In The Family Tradition

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.

A Monument To Him

Dear AFRO: On July 31, 1971, Walter P. Carter, one of the most outstanding leaders in our community died. His life touched many people of all races, occupations and financial levels.

He spent a lifetime working to relieve misery, suffering and to achieve quality and dignity for all mankind.

With all of the problems facing us today in housing, law enforcement, employment, social welfare, institutional and individual racism it is not enough to talk about the goodness and inspiration of this man.

Walter said some time ago in what he called a message:

"This is all the more valuable in that it is a struggle, and he who wants it without struggle just should not have it.

"Nobody rips off Frederick Douglas. What I am saying, the brothers and sisters should be angry enough to stay the hell in there and come out with a victory at all costs, you know: I am smiling toughly."

We should be smiling toughly and taking care of business."

Although Walter is no longer physically present with us, his spirit and life's work will remain.

As a monument to him, let us continue to pursue the objects and strategies of his legacy to us. Walter Carter Memorial Fund, In. Johh R. Burleigh, II, Chairman, Chester L. Wickwire-Treasurer.

Only Stood Up

Dear AFRO:

After reading your article about the Douglass High School Graduation exercises, I find that you were wrong in one of your statements.

You said "all 491 graduates came down to receive their diplomas. No, they did not. They only stood up when their names were called.

They were told that if it is over 300 of them they could not walk across the stage to get their diplomas. This was done to "save time."

My parents waited three years for that night and we would not mind waiting another hour to see our children walk across the stage. Also, several of those youngsters received awards on "Farewell Day" yet their names were not mentioned on graduation night. Of course we had to save time so we can hear how many went to kindergarten together, how many twins were there, and how many first cousins were there.

No, Mr. Editor, all 491 did not come down to receive their diplomas individually. — E. M. C.

Adopt A Tree

Dear AFRO: An Idea was recently proposed by City Councilwoman Mary B. Adams' that residents "Adopt" a tree—take responsibility for the care of a young city tree.

Each year the Forestry Division plants thousands of saplings. Everyone is aware that city budgets have been cut. This leaves the Forestry Division to face the "long, hot summer" without enough equipment or men to give the care these trees need to withstand the rigors of city living.

If individuals will help by watering, weeding or clipping the grass around the trees, removing the litter (why not re-cycle it? ? ?), and perhaps even planting a pretty border around the tree, everyone would benefit.

Forestry Division workers would be relieved of one responsibility to work on others such as pruning, planting, and removal, and all citizens would benefit fnam the sight of well cared- for streets of healthy trees giving beauty and shade—not to mention oxygen! !

The Women's Civic League, churches, and individuals have began by adopting "their" trees. It's a good beginning and to be applauded. This is a project which deserves the support of all of us.

There are more than enough people in Baltimore to take care of all the beautiful trees we have. Remember: Great Oaks from little acrons grow!

BONNIE JEAN BUIKEMA

Not Hymie

Dear AFRO:

You're carrying this equal time thing too far, I mean your allowing Hyman Pressman to use space on your editorial page last week to defend his attack on Judge William H. Murphy.

I'm surprised that the AFRO would let him have that much space. For me, and I know for a great number of other AFRO readers, his words fell on deaf ears.

We know Hymie is not truly interested in his black constituents because if he was he'd stop smearing people like Judge Murphy without any basis in fact.

Let Hymie talk in the daily papers, not in our AFRO — JAMES HILIMAN.

Article Pleased

Dear AFRO: We were most appreciative of the AFRO-AMERICAN'S July 11 article on our viewers. Miss Allen's treatment of the subject was complete, yet concise and easy to follow.

To a great extent, our success in placements depends on how well we get our message across to the public. In-depth articles, such as this one, help immeasurably.

OTIS OLIVER,
Area Manager
Dept. of Employment Security

DeCosta Tribute

DEAR AFRO:

On behalf of the entire family, particularly for mother and myself, our appreciation for the tribute to dad about his life in the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, particularly, in the meticulous care and attention to detail in your article.

