What The AFRO Stands For

Equal justice, not only in theory, but in fact before courts of the city.

Adequate black representation on all public boards and commissions of Maryland cities, counties and the state itself, including colleges and universities

Extensive and untrammeled black political power.

Equal job opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Equal housing opportunities in fact as well as theory.

Black judges on all benches or the city, county and state court systems, except those constitutionally authorized.

A black-owned and operated taxicab company.

A black owned and operated bank.

A black majority on Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

Smile, You're In Baltimore

Yes, we here in Baltimore have plenty to crow about this week.

We support the smile theme as suggested by Mayor D'Alesandro and encourage AFRO readers to follow suit.

There is plenty of reason for jubilation. Our Orioles have captured the division title in the American League pennant race.

On Saturday and Sunday at Memorial Stadium they open a series against the Oakland Athletics. If they win the series, as AFRO Sports Editor Sam Lacy predicts they will, we'll be in the World Series.

So, as the Mayor suggests, wear a smile button, boost the home town, and SMILE, you're in a Big League town.

Of course, smiling and wearing buttons is not enough. We've got to do the usual other things, bite our nails and cheer the hometowners.

This state of suspense is not new to us. We've been in Big League before, but just for the fun of it, this week, smile and cheer and smile some more. You're in Baltimore.

Welcome, Dr. Patterson

Dr. Roland N. Patterson takes over this week as superintendent of Baltimore City public schools.

As we have indicated above, he comes to Baltimore from far away Seattle at a happy time in our city.

Just this past week, citizens of all races — 600,000 plus, joined in a glorious fair staged in downtown Baltimore.

There were attractions for all. The city let down its hair and had a good time. There were no incidents such as marred the old-fashioned Flower Mart held earlier this year.

Youngsters rocked to two standing-room only shows by the Jackson 5. Others rubbed elbows at art shows, outdoor cafes parades and educational exhibits and a variety of other events designed to satisfy the appetite of a large urban population.

Earlier in the week, we saw an example of responsible action by a public body the Board of Fire Commissioners which promptly punished two firefighters for violating departmental regulations.

Significant here were the racial undertones ... white firemen claiming snipers had fired into their firehouse located in a predominantly black neighborhood.

Prompt investigation by police and fire officials voided what could have been an ugly situation.

There is rejoicing in our city this week too, because a baby has come of age.

The Community College of Baltimore opened its doors for the 25th year, bulging with students, both day and night, and already embarked on plans and meaningful new programs at its Liberty Heights site and continuing building plans for its Harbor Campus.

And, this week, United Fund of Central Maryland opened its annual fund-raising drive with a goal of $13 million.

But, this year, for the first time, there was a new dimension.

Dr. Eugene D. Byrd led a group of professional men and women, who call themselves the Maryland Community Health Council, and picketed the kick-off meeting.

Their year-old charges of inequitable distribution of funds and unequal representation on the Fund's board of directors, moved them to take this drastic move to encourage the Fund to live up to its credo, 'Care Enough To Share Enough.'

There is much more good and bad in our city as Dr. Patterson will soon discover.

On the plus side in the education field are the three multi-million $ high schools, Southwestern, Lake Clifton and Walbrook, the first time in our history black children have opened such magnificent structures.

Baltimore city has its share of ugliness, poverty, juvenile delinquency, crime, jobless, racists and bigots, but we have many people of both races willing to help tackle these problems... Like Seattle, Baltimore is a city where people are kind and mean, selfish and devoted, unpredictable and well meaning.

We hope your stay in our town will be rewarding and that you can join with us in helping to make Baltimore a truly beautiful city where one can smile not just one week but all the weeks of the year.

Right On, P. J.

Parren Mitchell, PJ, gave a whole lot of brothers and sisters a loud and rambunctious dressing down following the September Primary election in Baltimore. He ruffled a lot of furs, caused a whole lot of mouths to poke out, and generally made many nice old ladies say "fish, fish".

To say that Maryland's one and only black congressman has made himself a prodigal son is an understatement. But in case any of our readers think to the contrary, the AFRO wants to make it clear he is still our man in Congress.

In simple terms, we'd like to say to our congressman that we are on his side ... and in the future, when he wants to raise that kind of ruckus, please do it in Congress where it will do the most good ... that's what we sent him there for.

For those who feel that Congressman Mitchell's show was against us, look at it another way. Thousands who saw the congressman will now have second thoughts about taking him on.

