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FIRST TO GIVE.—Phillip C. Brown, President, Pre-Birth Clinic, in Washington, D.C., made first contribution of $1,000 to AFRO Clean Block Prize Fund this week.

—Honor pupil

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Handy Sykes and Charles Sykes entered the church calmly.

However during the services when the casket was about to be closed, Mrs. Sykes pleaded with tears of emotion for the coffin not to be closed. It remained open for the rest of the services.

During the services it was also mentioned that, besides her being an honor student, she was also a "faithful member of the junior choir."

Some of her young friends were pallbearers.

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The procession left the church in a group of 16 cars for Arbutus Memorial Park for burial.

The 4-page funeral program containing the obituary revealed Denise (Cookie) Handy was born July 16, 1957, at the Franklin Square Hospital.

She was baptised Nov. 24, 1968, by the Rev. Mr. King at Simmons Memorial.

She attended the elementary schools No. 112 and No. 142. Later she attended the Houston-Woods Junior High School, No. 181 where she would have graduated an honor student on June 22.

A few years ago, Denise received a Certificate for Literary Research Work. She later that summer attended School No. 144 for extra curricular vocational training.

She was also noted as being the only female in the history of School No. 181 to want to learn carpentry.

Earlier this month, Denise went under contract with the singing group known as "Togetherness" at the Ponderose West, North Ave. and Pulaski St.

Her favorite hobbies were care of her pets and her garden where anything she planted grew.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Rosie Handy, her father, Charles Sykes, 2 brothers, James Anthony and Micheal Anthony, 3 sisters, Misses Cindy Charlene, Linda Darcell, Mona Lisa, one grandmother, Mrs. Emma Sykes, 2 grandfathers William Handy and Charles Sykes, and a host of other relatives and friends."

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—AFRO victory

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clared it 'shows that agencies and city government can be made responsive to the desires and wants of the people if sufficient pressure and interest are generated."

Commissioner Embry explained the history of the Rosemont homes, located west of Bentalou St. between Franklin St. and Edmondson Ave., to the board.

He said they were bought at a price of $6,500 two and three years ago to make way for the Interstate Expressway, but on complaints from other Rosemont citizens the highway was moved further south leaving the homes vacant.

To restore these houses after years of vandalism, Mr. Embry added, required at first spending about $11,500 a piece but "prospective buyers and public officials" convinced his department to spend more on improvements.

Before the board's action, Housing was paying the city $2,500 for each house (for 82 of the 422 houses). Now the board agrees to have the city sell the homes to Housing at $1 each.

Mr. Embry said 422 property tax payers and the restoration of a neighborhood make up for the financial loss.

—Missing girl

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pants.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church. She is buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Police records show Alice and a friend left home at about 2 p.m. May 7 for a walk in the 3100 block W. North Ave.

In one report given to police May 9, the friend is quoted as telling the police on their return home she pursuaded Alice to come with her by the way of Gwynn Falls Parkway to avoid a group of teenage boys and girls in the 3100 block W. North Ave.

Alice is quoted as saying she was not afraid and the two girls separated. This is the last time they saw each other.

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In another report given to the police May 12, the friend told police in the 2900 Block Gwynn Falls Parkway, standing on the east side of a stream, "Alice stated she did not want to live anymore because no one loved her."

She told the friend to tell her parents what she was going to do "and walked into the stream."

Police said her friend tried to reachout and grab Alice back but the current half carried her away.

On pointing to the spot where Alice "walked into the stream" by the friend, a team of police officers and Fire Department officials used boats, grappling hooks and other equipment to search for the body but without results.

Police said the area of the stream and the immediate vicinity were searched but with negative results.

On June 8 and five weeks after her disappearance the body of a girl whose description tallied with that of missing Alice was seen floating in the 300 block W. McComas St.