Dad would have been pleased, and your comments about Dad's life made his passing easier for all of us. —(FRANK A. DE COSTA JR.)

ED.'S NOTE: Dr. Frank A. DeCosta Sr., was the scholar and beloved dean of the graduate school at Morgan State College at the time of his death last month.

Baltimore Afro-American

NOW IN ITS 80th YEAR

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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. — CARL MURPHY, Editor-Publisher 1889-1967.

The Rt. Rev. Mr. Carroll

Elevation of the Rev. Edward G. (Gonzalez) Carroll, to bishop of the United Methodist Church has special significance for Baltimore and Maryland too.

The Rt. Rev. Mr. Carroll is the first black bishop in the history of the United Church the first to be elected to the church's highest office from our state.

At age 62, Bishop Carroll follows in the footsteps of his forebearers who altogether have served the great Methodist Church for over 137 years.

The family had its beginning in Calvert County, Maryland when Nathaniel Monroe Carroll (1831-1931), escaped to freedom and settled in Baltimore.

He pastored old Centennial Church, was Presiding Elder when he established the N. M. Carroll homes for the aged, first on Hill St., now on Carrollton Ave. He served the church 45 years.

Shortly after arriving in Baltimore, N. M. Carroll earned enough money to free his brother, Henry Addison (1834-1912).

The younger brother moved to Baltimore to join the church, pastored Ames, Metropolitan and Sharp Street, serving a total of 47 years.

His son, the Rev. Julius Sylvester Carroll Sr., (1877-1952), followed the family tradition, pastored at Centennial as well as Asbury Church in Washington and was Superintendent of the church's old Annapolis District.

His record — a total of 45 years.

His son, our new bishop, began his ministry at a small church in Pimlico. Later, he taught philosophy at Morgan College and then enlisted in the Army where he served as captain.

Upon his discharge, he returned to pastor St. Marks Church in New York and in 1955 began a 5 year ministry at Sharp Street where his father and grandfather served before him.

Before his election to the bishopric last month, he was minister of the integrated Marvin Memorial Church in Silver Spring, Md.

His brother, the Rev. Julius G. Carroll Jr. is also a minister, serving at East Calvary in Washington, D.C., and as a Chaplain with the Civil Air Patrol at Ft. Meade. He has served the church since 1953.

Our new bishop not only has a rich family heritage in the Church, but he has the keen understanding of a denomination which has faced up to its problems, worked hard to eliminate separatism and devoted itself to living the Christianity which it preaches.

In his new assignment Bishop Carroll presides over the Boston area in the Northeast Jurisdiction where he is responsible for 200,000 members who attend 750 churches in the New England states.

Baltimoreans, Marylanders too, have special reason to be proud of our new bishop.

The Patterson Plan

Baltimore School Superintendent Roland N. Patterson's program to reorganize the city school hierarchy appears to be a good one.

In this issue, the AFRO begins the first in a series of articles about the proposed plan which would restructure the administration at 25th St. headquarters and move it closer to the people through creation of nine regional offices.

When Baltimore City interviewed candidates for Superintendent in June, 1971, one of the questions it asked of the applicants was whether they would be willing to bring to Baltimore an innovative program.

Parent representatives and community leaders joined with the School Board and school officials on those interviews.

When Roland N. Patterson's turn came to tell what he would do were he selected, he did indeed suggest that he would work on an imaginative program.

When he took over in October, 1971, Dr. Patterson created a Task Force to study options for reorganization. There followed discussions of proposals by the school staff and community and then development of a specific plan.

This is the point at which the Patterson Plan now is before the School Board for approval.

For the past several weeks, the Board has digested and discussed details.

It is expected to take formal action this month and hopefully, approve it.

The community gave Dr. Patterson a mandate a year ago. He has produced what appears to be an administratively sound reorganization program to meet the varied needs of our sprawling school system.

The Board should and must give it its blessing.

City Jail Half - Measures

The problem with the Baltimore City Jail is that nobody in authority wants to face up to facts.

The new City Jail Board follows this tradition. After two days of hearings it takes half-way measures.