This is good. The more fear Parren put in the hearts of men, the more chance he has as a freshman congressman of getting for us what is long overdue. We urge our readers not to overlook this one fact.

We're not going to say he didn't turn us off, but common sense also makes us say that on second thought, he didn't do too badly.

Right on. — PJ.

The 5th Has A Job

Voters of the Fifth District have a chance to assure that Baltimore has a moderate City Council by dumping the conservative Reuben Caplan for someone in tune with present day realities and challenges.

The district's voters are fortunate also in having a good candidate available in the person of Carl Adair, an educator, businessman and civic leader.

It is but wishful thinking to hope that Mrs. Margaret Dyer might win the controller's seat; however, in Adair, the Fifth District can add to the moderate leadership the voters of Baltimore opted for in nominating Donald Schaefer as mayor and Walter Orlinsky for president of City Council.

There are no party lines in November. A candidate is a candidate, to be judged on his merit, including his willingness to recognize the racial composition of the city and the need to have blacks participate in its leadership.

The nearly half and half Fifth District has integrated representation in Annapolis.

It should have such a contingent in the City Hall.

To bring this off in November, white and black voters alike will have to support Carl Adair.

Ever since George L. Russell lost in the mayor's race, white voters have been expressing great hope over the way he accepted his loss and indicating better things are ahead for black candidates.

For Carl Adair, and the Fifth District, the time is now — November.

If white voters in the Fifth District prefer a relic of the past like Caplan to a man like Adair, then a lot of people can understand what the Parren Mitchells mean when they charge that to many whites integration is a one-way street.

The Fifth District race in November will be the most meaningful in the city. No one had better underestimate its importance.

Afro Credo

I measure a newspaper not in buildings, equipment and employees —those are trimmings.

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 faith with the common people;

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

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

Whether it stays out of the pocket of any special interest, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

"75 YEARS AGO — "The interests of the AFRO-AMERICAN population of Baltimore are identical and any faction of the race which fosters strife to gratify its own selfish ambition should be classed with the enemy." — The AFRO-AMERICAN, April, 1893.

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

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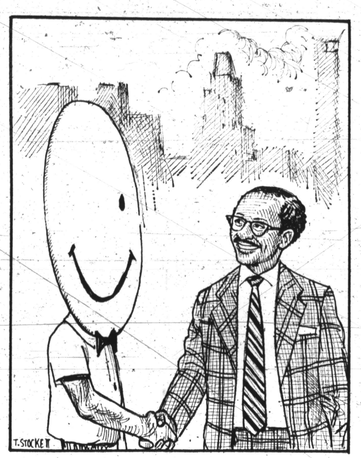
A Good Time To Come



OUR READERS SAY

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, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

ROOT Challenges STEM

Dear AFRO: A group of Baltimore retailers, headed by Albert D. Hutzler Jr., announced the formation of a new organization called STEM — Shoplifters Take Everybody's (sic) Money.

The businessmen placed $500,000 in cash on a table (yes of ROOT applaud this Yippie action), which is their estimate of the value of merchandise stolen every day in Baltimore.

We of ROOT, another new Baltimore organization (formed right after yesterday's evening news), figure that after STEM's news conference, that $500,000 was locked up fast. A pity. We of ROOT suggest that Mr. Hutzler and his associates might invest that $500,000 more effectively.

ROOT urges STEM to contribute $500,000 to a program (or programs) which treat narcotic addicts in Baltimore.

We of ROOT are engaged in the treatment of narcotic addicts in Baltimore. We are hard-pressed for cash, especially to expand our treatment facilities.

We know that many addicts support their habits by shoplifting, and the retailers estimate that at least half the shoplifting crimes are committed by addicts.

We also estimate that there is a minimum of 10,000 active addicts in the city with habits which cost an average of $50 a day.

In order to get $50 in cash (dealers don't take checks), a shoplifting addict has to steal at least $150 worth of merchandise.

An addict can be treated for a minimum of $1,000 a year, with either the addict or the State paying about half this cost.

Thus, if the $500,000 so nicely displayed is instead contributed to a treatment program, it could be used to treat between 500 to 1,000 addicts for one year.

It is obvious to ROOT that such an investment by Hutzler and Co. could radically reduce financial losses to store owners (perhaps in the range of $20,000,000 to $30,000,000 a year), losses which they admit they pass on to their customers.

