuffled and annihilated at the discretion of white Americans under the guise of "law and order" or "internal security," **"The Man Who Cried I Am** is it.

This latest of John A. Williams' ventures into the world of black and ink has brought home a deliberate and startling message: "If the concentration camps which Stokely warned about and the planned genocide which Patrice Lumumba assured us of, then the complacency and refusal of black people to arm and prepare invites a