It gives Warden Hiram Schoonfield, a slap on the wrists and—suspends him for two weeks, for conduct unbecoming his office, growing out of charges by black employees that he made racial slurs to male and female employees.

There will be two weeks of further study of reports to determine the warden's ability and the effectiveness of all personnel.

We hope this isn't a delaying tactic to allow things to simmer down.

For the past year—beginning with a survey by the American Correctional Association—and through the year reports from other federal, state and city groups, there has come overwhelming evidence that the main trouble is in the warden's office.

Mayor Schaefer's own citizens' group has cautioned about the potential dangers.

If more proof of the inability of the warden to understand his responsibilities was needed, newsmen had an opportunity at Wednesday's Jail Board hearing.

They heard the warden testify that personnel who complain about indignities "show disrespect of my office and my position." Here is further evidence that he is inept and should be removed promptly.

It is regrettable that the restructured Jail Board, unlike a new broom, did not see fit to sweep the office clean.

A little About a LOT

Donohue's Sophisticated Double-Talk

By MADELINE W. MURPHY

On July 19, the State legislators met, along with representatives from the Citizens Committee for Voter Education, NAACP and Urban League, with Governor Marvin Mandel.

They requested that the Board of Supervisors of Elections (BSE) use deputized volunteer registrars, unassisted by the Board of Supervisors of Election in: community action centers; mobile units which would drive through densely populated inner city neighborhoods; churches after Sunday services where ministers requested this service.

Gov. Mandel agreed to find out the legality of these requests through the Attorney General's office and then to request that John Donohue, the chairman of the Baltimore Board of Supervisors of Elections make the necessary judgements to the registration procedures.

The Governor felt on the face that these requests were reasonable.

Meanwhile, John Donohue has released a list of supplemental registration sites.

They include libraries, shopping centers, but no community action centers, no registration sites in the heart of the inner city.

The first priority should be where the greatest unregistered population lives, where the purge wiped off 125,000 or more names, West, East and South Baltimore.

Donohue shows how he feels about this by implying in his news statements that he will not be catering to any "special" groups (blacks, or the Citizens Committee or both?), and that bringing voter registration into the community with mobile units would take away the "dignity of voter registration!" Whatever that means.

New York City has mobile units on every other street corner because voter registration means an aware and political citizenry — the ultimate dignity of being an American Citizen.

The BSE for some "obscure" reason seems intent upon using its office to play God with the rights of inner city black and poor people.

The Citizens' Committee for Voter Education (CCVE) which devised the volunteer registrar system, worked its fool head off to register 15,000 in one week in 1971, and over 10,000 in the scattered two-day sites in 1972.

MRS. MURPHY

Under the supervision of Mrs. Jennie M. Jenkins, director, Volunteers Community Action Agency, 200 adults and 50 youths were trained and deputized as voter registrars both in 1971 and 1972.

Now, John Donohue has his own director of volunteers heading Volunteer Recruitment Committee for Voter Registration, has divided up the city with captains and has assigned Mrs. Jenkins to Central and Northwest Baltimore out of her target area and away from her volunteers, so that she can provide volunteers for his sites.

He has specially ignored the president of the Citizens' Committee for Voter Education and the only other viable black group involved in his citywide volunteer group is the NAACP, a member of the Citizens Committee.

Yet, with two weeks of daily registration in CAA centers, volunteer registrars, duly sworn to uphold the law, could recoup the lost voters on the purge, costing the city nothing.

The CCVE has the places, has the people, what's the hold up?

According to John Donohue, all these deputized volunteers have to be supervised by BSE, since BSE doesn't have enough paid workers, enough money in its budget, what sense does it make to waste personnel looking over volunteers shoulders?

What's this look like to you, friend?

To me, it looks like the same kind of racist restraints used among blacks in Mississippi, where the black population outnumbers the white.

Only this time, threats and literacy tests aren't used, just sophisticated double talk, clever obstacle courses are used to see how many blacks sacrifice money and time to shop at Hecht's or Mondawmin or Lexington Market, go to libraries (since there are no libraries in the heart of the inner city) to be "accorded" aright which mysteriously becomes a "privilege" under Donohue's plans.