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The floating body was described as 12 to 16 years; about 5 ft. ½ ins. in height, and weighing about 100 pounds, was wearing what appeared to be a tee shirt and light colored pants and one blue and white tennis shoe on the right foot.

Police statement indicate the mother of the lost child, Mrs. Gladys McClain and her son were taken to view the body in the hope of identifying it.

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Examination showed a white spot on one of Alice's front teeth in a photograph matched up with a white spot on the same tooth of the unidentified body.

Miss ALICE McCLAIN

Mrs. McClain told this reporter in her 1800 W. North Ave. home, she was positively sure somebody might have grabbed her daughter and put her into the stream.

"I don't believe that she is dead. All along I knew she would return."

Alice, she stated, was 12 but "was like a child, she was tenderhearted, kind and loved kids."

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"She never stays out an hour longer than her limited time. She was really quiet and lovely child," William McClain, the dead girl's father told the AFRO.

Born in Claremont, Va., Alice liked school and her ambition in life was to be a nurse.

She is survived by five brothers, Steve, William, Colvin, William Daniel and George L. McClain; two sisters, Gladys and Mildred McClain and a host of aunts and uncles and friends.

Sen. Brooke runs again

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (UPI) — Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., the nation's only black senator, announced Wednesday he was a candidate for re-election.

Brooke made the formal announcement at a rally in this western Massachusetts city as the first step in a west-to-east sweep of the state.

When Brooke was first elected in 1966, the former state attorney general became the first black senator since Reconstruction.

-Blount's bills

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tors by creditors. Under the provisions, a debtor is prohibited from using threat of force, unlawful criminal prosecution, calling an employer about a deot or disclosing credit information to unathorized persons. Telephone harassment is also prohibited.

Signed into law in May assures cosmetology students that they can work as apprentices after completing 1,000 hours of training.

Senate Bill 4, a constitutional amendment, allows the Legislature to determine when those who have committed "infamous" crimes may have their voting rights restored, also passed, and will be on the ballot in November.

Commenting on the voting rights bill, Senator Blount remarked, "I am very proud of all the individuals and citizen groups, such as the Legal Aid Reform Unit, C.A.A. and Model Cities and other community groups. No one legislator gets the job done by himself, so I thank various members of the General Assembly, Senate and House for helping me to get these bills through."

Mr. Blount was successful in having enacted a resolution to authorize a committee to establish a program to combat glaucoma, an eye disease, which if not diagnosed in the early stages may cause blindness.

The Governor signed another measure which will eliminate the labor law requiring that hourly wages be paid students who are camp counselors. Mr. Blount says if the hourly wage had to be paid to these counselors, all non-profit camps would soon be out of business.

Effective July 1, all city taxes must be paid before a liquor license may be transferred and the city has the right to combine most small loans into one package rather than have many different loan projects, 'meaning, many small projects can be done on a continuous basis without itemizing each particular one," he added.

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DAVID McDOWELL ROBINSON

Blacks need 'as much education as possible'

"I believe that black people should obtain as much education as possible. It is foolish to sit back and think that a self-sufficient black nation will emerge in the midst of a literate white society when the majority of black people are still academically deficient.

"Self-help and black separatism are empty ideas without the skills and knowledge of educated black people to put them in motion, and give them the appropriate shades of meaning."

These words came from David McDowell Robinson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Robinson of Rupp St.

He received an A.B. degree in sociology this year from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

An honor student, Robinson was one of the first blacks to graduate from Gilman High, a preparatory school for boys here in Baltimore.

In September, Robinson will be a member of the first year class of entering law students at the University of Md. School of Law.

He has one younger brother, Samuel, 16, a student at Carver High.

Meade soldier exposes the military in Germany

The Court Martial continues today (Friday) for Pvt. Dwight Drewery, 24, charged with four counts of disobeying an order, being disrespectful to an officer and wearing a beard and Afro hair.

The hearing is at Fort Meade in the 1st Army Judge Advocate's Building.

Pvt. Drewery suffered a fractured jaw in three places while awaiting trial in the stockade.

Defense Attorney Luther C. West said he learned from black inmates that Pvt. Drewery was hit by a 200 lb. soldier.

Pvt. Drewery spent 10 months in a military jail and has lost over a year's pay from his original effort to get white workers punished for a cross burning in Germany where he was stationed.

On Thursday, the attorney for the government introduced six witnesses including several officers before the government rested.

Defense Attorney West in giving his opening statement to the 7-man military jury asserted, "We are going to prove that this individual has been persecuted by the Army and the Army is getting every piece of meat from this man and won't let him go."

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Pvt. Drewery upon taking the stand was hardly audible because of wiring on his fractured jaw.

Pvt. Drewery stated, "Race relations were so-so in Germany until Col. Buckley took over in the fall of 1969 and deteriorated as he gave rank only to special people.

"A lot of fights occurred in U.S.O. camps when black soldiers brought German girls to the functions."

He testified, one night when he and some friends were in the housing complex, they saw a cross burning on a hill behind the structure.

He told the jury upon investigation they saw 20 to 30 soldiers with rifles and guns around the site of the burning.

He testified they heard 15 to 20 shots fired and then returned to find some MP's. The officers after viewing the situation did nothing, he said.

Other incidents of prejudice cited by Pvt. Drewery included, Col. Buckley shielding a soldier who fired a gun at a black soldier and himself, receiving improper housing for his rank.

Pvt. Drewery, a native of Newport News, Va. is married with one child.

Michigan to appeal busing edict

DETROIT (UPI) — The state of Michigan will go directly to the U.S. Supreme Court to halt a federal court-ordered busing program to integrate Detroit schools with those in the suburbs, Attorney General Frank J. Kelley said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Stephen J. Roth Wednesday ordered a nine-member panel to submit, within 45 days, a specific plan for carrying out an integration plan that would involve hundreds of thousands of students in the nation's largest school busing program.

At a news conference in Lansing, Kelley said he would ask the Supreme Court to issue an order that would stop the panel from proceeding with plans for the super district if Roth refuses to half further action himself.

Kelley said he would ask Roth this coming Monday to issue a stay. Roth is expected to refuse.

Mitchell campaign reports in

By VAL HYMSE

As of Thursday afternoon reports from Kenneth L. Johnson, treasurer of the Parren J. Mitchell Campaign for Congress Committee, showed a balance on hand of $3,329.14.

The report continued as follows: $13,129 receipts; $11,988 disbursements, and $1,141, balance from previous reports.

Other contributions included $2,000 from Committee on Political Education, AFL-CIO, Washington, $250 from Machinists Non-Paritisan League Washington.

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Expenses included $1,600 to Clarence Bishop, Kenilworth Ave., listed as field expenses; $453, advertising; $340, bus for transportation on election day and radio time $2,878.

Publicity items and literature were listed as expenditures costing $4,000 in the report.

At least two other reports are still pending from the Mitchell Committee.

A report from the George Russell campaign group has not come in to date, but the law allows the men until Friday morning's mail to get their reports in.

John Floyd, robbery victim, dies Wednesday

John Floyd, 36, 3610 Plateau Ave., a construction worker, sustained several knife wounds when he was attacked on May 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Floyd was walking along Gilmor St. near Saratoga St. and had just gotten off the bus, his family states.

Mr. Floyd died as a result on June 14 at Bon Secour Hospital.

Police report he was also robbed at the time of the tragic incident.

Arrested and charged Charles Gordon with the crime.

Last rites will be held Saturday at the Marshall Jones Funeral Home at 1 p.m. for Mr. Floyd.

The family will receive friends tonight (Friday) at the funeral home, 4101 Edmondson Ave.

Mr. Floyd was born May 1, 1936, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Floyd of Mullins, S.C.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gloria Floyd, daughter Gloria, age 5 and three brothers.

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