"Radical" means "root of."

ROOT stands for Reasonable Offer to Overcome Theft. — G. R. WHITMAN

Ambulance Service

Dear AFRO:

The ambulance crews of the Baltimore City Fire Department far exceed the accepted training standards prevailing throughout the State and indeed the entire nation.

Fire Fighters promoted to ambulance crewmen in Baltimore are required to hold an Advanced American Red Cross First Aid Certificate in addition to having completed a minimum of three specialized training sessions in ambulance operations and techniques.

Each crewman undergoes annual "in hospital" training to supplement his Fire Department training schedule.

Annual retraining is provided each man in the form of special training courses at the City's Fire School in which the latest developments in the emergency medical field are taught.

Baltimore's paramedical personnel, together with the complete array of latest emergency medical equipment on each ambulance have long been required in both national and international medical circles as the vanguard of modern effective emergency ambulance and first aid services.

The citizens of Baltimore City can rightfully be proud of the quality and efficiency of the Fire Department's Ambulance Service.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JAMES J. LACY JR., President

Black History

Dear AFRO: In connection with training of teachers and administrators in the Baltimore City Public Schools, a Staff Institute has been developed which focuses on teaching back history, content, strategies and resources.

We believe that this staff institute has value not only for staff members, but for the larger community.

In this conjunction, I am making available to you a list of the topics and speakers that we project for inclusion in our staff institute.

It may be that your paper might want to provide an opportunity for the larger community to share in this educational experience.

SAMUEL L. BANKS
(Editor's Note: A schedule of the institute sessions appears in this edition)

A Mistake

Dear AFRO:

You made a mistake. My editorial entitled, "An Unreceptive City?" (September 25 edition) had me as a (Mrs.).

I didn't even have in front of my name, a Miss. Please rectify that mistake, okay?

JANNETTE B. EDWARDS

To Black Brothers

Dear AFRO:

A man's no brother of mine if he would murder, and steal from a black brother, who is out there working desperately trying to get ahead fighting all those oppressive years, of hunger, and suffering, we have endured since the years of slavery up to the present day.

And you the white man You is out there making vicious attacks on your black brothers, keeping our power structure down, knowing all the time that the birth control pill population, knowing all that the white man is taking the lives of so many black brothers, and sisters each year.

Reducing our number which is

How much longer will we remain victims of the white man's devil, which is sickening our beautiful black population?

Why do we black brothers, turn other black brothers on the disease?

When will we help instead of doing harm?

Ask of you black brothers, so-called black brothers, and white man's Tom, come together, help us to achieve our goal, for true freedom.

TSHAMBA WATSON.

TOGETHER

Reason To Defeat Caplan in 5th

By CARL M. ADAIR

(Ed. Note: Mr. Adair is a candidate for election to City Council in the Nov. 2nd General Election. All registered voters in that district, Democrats and Republicans, are qualified to cast their ballot for him.)

My election to the City Council is crucial to the 5th District and Baltimore City.

My opponent is reactionary and anti-progressive as attested by the fact that in March, 1971, incumbent Councilman Caplan was strongly criticized for a redistricting plan which would have placed approximately 17,500 whites in Hampden in the Fifth District, while removing approximately 17 black precincts.

This would have changed the black population of that district from approximately 57 per cent to 37 per cent. Councilwoman Adams, and Councilmen Douglas, Julian, Marshal, Stark, Zolenman and president of the City Council Schaefer opposed this plan.

After it was declared unconstitutional by City Solicitor George Russell, the City Council passed a new proposal making the Fifth District about 50 per cent black.

At the time, there were reports Councilman Caplan had received advance secret material giving the racial breakdown of precincts in Northwest Baltimore.

However, he claimed the figures were available to anyone. Councilman Caplan proposed that, instead of redistricting after each census, the City Council itself should initiate redistricting.

The League of Women Voters criticized him, saying "How can the Councilmen be expected to be objective about changes in their own districts which may affect their political life?"

Councilman Caplan must be replaced.

In the 5th District, we must admit that the black and liberal community dropped the ball. On Nov. 2, 1971, we have a second chance.

This campaign will test whether or not the black&liberal community will mobilize and assist a member of another party, a member who is clearly qualified or whether the community will continue to mobilize behind a person, even though it is clear that his values are diametrically opposed to the proper functioning of both the black&liberal community.

For that reason, I am calling on all black elected officials to heed the words of Congressman Clay, from Missouri; black people have no permanent party or issues; only issues for black people.

I am also calling on all white elected officials who have received massive support from the black community! I am aware that the past election demonstrated that blacks gave more votes to whites than whites gave to black candidates.

Further, I am calling on all elements of the liberal white Democratic party to assist my campaign for better government. Thus, I will start at the top of both parties and work down.

Whites who gain black votes must also become interested in the black community.

I am serious about this campaign. The burden is on us.

We must recover our losses. The time is NOW.

If we are not together, this city and the Fifth District will be set back at least 25 years.

What the Freeze Means to YOU

This column of questions and answers on the Wage and Price Freeze is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service. The column answers questions most frequently asked about the Wage and Price Freeze announced August 15 by President Nixon.

Q — During the first week of August, my union reached agreement with my employer on a new contract giving me a wage increase. However, the agreement has yet to go into effect. Can I still get the additional wages?

A — The new rate can be paid if labor and management had reached an agreement and work was performed or wages accrued prior to August 15 at the new wage rate.

Q — My apartment lease specifically provides for me to pay for any increases in property taxes. Can my landlord now raise rent on the basis of a property tax increase?

A — No. This is not permitted during the freeze.

Q — My employer hired me on a probationary basis. The established practice of the company is to increase wage rates at the end of the probationary period. My probationary period ends in two weeks. Can I still receive a wage increase?

A — Yes. The probationary period is similar to an apprenticeship or learners' program and the wage increase may be granted if the probationary period for the job does not exceed three months.

Q — Can a landlord evict a tenant for refusing to pay a rent increase during the freeze?

A — No. A landlord is in violation of the freeze if he attempts to evict a tenant for refusal to pay rent in excess of the ceiling rent applicable to his rental apartment or house.

A tenant threatened with eviction over an increase in rent during the freeze, should immediately consult the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS has 360 offices throughout the country to investigate complaints and provide information about the freeze.

Q — Does the price freeze mean an end of special sales or reductions in prices?

A — No. The freeze simply sets a ceiling. Normal clearance sales and price reductions can take place.

Q — Are advance ticket sales for sporting events occurring during the freeze covered by the President's order?

A — Yes.

Q — Can insurance rates be increased during the freeze?

A — No. The freeze applies to insurance rates. However, if a rate increase was announced before August 15 and a substantial number of transactions occurred at the increased rate, the increase becomes the established rate. No additional rate increases are permitted during the freeze.

Other Than Honorable

Help for veterans who want a review of their "other than honorable" discharge from military service is available now at all Veterans Administration offices.

George A. Davis, Director of the Baltimore VA Regional Office, advises a VA directive to this effect was sent to field stations.

It followed an announcement by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird that military departments would "review for recharacterization administrative discharges issued under other than honorable conditions solely on the basis of personal use of drugs or possession of drugs for such use."

Primary purpose of the new policy is to provide an opportunity for this group to become eligible for VA medical treatment. Drug abuse treatment in VA is being increased six-fold, Davis said, but the agency is barred by law from treating veterans with discharges other than honorable.

It is the responsibility of the veteran to request a review of his administrative discharge, and the application for review must be submitted to the military department that issued the discharge, Davis emphasized.

A self-explanatory form for applying (DD Form 293) is available at VA offices and at all military installations.

TIPS FOR BUYERS

On Snow Tires

Are you planning to buy snow tires NOW so you'll be prepared for the winter months ahead?

Here is some advice from Motor Vehicles Administrator Ejner J. Johnson:

Be cautious motorists against purchasing snow tires which salesmen represent as having approval of his agency.

He explains: —

"For the past several years, this Administration had consistently refused to approve any tire as a snow tire until either the tire industry itself or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation establishes minimum traction and safety standards for snow tires."

Mr. Johnson says the only manner in which snow tires can be designated as such are:

1. Manufacturer's designation that the tire is a snow tire.

2. Tires which have anti-skid patterns cut into the treaded surfaces to form bars, buttons, or blocks, especially designed to give effective traction on snow or ice covered streets and highways and shall be in good state of repair.

NOW and THEN

DR. FLEMING

By G. JAMES FLEMING

Much has already been written and spoken about Hugo LaFayette Black, veteran Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, defender of the Constitution, New Dealer, and upholder of civil rights.

Much has also been recalled of his early membership in the Alabama Ku Klux Klan and the outrage of many in the nation when this membership was broadcast — after he had taken his seat on the Court, 34 years ago.

In the past few days, his life has been traced, from poor farm boy, to medical school dropout, to striving politician and lawyer; to U.S. Senator; to judge of the highest court in the land.

I remember best the day I saw Justice Black cry and cry.

It was Easter Sunday, 1939, that sunshiny afternoon when Marian Anderson gave her historic recital at the Lincoln Memorial before 75,000 people.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, was there, so were the members of the Cabinet; so were the Supreme Court justices; so were the thousands from every walk of life, from many places.

It was more than "just another recital." It was a nation outpouring its condemnation of the Daughters of the American Fedgration which had barred the world-famed contralto from its Constitution Hall.

Led by Mrs. Roosevelt and Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and with the blessing of the White House, non-DAR America responded. The result was the open air Easter concert by Miss Anderson.

And did she sing!

I was only a few feet away from Justice Black and I remembered well that he was an Alabamian and a former member of the KKK. But here he was.

The concert was only minutes old when I saw that tears were streaming from his eyes — and his eyes were never dry or his face unstained during the rest of the afternoon.

The record showed that there was a Hugo Black, the KKK member; but his reaction to Miss Anderson's singing and his many years stand for civil rights have shown there was another Hugo Black also.

I had been part of those who, because of his past, protested or deplored Black's appointment to the Supreme Court, just as I had joined the opposition against the appointment of John J. Parker a few years earlier.

Both men were fought on their past - the record - and that is all one has to go by. If I had to do it again, under the same circumstances - I would.

But the life of a man like Justice Black does make for thought. How much must each one of us allow the other to make up for changes that come with age and experience?

For instance, in the early 1930's what would have happened to a young white southern lawyer if he had not joined the KKK?

How far would a white politician have gone if he were not a card-carrying Kluxer - even if he never lit a cross or harassed a black?

As a senator, Hugo Black voted in the southern manner, racially speaking; so did Lyndon Johnson and Harry Truman in their early days in Congress.

Nevertheless, all three developed to be among the outstanding standard-bearers of and supporters for civil rights.

None of them pleased everybody all the time, but their long-run thrust was forward and upward for racial progress.

The real dangers to American democratic progress come from those who do not change. Virginia-born Woodrow Wilson, who brought racism to Princeton University, when he was its president, did not change, and introduced Jim crow to public buildings once he went to Washington.

Iowa-born Herbert Hoover, despite his Quaker background, never saw clearly the oneness of man despite man's differences of race and color.

Justice Black has earned his place in history as a great defender of individual liberties and the Constitution.

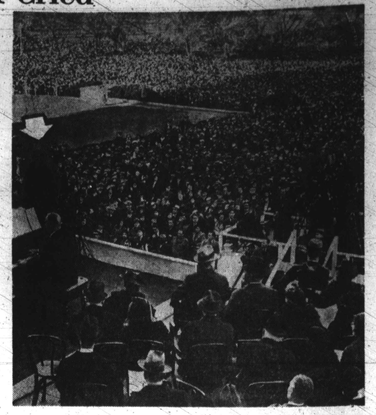
His most significant movement may well be his evolution from small-gauged Alabaman to many-sided, unprejudiced, understanding human. May he rest in peace.

The passing of Justice Black and the retirement of Justice John Marshall Harlan could be frightening to those who fear a "Nixon court" — a court peopled by the opposites of Chief Justice Warren and Justice Black.

Soon President Nixon will have a clear majority of "strict constructionists," Nixon-style. To date it is anybody's guess and there is a game going on called "Guessing Who the Next Judges Will Be."

Whomsoever the new justices are, this fact of history must be remembered. "The Supreme Court changes men just as much as men change the court, in the same way as all great callings may influence those called."

I Remember The Day Hugo Black Cried



EASTER 1939—This AFRO file photo shows Marian Anderson, arrow, and some of the 75,000 persons who heard her sing in Washington's Lincoln Memorial. Justice Hugo Black is among dignitaries seated.

In accompanying article, Dr. G. James Fleming, Morgan State College professor, then a newspaper reporter, describes that day 34 years ago.

NOT A Man's World

We Must Demand Lawmakers Report

MRS. WHITE

By BERNICE S. WHITE

The average American citizen (male or female) takes very little time to become informed about Government at all levels and the laws that are being introduced and passed that concern what our future will be.

Above all, John Q. (or Jane Q.) citizen never seems to hold our elected representatives accountable in upholding the responsibilities of their offices.

It is the duty of these officials to communicate important information on a constant basis and to enlist support for good legislation.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Bill that suffered a setback in the House last week is case in point. Very little came forth about the importance of this measure.

That bill, H.R. 1746, and its Senate counterpart (S.2515) are considered as the major civil rights bills of this Congress. The House bill was defeated by a three handful of votes and the damaging Erlenborn substitute (H.R. 9247) was adopted.

H.R. 1746 would have given the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission authority to issue close-and-desist orders against violators and would have broadened its coverage.

The Erlenborn substitute would give the EEOC only the right to bring suit in federal district courts to enforce its findings of violation.

The danger of the Erlenborn substitute is that it would prevent a victim of discrimination from seeking other legal avenues of redress once he or she submits a complaint to EEOC. Victims could not use other laws or seek relief offered under Constitutional Ammendments.

Another danger is that class actions suits brought by a few persons on behalf of a whole class (Black workers or women, for instance), suffering the same discrimination would be prohibited.

Class actions have won victories for millions of working women and men.

Under Erlenborn, if 200 workers in a plant were being discriminated against because of race, color, religion, national origin or sex, they would conceivably have to bring two hundred suits in order to overcome the discrimination all of them suffer..

This provision and other in the substitute measure would only clog courts that are already heavily overcrowded. Erlenborn is considered to be a "ripper" bill - one that threatens to tear up existing legislation. You as a concerned citizen should begin immediately to let your Senators know you want them to support S.2515, the Senate equivalent of H.R. 1746.

We need to garner our forces now to work for passage of an effective EEOC bill.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights is doing a mammoth job in trying to reach all citizens to inform them of the happenings in Washington, but they need your help.

It is up to you, my fellow citizen, to demand that the people we send to Congress take time out to inform their constituents about good and bad legislation.

Women, in particular, should keep a constant vigil on legislation because much of its affects our future.

Equality of opportunity will never be a reality until, and unless, we all work for it together. You know the old adage — "Together we stand - divided we fall."

If there are any issues you'd like discussed here, please write "It's Not A Man's World," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Balto., Md. 21203)

Election Thoughts

Dear AFRO:

The black voters of Baltimore City overwhelmingly voted for George L. Russell Jr. for Mayor, rather than Clarence Mitchell, III in the recent primary election.

We voted for Mr. Russell because we believed him to be the better man. This, in our opinion, transposed his victory to defeat.

We know that the name-calling by Parren Mitchell on the eve of election day will not make Mr. Russell disgrace himself by responding to the tasteless salvo.

Black Baltimore was appalled and shocked by the congressman's remarks as he addressed the television audience election night.

He seemed to have forgotten that black people owe the Mitchells no more than anyone else, and the Constitution grants each man the right to vote as he chooses.

A person doesn't have to be an "Uncle Tom" because he doesn't agree with the Mitchells.

IRVIN J. CONWAY
Program Director
CIVIC INTEREST GROUP

PAGE OPPOSITE

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EQUAL RIGHTS

The Bush Becomes Fire Dept. Issue

By SCOTT PONEMONE

Long hair made its come back in isolated pockets back in the fifties. Throughout the sixties shoulder-length tresses invaded the universities.

Now, in the seventies, long hair is infiltrating all but the staunchest crew-cut sancutaries.

Long hair advocates have tried to fight employers' grooming codes by referring to Equal Opportunity Laws which prohibit against discrimination on the basis of sex.

This was the case of Joseph Valcourt vs. the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, as described last week in this column.

In short, Valcourt contended that A and P obstructed his right to wear his hair as long as the A and P allowed its women employees to do so.

His case before the Maryland Human Relations Commission has been referred until Oct. 15.

Now, another long-hair test case will be settled on Oct. 14. This one concerns the Fire Department.

Sex is not the issue here. No woman has ever applied for a job as a firefighter in Baltimore. One day that bridge over sexual stereotyping may be crossed.

At issue at the fire department is assuring that blacks are subject to a hair ruling acknowledging bush hairdo

The department has named a committee which will determine to what extent long hair is a safety hazard.

Some firefighters have avoided the regulation by resorting to wigs. One firefighter, Guy Brooks, simply refused an order to trim his bush.

Ironically, before joining the fire department, Mr. Brooks was in the military. As a serviceman, he was allowed to wear his bush. Now, a public citizen, Brooks finds his city employers not as progressive.

Perhaps for black firefighters the solution will be, as suggested by the Rev. Mr. Marion Bascom Sr., fire commissioner, that blacks wear fire hats designed especially for their bush hair style.

In trying to devise such a hat, football helmets come to mind.

How many professional footballers take off their helmets to reveal the proud plummage of the bush?

IF YOU ASK ME

By BETTYE MOSS

MRS. MOSS

Cards if addressed to Lutheran Hospital.

Also ailing is Mrs. Milton Stark (Rose), wife of the longtime photo businessman. They've returned here from their Florida home. She's in Good Samaritan.

Cheer to Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, another good neighbor. She had surgery, is now at home, 2417 N. Pulaski.

Another good neighbor, Mrs. Annie Dixon, longtime St. James Episcopal Church worker, is in Provident Hospital.

Words of the week: From the Sunday sermon of Father Donald O. Wilson at St. James P.E. Church.

"It is one thing to talk about black is beautiful but black the beauty of blackness is seen in its pride, in its achievements, in its responsible action and its constructive leadership..."

This column's comment: AMEN.

Cuff note: A Motor Vehicle spokesman advises there are 259,731 autos registered in the city of Baltimore.

When we were in Port-Au Prince, Haiif, last month, we drove by the sumptuous residence of U.S. Ambassador Clineton Everett Knox and Mrs. Knox (former Clementine Murphy) but they were in the U.S.

Last week, her brother and sister-in-law (John and Alice Murphy), had us in to say hello.

Also about the Reuben Joneses and with whom they're staying.

Cuff note: Remember when Dr. Knox taught here at Morgan State College and Mrs. Knox headed AFRO's copy desk?

Dr. and Mrs. R. Garland Chissell (Robbie), have under their roof, her father, James F. McClellan. He's prominent Nashville attorney.

He came to Baltimore for the Frontiers' meeting, will visit other relatives in the area before returning home.

Note from Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bridges of Seattle, Washington, bids of the "excellent and moving" farewell party associates and friends gave for Dr. and Mrs. Roland N. Patterson. (He is our new superintendent of schools here as of this week.)

The testimonial program, entitled, 'Change Is the Law of Life', was held at Washington Plaza Hotel.

Dr. Patterson was loaded with gifts: plaque from the Central Area School Council he headed; three scrolls from YMCA, the Central Area Volunteers and Minority Coalition; a silver punch bowl and plate from Seattle friends and co-workers, PLUS two round trip tickets for a vacation in Paris from his Central Area School staff ('because he has not had a vacation since he came here').

Wasn't that a kind and thoughtful gesture!

Deadline night AFRO visitor this week was William A. Brower Sr., long news editor at the Toledo, Ohio Blade. He's on a nationwide tour for his daily.

In a reminiscing mood, he recalled the time this columnist left for overseas assignment and picked him to be city editor ('I was mad at the time but I'm glad you recommended me.')

And, he recalled his cub days when he had to rewrite a story five times and how we insisted he use the simpler word 'punishment' for 'sanction'.

When youngsters return to reminisce like this it makes you know you're getting older.

More so when he says he and his wife, Louise, a Toledo principal, have a son, William Jr., 23. He's an Antioch grad, and he and his wife, Anita, have a son, Karl Frederick, age 9 months, with another baby due in March. Ho Hum!

Cuff note to Girlfriends: Mrs. Brower is one of you. She will be in your town this weekend to help install your chapter.

More on Mr. Brower: He joined AFRO as reporter in 1942 after finishing Wilberforce, was editor of our Richmond AFRO when he left in 1945 to move back to Ohio.

DAY TO REMEMBER

What Are Little Boys Made Of?

MRS. MUMBY

By MATTIE MUMBY

It was quite a night, Friday, September 10, 1971, at Emerald Gardens when some 300 little sluggers and an equal number of parents and friends attended the annual banquet of the Forest Park Little League. When I say 300 boys, I do mean 300, who for some two and a half hours paraded to and from the bathroom.

The banquet itself was quite an elaborate affair with a former president, Lewis Richardson, presiding.

Seated at the head table were many distinguished guests of Forest Park Little League.

Head table number 11 was just below the main table. Seated there were all past presidents and wives, including husband Bill Mumby, and yours truly.

From our seat we were able to get a bird's eye view of the week-look suits, Sunday best, tall boots and oh yea, don't forget the bulge under the jacket from the right pants pocket.

Don't you know? Why that's the bush comb. You see, Junior would never go out dressed without it.

The sluggers were not too impressed with the banquet except for the fried chicken, cake and ice cream. They got more delight out of going back and forth to that bathroom!

The program began with the history of the League given by the present president, Robert Kelly.

He noted the group had its inception in 1953 with Sylvan Farber, B'nai B'rith's most diligent and honored member, as its first president.

Mr. Farber has missed only one banquet in 8 years, this year's affair was on Friday, a day Mr. Farber observes as the Sabbath.

The League was organized with 25 Jewish boys. In 1965, it nominated its first black president, Samuel Boyd. Then, the enrollment had reached about 150.

Bill Mumby assumed the presidency in early spring of 1965 due to the illness of Sam Boyd.

Under this leadership, the League for the first time was able to come out of the red.

Lewis Richardson became the next president and the League continued to grow in population and manpower. Mac Simpson, in 1969, assumed the presidency for one year. Robert Kelly is beginning his second year in the office.

In between the bathroom walks, one could easily see how this League had continued to prosper.

It has done so, as Mr. Richardson explained, "because of interest and dedication. There is a common goal shared by managers, coaches and players, that of good sportsmanship and wholesome recreation."

The most touching part of the banquet came when the story of the trials and tribulations of the senior division players was told. After they won the city finals they riveted to Pocomoke City, Md., only to be shuffled and shifted around. Finally, when they were able to play, they won with the greatest of ease.

After winning the state championship, the team then went to Delaware for one of two district games. Here they won 1-0!!

Now get a load of this? — The game was over at 6:30 p.m. The next morning at 8:30 a.m., the boys were on their way in a hot sticky bus to New Dettaford, N.J. near Woodbury, a "hick" township no one had ever heard of.

They were told it was a little town, so that was "just over the Delaware Memorial Bridge."

To their dismay, the team rode for hours and hours from Delaware to New Jersey and finally arrived at the right ball park around 1:15 p.m.

The championship game was to begin at 2 p.m. Hot, tired and dissapointed at the thought of playing on a large, new field without one single practice was just too much for the team to endure. They lost!!

Had they won, they would have played in the World Series. One banquet guest observed "they never had a chance with all of the obstacles that had been thrown in their way. Why even the big leagues are allowed a day in between games for traveling."

Have these experiences made them bitter?

No indeed, they can hardly wait for next season.

The climax of the banquet was awards time when citations went to those who made outstanding contributions to the League.

The "Man of the Year" award went to Thomas Summerville whose team responded with a loud, admirable applause.

Sam Billups received the award for outstanding coach of the Club Division.

As the various awards were announced, I suddenly glanced to the right where, I noticed a huge table loaded with some of the most interesting and gorgeous looking trophies one could imagine. They varied from 4 to 25 inches tall.

Then it occurred to me. That was it! I had solved the bathroom problem. Where were the boys going to the bathroom?

Did they really have to go? Good heavens no! They were walking back and forth just to pass those fascinating trophies. They were trying to see which trophies were for their team.

The cub division received trophies first. One team of little tykes, 8-9 years old had won all of their games.

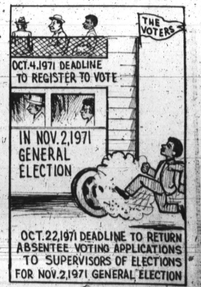
They paraded up one by one to receive the tiny trophies (about 5 inches high) so you know they were not impressed at all. In fact one little fellow took his and immediately stuck it in his left back pocket.

Don't forget the bush comb is in the right pocket.

Another little one let his trophy slide quietly into his jacket pocket.

The larger trophies were awarded to the other divisions. Some for outstanding playing differing the series, others for team playing or sportsmanship. Accompanying the trophies were certificates of appreciation given to all 300 players.

When awards time was over you know the banquet may just as well have ended, for this was the reason the players had dragged mom, dad, grandma and baby sisters out to hear their names called.

As we left the banquet, I couldn't help but think of part of an old nursery rhyme as I watched the "battle of the bulge" of the two rear pockets. "What are little boys made of? Snips and snails and puppy dog tails. That's what little boys are made of."

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