What has been requested by the legislators and the community is clearly permissible under the registration laws of Maryland.

The time has come for the Maryland Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to reopen its investigation and hold hearings in regard to the entire system of voter registration in the City of Baltimore.

(In 1971, the Commission charged BSE with racism in denying daily registration sites in the inner city CAA centers.)

The purge, which conveniently happens in a Presidential election year, a bitterly contested 7th Congressional election might unearth myriad illegal, unorthodox and questionable registration procedures by the BSE in its effort to "clean up" the books of registry.

Voting is the only free vehicle blacks have of making decisions in the political process. These decisions affect middle class, working class and poor alike. Therefore, all of us have a responsibility to extend this precious right to those who cannot grasp it.

If you want to do something about this sorry situation, contact Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, 752-6911, be a volunteer, be of assistance in this crucial struggle.

Everyone's help is urgently needed, NOW!

Benefit Paid Off

Dear AFRO:

It is my pleasure to report that the Tyson Street Open House held recently for the benefit of the Baltimore League for Crippled Children and Adults, and its summer camp for handicapped children, Camp Crestoop was financially the biggest success in the more than 20-year history of the event.

Although the final figures are not quite in, it is expected that more than $7,000 will be realized, and will be used by the League in its program of Campership for the handicapped.

This will permit many more crippled children to spend a two and a half week period this summer at Camp Greentop in the Catoctin Mountains.

It is only through the spirit of cooperation and a willingness to work for others that this success was achieved. To the Tyson Street Association, and the residents of Tyson Street who so generously opened their homes and gave of their time, go our heartfelt thanks.

H. ALFRED STALFORT
President

Dual System

Dear AFRO: I am constantly amazed at the dual system of justice in the U.S.

The recent case of Air Force General John D. Lavelle, who decided to create his own "Vietnam Policy" by ordering unauthorized bombing attacks on North Vietnam, is an example of this system.

Lavelle's actions have so far resulted in his losing one of his four general-stars and retirement on a salary of $27,000 a year (paid by the American public through taxes)!

WALLY WESSEL,

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 operajed bank.

A black majority on Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
December 25, 1920

NOW and THEN

Rising Taxes Put In Lap Of Councilmen

By G. JAMES FLEMING

One of this column's readers called recently greatly perturbed about the rising real estate taxes.

"Why must we pay these high taxes to build highways and expressways so 'those other people' can get out of Baltimore? We (the blacks) don't need them; we aren't going anywhere."

My caller continued and continued:

"Can you imagine, my little place, no mansion, is taxed $1,000?"

"I have some other places, more in the inner city; they are overtaxed, too, and the city can't even guard them against vandalism or protect my tenants from hoodlums."

Dr. FLEMING

As our reader considered, he himself recognized that expressways and highways may be helpful to both blacks and whites, to city residents as well as to countians.

He agreed that some blacks go to the nearby counties to work, and that, as the years go by, increasing numbers of blacks will be moving to the metropolitan counties.

Nevertheless, he insisted that "Something has to be done about Baltimore City's taxes."

We suggested that if blacks did not pay taxes for expressways and whites did not pay taxes for welfare, we might still end up in a heck of a mess.

Nevertheless, our reader argued that "Some of our black councilmen could well push an investigation of the continuous, rising taxation."

"These councilmen ought to wise up to the fact that there are more problems affecting black people here than police brutality or white people's attitude to blacks, in general."

"Where are these taxes going to stop?" "When is somebody going to save the goose that lays the golden egg?"

Whether one agrees with this complaining reader or not, one must join him in questioning, "Why in the same year that the state has taken over the construction of all public schools, must we also have a rise in taxes?"

This writer's knowledge of public finance is not sufficient enough to answer our questioner. But, our reader does offer an important suggestion to black lawmakers and other blacks.

"There is also need for development of expertise in those matters which are not brightly labelled "black."

He who can keep taxes down may do as much to give Blacks better homes in the city as those who parade against housing discrimination.

How many black lawmakers, anywhere, have initiated investigations of the insurance empire?

How many have tried to put these companies "on the spot" as to their practices in cancelling policies or raising premiums?

Who has studied the materials used in new structures as compared with the material contracted for?

Why do so many school buildings and private residences fall short of expectation once they are built?

What black legislators have led a campaign to improve the lot of patients in mental hospitals?

Right now, for instance, it is the people who set the tax rates who are the experts on, and defenders of, those tax rates.

Nothing written above means that no black lawmakers ever fight for the common good.

City Councilman Emerson Julian recently made headlines fighting for the employment of Baltimore City residents as against those who only work in the city but live and pay their taxes in the counties. What has happened since is not clear.

Delegate Troy Brailey was responsible for getting the special, reduced bus rate for older people, from age 65—an achievement beneficial to all senior citizens.

This benefit is not only in the reduced fare but in the fact that, if less money is spent for transportation, more is available for food and clothes.

Back to taxes: It is said that no one likes to pay taxes.

Most people would not like, however, to be counted among those who pay no taxes: The inmates of penitentiaries, mental asylums, and houses for the indigent, and those classified as "chiselers."

No one would deliberately join their ranks.

It is nearer to the truth, to say that No one likes to pay more taxes than are fair and equitable."

Your Fake Call And Stone Throw

By MAJ. JAMES H. WATKINS

(ED's NOTE: Maj. Watkins, one of Baltimore City's highest ranking police officers, is director of the Department's Community Relations Division, which won a place on the AFRO's 1971 Honor Roll. He is a veteran of 22 years on the force).

Last week I reported on the misuse and vandalism of outside pay phones and I would like to elaborate further on the subject in this week's column.

In a few areas of the inner-city there are emergency phones. These are pay phones with dial tones when the phone is lifted, the operator can be reached without depositing a dime.

This can be a "life saver" or "property saver" when the Police or Fire Department is needed in a hurry, particularly, when the caller does not have change or any money.

A C and P Telephone Co. spokesman advises some people try to dial a number without depositing a dime. This connects the caller with an operator, who notifies the caller he must deposit a dime.

At this point the phone company has a complaint.

Plus, the person dialing the phone is known to use profanity to the operators.

This column is to the few people who misuse and abuse the emergency phone—Don't destroy or cause an emergency service such as this to be taken out of our community.

We complain of being exploited and stepped on—so don't reject the positive help being given to make our life a little better.

In order to demand a place under the sun, you must also protect it from the negative thinking people, that are out to destroy everything.

I urge AFRO readers to report this type of misuse and destruction.

Tips of possible police action based on complaints from citizens.

1. To the young men shooting crap daily in the 2700 block of Prospect St.—please "stop" you are being observed and can be arrested.

2. To the good citizens in Cherry Hill—I have a letter requesting help in stopping the selling of narcotics and the loitering, along with begging of shoppers in the area.

I call upon you to control the younger people and don't permit them to hang in the Center.

Help the Police make your community safe—write or call Sgt. William Stanley of "STOP SQUAD"—685-5664—he has been requested to help clean up the narcotic traffic and stop the loitering in front of business places.

I urge a group of citizens in Cherry Hill to contact my office, 685-1600, extension 216, so that a positive recreation program can be started—in an effort to make Cherry Hill Shopping Center the wonderful place it was designed to be.

A few weeks ago Charles Watkins of Newark, N.J. wrote requesting help in locating relatives living in Baltimore City. It is the pleasure of the AFRO and myself to print the following letter....

Dear SIR: Just a few lines to let you hear from me. Mr. Watkins I don't know how to thank you enough for helping me find my family. I really do thank you, I have heard from them and had one of my cousins visit me over the week-end. Thank you again and again.

May God Bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,
CHARLES WATKINS

WRITER'S NOTE: The cousin's name is Mrs. Edith Lynier. A beautiful Thank You Card was also enclosed.

LETTERS TO MAJOR WATKINS: A letter was received on July 28, 1972 complaining of a horrible situation in the 1300 block of Harlem Avenue.

The writer states that some women in the nearby areas are bringing their chairs, children and food on the uneven side of Harlem Ave. early in the morning, seven (7) mornings a week.

They eat, drink beer and whiskey all day and all night, leaving food, crab shells, etc., thereby drawing flies, ants and other bugs.

Police Major Talks With People

MAJ. WATKINS

The noise and antics of some children, the writer says, is just terrible and they leave all this filth behind for the neighbors to clean up. The readers want to know and I think it is a legitimate question, why don't they keep their dirt where they live?

This is a "special plea" to these ladies committing this horrible, dirty situation—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," because Police action will follow (if necessary).

STONING A FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE: I talked with Fire Commissioner Howard Owen, reference to citizens in some areas of Baltimore City who are stoning fire vehicles when they respond to fires.

To the people participating in this type of "sport":—think of what could happen if a fire was raging and your loved ones were trapped in the house while the Fire Department was on its way, and some unthinking person threw a brick and hit the fire truck. This could cause an accident and as a result of chain reaction your loved ones would perish in the fire because the fire truck was delayed.

Again I say, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

(Editor's Note: Address questions to Major Watkins, care of AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203)

A Column Of CHOICE

Humanizing Education Is Helpful

By MARION BANFIELD

A few columns ago I wrote about the good human relations program at School No. 19,

A report, "Humanizing Education," has been prepared by Ruth Morrow, psychologist; Ruth Covey, social worker; Diane Gwynn, home visitor; Sherman Dunaway, counselor and Norma Lambson, crisis teacher.

Delmas Milbourne, principal, and Mrs. Rose Bricken, assistant principal, supported the team effort to bring human relations more firmly into the curriculum. Teachers at School No. 19 wanted more relevancy for their students.

The team's project was divided into four component parts.

1. There was a crisis center to which teachers sent children when emotional tensions made a setting outside of the classroom more helpful to both pupil and teacher.

2. Mental health was promoted with Walter Limbacher's Dimensions of Personality. This mental health program was to help students understand themselves and develop better feelings about themselves. The hope was that better understanding and use of self would cut down the fighting, the explosive anger and meanness that hampers learning.

3. The Home Visitor was particularly concerned with getting pupils to form good attendance and punctuality habits.

4. Parents were involved in a discussion group so that they could be aware of the program and more personally involved in the school's effort to educate their children.

As this writer brings these various reports to public attention, it is with the hope that parents and educators will take advantage of some of the excellent programs being offered in our public schools under the leadership of Dr. Roland N. Patterson, our black superintendent.

Humanizing education is becoming a thoughtful way of broadening school life beyond reading, history and arithmetic.

MRS. BANFIELD

As a matter of fact, reading, history and arithmetic have not been taught to thousands of youngsters who have sat in classrooms where teachers went through procedures supposedly getting lessons into the minds of pupils.

Even though we have talked about mass education for decades, American education has not succeeded in that task.

Uneducated people are a national burden. Our problem is to define "uneducated." Ability to read at 12th grade level or to solve advanced mathematical problems does not mean that one is well educated for 20th century problems.

It is man's relationship to man which is the most basic educational need of our society.

As I have talked with youngsters and their parents about problems in our schools, they have repeatedly listed fighting, stealing, teasing, not getting along with each other before they mention lack of academic skill in reading and arithmetic.

The poor self-image of black American makes our conscious and unconscious disdain for each other a major stumbling block to learning.

To allow learning to flourish parents can join educators in choosing to broaden the curriculum so that development of personality and relationship to each other will be as important as academic subjects.

We have the choice of humanizing education in schools and Sunday schools or continuing to waste our money and emotional strength in proven failing systems of education.

79 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.

It's NOT a Man's World

Sex Bias Continues In Schools

By BERNICE S. WHITE

Sex discrimination in the schools takes on many forms. Here are some of those forms that were mentioned, briefly in an earlier article.

Dr. Rita R. