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

No Boat Rides For Us

What is the AFRO going to say about State Senator Verda F. Welcome's published comments in a daily newspaper to the effect that we have a blackout on news about her candidate who seeks to unseat Parren J. Mitchell?

As we told the daily reporter, the AFRO has no comment.

We hope we are sophisticated enough these days to understand how bossism works and to recognize that those who would deny the black community its rights would delight in a dialogue among black people over an insignificant and ill advised comment by a public official who regularly writes to this newspaper and consults with the editors.

We happen to believe the black community has come a long way from the days when the bosses with their full pocketbooks footed the bill for free beer and food and carted us down the Bay on a free boat ride on election day to make sure we didn't vote.

The issue in the 7th Congressional District race where Congressman Mitchell seeks reelection to a second term is bigger than money, walk-around money, and free boat rides from the bosses.

The real issue is that in the 7th Congressional District the incumbent congressman has made an impressive record in his first term and deserves to be reelected by his constituents.

Another issue is whether political bosses who seek to manipulate black voters are able to convince those who should know better that they should sell their vote for one day $15 pay offs on Election Day.

This is unfortunate. The AFRO will not get caught in this bind and we think our readers won't. The issue is not that Senator Welcome criticizes her own newspaper friends here at the AFRO in a last-ditch effort to support her boss's candidate.

The issue is that black voters want no walk-around money such as Senator Welcome says she has from the bosses and are ready and willing to stand independent of the old slave philosophy and work for nothing to reelect Parren Mitchell.

When we put our children's pictures on billboards we hope they won't grow up and come back to haunt us and say why did you do that when you already had a black man in Congress?

It would be "ultimate tragedy" if the explanation had to be there was walk-around money and the bosses ordered it.

Eighty years ago the AFRO said editorially,

"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."

And what was true in 1892 is true today.

City Jail Solution

The more reports we read about conditions at Baltimore City Jail, the more we are convinced Councilman Emerson R. Julian's suggestion is a good one.

What City Jail needs right now is a good warden.

Recent reports by federal investigators and this week's survey by Mayor Schaefer's Task Force all point in one direction—the warden is a weak administrator.

The Schaefer committee says it clearly. "There has been an administrative breakdown at the Baltimore City Jail . . . it is our preliminary impression that security and safety are at a critically low level . . ."

Throughout the 19-page report the finger points to the warden. For example, on page 16 it is noted "impulsive action by the warden seems to have precipitated the April 5th riot."

In addition the report refers to "serious failure of the administrative staff to carry out policies of the board."

The report makes this further indictment of the warden:

"The most obvious and striking deficiency we have found is the lack of control, coordination, communication, discipline and respect between the top supervisory members of the Baltimore City Jail administration and the intermediate level of the jail staff.

"This deficiency permeates the officer corps and makes it extremely difficult for the many intelligent and dedicated Baltimore City Jail officers to perform their duties efficiently and effectively.

"The natural result of this breakdown at the top level of administration of the jail is a further breakdown at each subsequent level of operations and a failure of central coordinated control of the jail's operations.

This is the third report in recent months, all saying the same thing — Warden Hiram Schoonfield is not sufficiently attuned to the times and should be removed.

Mayor Schaefer should give serious consideration to Councilman Julian's suggestion to appoint Police Colonel William (Box) Harris as interim warden.

If he can be borrowed from the Police Department where he serves as Chief of the Traffic Division, perhaps he can straighten out the City Jail mess before it is too late.

Colonel Harris has experience putting out fires. He served during the Cambridge, Md. crisis. He has worked as a prison warden.

During World War II he was in charge of the stockade in Germany and France. He holds a master's degree in the field of correction.

The early morning appointment of two black jail captains satisfies one of the Task Force recommendations but it is not sufficient to straighten out all the other problems at City Jail.

Warden Schoonfield has demonstrated that he will ignore policies and operate "my jail" by his own rules.

We do not need another April 5th disturbance before the real culprit at City Jail is removed.

Open Letter To W. D. S.

Dear Mayor William Donald Schaefer:—

If Baltimore City is truly in financial trouble as you say, when are you going to require city employees to live in the city?

If you stop this trek down the Beltway and insist that new employees reside in the city and those probationary employees with less than six months tenure occupy residences here, you might save the city some money.

Cutting out educational programs like athletics, community schools, etc. will do greater harm than eliminating suburban residents.

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;

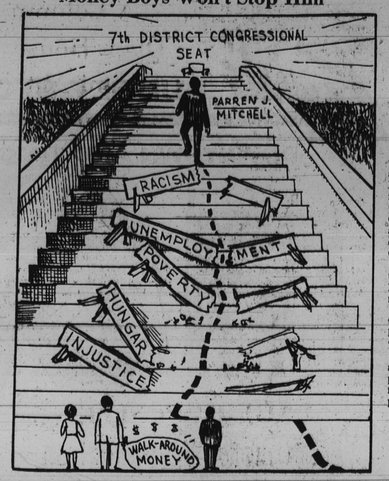
Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

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

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

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

Money Boys Won't Stop Him



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.

No Middle Ground In This Election

Dear AFRO: Slowly but surely the truth is finally coming to light regarding the sources of Mr. Russell's financial support as he campaigns for the coming Congressional Election.

The news media has revealed that backers of Governor Mandel have given "substantial contributions" to Mr. Russell, and Mr. Irvin Kovens was among those listed.

This information comes as no surprise to the black community, for it was evident that the "fat cats from the in-crowd" were making the effort to control our destiny through Mr. Russell.

If there are still "doubting Thomases" among us, then I suggest that they feel the "spikes of deception" poised to pin down our progress or touch the "sword of mistrust" which will wound our desire and thrust to control our future.

Now the question which must be answered by the black community is, "Do we want to be a free people with Mr. Mitchell and have a voice in our affairs or do we want to be slaves with Mr. Russell and have the white power structure decide what is best for us?"

There is no middle ground on this question, and we ought to understand how important it is to our well-being.

This is not the time in history, after so many struggles by so many to gain a place in the sun, for black America to go back to the type of politicians Mr. DePriest and Mr. Dawson were forced to be.

To do this is not progress but recession which has kept us entrapped for so many years.

Looking at this election we know that Mr. Russell:

1. Is well supplied with money for this campaign.
2. Is able to buy more time on radio and television.
3. Is able to have more billboards and signs on transit buses.
4. Has campaigned among a selected group of voters in the district.
5. Is not willing to discuss the issues with Mr. Mitchell.

On the other hand, Mr. Mitchell:

1. Has campaigned throughout the entire District.
2. Has hundreds of people giving their time and working for him without pay.
3. Has received his financial support from the ordinary citizens of our city.
4. Is unable to buy much time on radio and television.
5. Is willing to discuss the issues with anyone and at anytime.

Let it be understood however, that signs, billboards, and the media do not vote. People vote and Mr. Mitchell has people on his side.

More than this, "People Power" can move mountains when it is motivated; and on May 16, this power will be very evident as people send Mr. Mitchell back to Congress.

Some 2,000 years ago, a Man was crucified because he had great concern for people and spent His life trying to bring dignity and justice to all men.

Here in 1972 another attempt is being made to crucify another man because he too is concerned about people and is striving to bring dignity and justice to all people.

We, the voters, can block this action by going to the polls in large numbers on May 16 and displaying our power as people to one and all.

As we vote, we can also say to Mr. Archie Williams, "You too will be in Paradise" by pulling his lever on Election Day.

—ISAIAH E. WHITE

Lee-Welcome

Dear AFRO: You carried an article in your paper of April 1, 1972 entitled "DELEGATE LENA K. LEE TO SENATOR WELCOME".

This was a most interesting article and I feel that the residents of our fair city should take their hats off to Delegate Lee who did the unveiling. She took courage to speak about that which is true. There weren't any short cuts or detours.

Everything was brought out into the opening. We now know the maneuverings of the Senator.

I am in agreement with all the Delegate has said in this article, especially since I was once a secretary of Mrs. Welcome. I too, am casting my vote for Mr. Parren J. Mitchell who is doing a marvelous job and will continue his fighting for the blacks in Congress.

I have had great admiration for Delegate Lee in her role as an elected official. What I admire most in Mrs. Lee is her logical reasoning and clear thinking.

Mrs. Lee, my hat is off to you! You did a magnificent job!—LINDA JONES

MSC Alumnus

Dear AFRO: I am a Morgan State College graduate. I am proud of one of our most illustrious graduates; Parren J. Mitchell, now member of Congress from Maryland's 7th District.

I am a bit older than Morgan's current students but I do not believe Morgan State's football coach who supports Mr. Mitchell's opponent, George Russell, is in tune with his students.

Those I have heard talk express disgust that a man like Mr. Russell would inject himself in the congressional race at a time when we need to reelect the incumbent, Parren J. Mitchell. — J. R., an alumnus, MSC. P.S. Congressman Mitchell is a Morgan alumnus, Mr. Russell is a graduate of Lincoln University.

A little About A LOT

Experience vs. Promises

By MADELINE W. MURPHY

MRS. MURPHY

As the campaign trail wends its way toward May 16, barely ten days away, voters in the 7th Congressional District have the opportunity for the first time to vote for experience in the person of our first black incumbent Congressman, Parren J. Mitchell, and against the promises of a boss-controlled challenger, City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr.

Judge Russell is admittedly under the wing of the Parks-Adams-Kovens-Mandel machine. Therefore, he does not control; he is controlled.

His service as City Solicitor under the two recent city administrations has shown him to be a conservative, "strict constructionist."

As the city's lawyer, he has, time and again, gone along with the program rather than be an initiator for change within the spheres of his present office.

On the other hand, Parren J. Mitchell is independent, he's arrogant, he's outspoken—like we'd want to be if we were in his shoes!

He knows the problems of the black people he represents and solves most of them, in fact, he represents all blacks in Baltimore.

He is fearless in speaking out against the war in Vietnam.

He believes the continuation of the war is directly responsible for unemployment, the ill-housed, ill-fed, undernourished multitudes in black Baltimore.

Along with his concern and action for prisoners, laborers, drug addicts, better housing, he has backed legislation to stop the war and has initiated legislation to stop the draft.

He does not have to be a lawyer, since Congressmen have access to "legal eagles," who can frame legislation in proper terms. That's what offices of Legislative Reference are all about.

Congressman "PJ" Mitchell has the convictions, the sincerity of purpose, the guts to initiate legislation benefitting you and me. He is an independent self-starter.

Judge Russell believes like old machine politicans, money will buy votes and voters.

The major shake-up over this cynical, callous attitude in Sen. Welcome's club has raised serious doubts as to whether black people are going to be so easily bought this time around!

After the hard-won election of 1970, when Mandel's people tried to steal the election from "PJ," black voters in the 7th Congressional District who would cast their vote for the same boss-controlled candidate, will reveal their abject stupidity in believing that Mandel's "deputy for the colored," City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr., will be their salvation.

We don't need boss-controlled figureheads whose allegiance to the Mandel machine will dictate legislation benefitting them, rather than the needs and aspirations of Baltimore's black community.

More than ever before, we need change agents. We need independent voices of opposition.

We need strong willed, race-conscious advocates who will build a lasting base on which independent participation within the political system will hopefully bring about our liberation.

No man other than Congressman Parren J. Mitchell can do this.

The experience of 1970 through 1972 has proven this.

The empty promises of the challenger under the wing of bossism, can never deliver this.

'Singular Honor'

Dear AFRO:

As a subscriber to the AFRO-AMERICAN, I was most pleasantly surprised the other day in leafing through the pages to read of my selection to the AFRO-AMERICAN Honor Roll for 1971. I was quite overwhelmed at achieving such a distinct and signal honor.

I know from my awareness of citations given in previous years that this is a recognition that is not given lightly and which has graced many of our most distinguished citizens. This makes me even more proud and humble.

Although very grateful to be included in this highly select company, I do not feel that my efforts which may have made this possible are anything more than doing what the responsibilities of my office call for.

I am thoroughly convinced that the troubled youngster in our community does not have a sufficiently strong voice speaking out for him and that there is a desperate need to galvanize in our community the efforts of concerned citizens from all walks of life to push for and demand the necessary resources for these thousands of young people.

I shall continue to direct my efforts towards this end and I know that it is an objective which the AFRO has always rightfully pursued with diligence.—ROBERT I. H. HAMMERMAN, Judge, Supreme Bench, Baltimore City.

Vote Info

Dear AFRO:

We would like to call your readers' attention to an error in our Voter's Guide. The correction will apply only to the procedure for election of delegates to the Republican Convention. The error occurs in a paragraph on the first page of the Guide.

Republicans will elect two (2) delegates per Congressional district; the remaining 10 delegates at large will be elected by the State Central Committee.

Wherever in the Guide reference is made to election of Republican delegates, it should correctly read "Vote for two."

The Guides are available at no cost at Enoch Pratt Library branches and the branches of the Equitable Trust Bank.

MIMI WAXTER
PRESIDENT

For Readers

Dear AFRO: If only a few of your readers would be moved by the following which came with a photograph of a kitten, published by Friends of Animals, Inc., it would possibly do some good:

"I ask for the privilege of not being born . . . not to be born until you can assure me of a home and a master to protect me, and a right to live as long as I am physically able to enjoy life . . . not to be born until my body is precious and men have ceased to exploit it because it is cheap and plentiful."

B. J. SMAI

I Have A Dream, Too

Dear AFRO: I have a dream, too,—a dream that one day our children will be respected for their efforts, regardless of the intelligence quotient,—respected because they are breathing the breath of life that God gave them,—respected because they are human.

I have a dream that one day, a child will not be judged for his grade level, nor devalued by the lack of it.

I have a dream that, one of these days, teachers will not feel aggravated and irritated when they have to work with slow learners, but accept them with such love and prodigy that these young ones will blossom into happy, healthy, moral individuals with a purpose in life to pursue each dream, fulfill each hope and give meaning to their lives and to the lives of others.

Parents send us the best children that they have and we, as teachers, have an obligation to be the best teachers for them;

That is, to exercise the totality of learning as a dagger against crime and evil, and a sword against hatred, ignorance and bigotry; we have an obligation to use instruction as a cultivator of knowledge, truth and love.

I have a dream that soon, teachers will put more emphasis on developing character, then activating geniuses; that children will learn by example from the teachers and parents,—to speak as they speak, and act as they act.

I have a dream that the Golden Rule of treating others the same way that we want to be treated will be on the lips of every man, woman, and child, every teacher, parent and educator.

I have a dream that all teachers will be able to teach for the sheer joy of being involved in the lives of others, and that people will go into the teaching profession for the beauty and duty of serving others.

The day will come when standardized testing will not be a guessing game but a vehicle to measure what the child really doesn't know, and an instrument to precisely diagnose that which he should be taught.

The day WILL come, I'm sure of it, when everyone will enjoy the gratification of learning, at every age and stage, and each one will be captivated by such revitalizing, invigorating experiences daily, and thereby live life at its utmost.—(Mrs.) BERNICE B. LEWIS, Reading Teacher, School No. 132.

NOW and THEN

Citywide Vote Needed For Two Judges

By G. JAMES FLEMING

DR. FLEMING

Certainly, Baltimore must continue having a black congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives, the seat now filled by Parren J. Mitchell, who is a Democratic candidate for reelection, from the Seventh Congressional District (Pull Lever 4—C).

But there is more for Baltimore voters to do in the primary election on My 16— just about 10 days away.

Voters throughout the city can help to elect Archie Williams to the Supreme Bench, thus increasing the number of black judges on the Supreme Bench from three to four.

Even if Attorney Williams is elected, there would still be 17 white judges to four blacks, in a city nearly 56 per cent black; more than that in unofficial count.

Mr. Williams has long been a well-known, hardworking lawyer; well-trained, and of outstanding character. He has the right, temperament for a judge.

More important, the black community needs more representation on the higher bench.

Both Democrats and Republicans can vote for Judge-to-be-Williams. On the voting machine, Democrats will find his name on 6 — C; on the Republican line he is on 6 — 1.

There is also a black candidate for judge of the Court of Special Appeals—the second highest appeals court in the state. He is James W. McAllister, also a lawyer of reputation and with many-sided experience in public affairs.

He is a graduate of Hampton Institute and the Howard University Law School, and a veteran of World War II (Pacific Theatre of Operations).

There has never been a black judge on the Court of Special Appeals. Voters in all districts of Baltimore City can vote for Mr. McAllister. Democrats will find his name on Lever 5—B; Republicans on Lever 5 — H.

The list of delegates to the national conventions is too long but here, too, AFRO readers, especially Democrats, have an opportunity to see that the next presidential candidates are nominated by a really representative convention.

That means, more blacks, more women, more young people.

In Baltimore, it is especially important to elect blacks in those districts which are totally lilywhite, so far as political offices are concerned. So here's a special appeal for those delegate-candidates running in the First, Third and Sixth Legislative districts.

Where this commentator lives, the Third Congressional District, there is an exciting interracial female combination, running pledged to Representative Shirley Chisholm: Kathleen (Kay) Carter, a social worker; Louise G. Murphy, a school principal, and Sarah Begus, a housewife.

On the male side, there is John Douglass, a school teacher and recently candidate for City Council and the State Legislature. He is a father and husband and a zealous community worker.

Voters should remember that, regardless of how a delegate is pledged or committed, at the convention he or she can use his vote to the best advantage after the first ballot.

Black delegates are important.

They may be the only sure way of stopping Governor Wallace.

A bunch of Chisholm votes can be power in the Convention.

Speaking of the Alabama governor, have you noticed how cagey and careful some important politicians are becoming about him? No one is taking Wallace as a joke or only a clown, or as only a race-baiting headline-seeker, performing for the homefolks in the peanut gallery.

They may not love him, but they fear and respect him. He is showing that he has power, and everybody "pays mind" to power.

A few weeks ago, this column hinted that the man that school busing has made famous may well end up being the Democratic candidate for vice-president—regardless of who is candidate for President.

We might have played Wallace cheap. As of the moment, we won't be surprised if he becomes the Democratic candidate . . . (hold your breath!) President. Such is the mood of the country, North and South.

If Wallace is nominated by the Democrats, there may be hordes of anti-Nixonites happy to vote for Nixon, just as they once voted for Spire Agnew.

When last week's column left our desk it was titled:

MOON WALKS
RECALL EARTH'S
BAD HABITS

When it appeared in print we were shocked to find this mix-up:

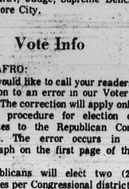
NIXON WALKS
RECALL EARTH'S
BAD HABITS

Regardless of the misleading heading, we were trying to point out why blacks, women and other minorities are, and will be, missing from moon and other planetary adventures.

The more any group is historically kept out of the best training and out of many kinds of experiences, the harder such groups find it to be "ready" when new worlds are to be conquered.

That is why, we wrote last week, that blacks and other minorities must contend and fight for unlimited opportunity for the best education and for open doors and up-grading in employment.

It's NOT A Man's World


MRS. WHITE

By BERNICE S. WHITE

During the recent session of the Maryland Legislature, one important piece of legislation was introduced that would have had a great impact on the status of women.

Known as HB 225, the measure would have removed the discrimination that a woman experiences when seeking to obtain credit in her own name. Needless to say, the bill did not pass.

HB 225 very simply stated, "No seller or financial institution shall discriminate against any buyer or prospective buyer wishing to establish a retail credit account because of the sex or marital status of the buyer."

Ms. Elaine Newman, executive director of the Maryland Commission on the Status of Women, in testimony before the Judiciary Committee asserted that "in the State of Maryland many practices discriminate against married, divorced, and separated women with regard to obtaining credit.

"The general practice in Maryland, is that a single man and single woman are treated alike with respect to establishing credit!"

Ms. Newman added, "However, a married woman is almost always denied credit in her own name regardless of her income and type of work. She may apply for credit but just list her husband and information about him in order to have the credit approved—and she cannot obtain credit in her own name."

Some lending institutions have separate criteria for female credit applicants and male credit applicants. A divorced, separated, or single woman decides to purchase a home—the lending institutions insist on a male co-signer (usually her father, brother, or an uncle).

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) used to require, and still may request a letter from a young married woman, whose income is crucial if the family is to secure a mortgage, a letter stating that she would not get pregnant, and also detailing who would care for the child if she did get pregnant.

A working wife is told that only half of her income can be counted in establishing financial eligibility for a home mortgage, while all of her husband's will be counted.

A divorced woman who goes downtown to a department store to change her name on her long existant charge account from her married name to her maiden name she has reassumed, is told that the credit record she and her husband compiled belongs to him; she will have to begin all over again to establish her own credit.

In her testimony Ms. Newman also raised the following questions; Why should a divorced woman be treated differently than a divorced man?

Why should a man separated from his wife be treated differently from a woman separated from her husband?

Why should a married woman who had a charge account and a good credit rating encounter difficulty in maintaining the charge account when she becomes separated or divorced?

Why should a person who had credit one day lose it the next day because she got married?

These questions will remain unanswered until and unless the women do something about it.

This is one issue that all women can unite around and work for change. Lack of ability to receive credit is one of the most blatant forms of discrimination against women.

In Ms. Newman's words, "It is inequitable, degrading, and demeaning to be denied full citizenship and creates substantial hardship."

A Column Of CHOICE

Open House School 238 In Fairfield

By MARION BANFIELD

MRS. BANFIELD

Hallelujah! We've got it made! No more excuses about the inability of our black children to learn.

This writer attended open house at School No. 238 in Fairfield on Monday and saw Betty Showell's famous M.E.C.L.P. (Model Early Childhood Learning Program.)

I didn't stay on the sidelines. I got beside individual children so that I could see and hear what was going on.

Believe me, those Fairfield three, four and five-year-olds are smart.

They can't help it. After all, they get told how smart they are every day.

Director Showell told me the story of a four-year-old's teacher who warned that if the children didn't settle down for naps Miss Showell wouldn't know how smart they were.

To which bit of adult wisdom the four-year-old replied, "Oh, she knows how smart we are. She watched us work all morning!"

Since I have observed this Fairfield school many times before, I am well aware that there wasn't an artificial program. There is a highly structured specialized curriculum. Teachers don't have to guess what to teach.

A big-eyed three-year-old charmer had memorized his pattern of "block, cylinder, and circle" in a "repetitive pattern," no less!

Another skirted 3-year-older had forgotten the "torso" on her clay figure. I learned about a torso in high school!

Mothers are a big part of the action. They are paid aides as well as volunteers.

The interested mothers volunteer to help in the classroom.

How else can they understand the rapid growth and variety of learning experiences which Mrs. Marie Berry supervises?

These children read at 5. You shoot to there and let the teachers and the fancy machines show you what your school never could have offered. There is equipment, and it is being used!

This M.E.C.L.P. program involves parents actively. They had been taught to make supplementary books and games for homework to reinforce the school program.

The curriculum is skill oriented with emphasis on reading comprehension readiness skills, math and language.

As I heard teachers getting children familiar with "behind" "underneath" "between," I recalled the days of Eddie Murray at School No. 138 on Harlem and Monroe, when he used to urge parents to use these directions with children.

Teamwork among the adults was outstanding and Miss Showell attributes much of the success of the children to this approach. Teamwork is apparent as soon as you enter the busy classrooms.

Handshakes, pats, hugs, verbal praise are everywhere. I have not heard scolding and yet I have seen some little-boy-mischief that would send some classroom teachers into their usual punishing and shaming routine.

No guessing is involved in evaluating the success of children in this program.

Standard tests have been used since 1970.

The Stanford-Binet, Peabody Picture Vocabulary, Metropolitan Readiness Test, Primary Mental Abilities Test, and Cognitive Objectives Test are all given these children. In all schools these specially treated children have scored well.

In observing the individual attention given these children, they are accustomed to evaluations and so tests don't scare them. They are well taught and so they learn.

During the summer parents will carry major responsibilities for teaching under the direction of a master teacher. The regular staff and new teachers will be in a summer training session.

Teachers in the M.E.C.L.P. program School No. 238 are Mrs Judy Morris, assisted by Mesdames Virginia Scott, Ella Jones and Effie Coleman; Mrs. Linda Merrick assisted by Mesdames Constance Howard, Rozella Bond, Ruth Jackson; Mrs. Annmaria Joynes assisted by Mesdames Olivia Butler, Evelyn Lyles, Elnora Knight; Miss Evon Haskins, assisted by Mesdames Myrtle Hemby, Imogene Mack, Myra James; and Mr. Michael Gahagan assisted by Mesdames Barbara Cox, Diana McCain and Anna Seward. Parent Coordinator is Mrs. Geraldine Long.

Mrs. Mary Veloso, principal, is in the hospital. Teacher-in-charge is Mrs. Catherine Smith. Senior teacher is Mrs. Bessie Black.

Parents who participated in the Open House skit were: Mesdames Emma Fulwood, Barbara Cox, Mary Hill, Barbara Hawkins, Darnelle Edwards, Juanita Blagmond, Ivy Feagin, Mary Harvin, and Ann Sanford.

Proud fathers in the audience were: Henry Bond, Franklin Wilkens, George Matthews and Linwood D. Jackson.

Among others in the Open House audience were Mesdames Louisa Bean, Kathy Watson, Constance Howard, Virginia Scott, Rozella Bond, Gladys Williams, Grace McCain, Loretta Hobbs, and Diana McCain.

This program will expand to include 6-year-olds.

Parents need to make sure that their children are not turned over to punitive, dull, teachers when they leave this program.

Exercise your choice in teachers and programs. Try to keep this special program for the entire elementary period. If we've got money for the moon, we can keep our children feeling smart and happy.

PAGE OPPOSITE

Baltimore Afro-American

IF YOU Ask ME

By BETTYE MOSS

MRS. MOSS

Yes, the AFRO is heard: Crisis Magazine, official organ of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has two articles from the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers in its May 1972 edition.

One is an editorial by our executive editor Moses Newson on "Anti-Busing Defiance." The other is a column by Dr. G. James Fleming, on "NAACP's Clout Remains After Others Fade."

More on us: — This month, AFRO president John H. Murphy III, who is second in command of our organization, is cited by Ebony Magazine as one of the 100 most influential men and women in the country.

And, Mrs. Frances Murphy, AFRO Board Chairman And Chief executive officer who just returned from a lecture tour in Sweden, tells us that secondary school children not only were anxious to read the AFRO in class but asked if they could take it home to share with their parents.

Of course we could go on, but we just mention these few items to let you know the AFRO is alive and well.

Cuff note: While in Sweden, Mrs. Murphy's official escort was an American black man, Wilbert C. Petty, a U.S. Cultural Affairs Officer.

A Washingtonian, he holds degrees from Howard, Catholic University and University of Paris. He is a sculptor by training and taught art in Washington, D.C. public schools.

His wife, Irene, a Howard graduate, is a home economist.

She taught clothing and textiles design at Howard University.

The Pettys have served 11 years in West Africa prior to Sweden (Tunisia, Guinea, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Nigeria).

One of the first things, the AFRO's goodwill ambassador did when she returned to Baltimore this week was phone hellos from the Pettys to his mom, Mrs. Julia H. Petty in Asheville, N.C., and to Mrs. Irene Petty's mom, Mrs. Ida Powell in D.C.

The Pettys also sent hellos to Morgan State's Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis.

Ho-hum department: The way some people talk, you'd think the only people who misbehave live in the inner city.

These excerpts to tenants in a predominantly white housing complex in Baltimore County speak for themselves:

"Recently, we found it necessary to request families to vacate their apartments due to the behavior of their children.

"It is our intention to operate a quiet, peaceful, and pleasant apartment development.

"We cannot do this without the full cooperation and assistance of all of our residents, but most particularly the parents of our very active younger people.

"We want our children to have a good time and enjoy the facilities that are available.

"At the same time we want them to grow up to be intelligent, understanding, cooperative citizens.

"It is sincerely hoped that it will not be necessary to request any other residents to vacate because of the misbehavior of their children."

Total net revenue from Maryland alcoholic beverages taxes and cigarette taxes is still rising says, Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury.

He reports increased in the month of March.

Distilled spirits revenue increased by $24,711.03, wine by $17,974.94, beer by $10,406.66, while tobacco tax revenue increased by $144,723.00.

The total net receipts from alcoholic beverages and cigarette taxes for the month of March were $3,859,099.38. For the first nine months of Fiscal Year 1972, this revenue totaled $34,550,951 58 up from $32,787,051.10 for the corresponding period last year.

Well!

The Baltimore Civic Center Director Harold J. Jennifer Jr., reports that the Custom Auto Show, held February 24-27, 1972, at the Center, broke all records for attendance and gross revenue in its eight (8) year history here.

Attendance for the four (4) day event presented in the Exhibition Halls drew 30,970 patrons for a gross revenue of $109,767.25.

These figures top the previous highs of 30,642 attendance and $83,778.50 achieved during the Custom Auto Show in 1970.

Among the features of this year's show, labeled Custom, Speed and Cycle Show, were personal appearances by Peter Lupas, TV star of Mission Impossible and James Brolin of Marcus Welby, M.D.

Also featured were the Bearcat Car, Bugaloo's Dune Buggy, Bob Hope Golf Mobile and Mickey Thompson's $50,000 space age funny car.

78 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

Only Two Days Left

May 9th is the deadline to return applications for voter absentee ballots for the May 16th primary. Relatives should secure them for persons in hospitals or nursing homes, and persons who will be out of town on election day. Application should be made now.

It takes two minutes to pick up the application blank from the Supervisors of Elections, Peoples Court Building, Fayette and Gay Streets or at the AFRO office.

Every vote counts. If you or your friends are going to be absent from the city on election day you can still vote if you secure the application and return it by May 9th.

Ask AFRO LINE

AFRO LINE is an AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whenever 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 to the AFRO LINE each week, because that is where the Action can be found.

QUESTION: I recently visited a wig shop. It is a filthy place and yet it is crowded with black women. What can be done to clean this place up? Who is responsible?

Is a wig shop like this licensed by the Cosmetology Board? If so, how come they set such high standards for us beauty shop owners. Yet permit this place which doesn't even maintain minimum health standards stay open? No caps are used, employees use the same comb and capes on customers. Why?—B.E.M.

ANSWER: Wig shops are not licensed under the Cosmetology Board. The Baltimore City Health Department states that nothing can be done about this. Trying on wigs is just like going in a department store and trying on hats. A spokesman for the Health Department did say they would investigate the wig shop you mentioned.

QUESTION: The deterioration of Portage Ave., at the rear of 4500-4664 Marble Hall Rd., in Northwood is such that it creates a community hazard in addition to being an eyesore.

The deep ruts and holes are dangerous to pedestrians (many of whom are elderly). The condition of the road is damaging to automobile drivers and since water collects in the holes and ruts, we fear they will be breeding places for mosquitoes this summer. Won't you investigate this community concern and help us improve both the appearance and the safety of Portage Ave.?—G. M.

ANSWER: The district supervisor of street repair service will investigate the area this week.

The AFRO Stands For

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

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

Extensive and meaningful 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 of the city, county and state court systems.

A black owned and operated taxicab company.

A black owned and operated bank.

A black majority on Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

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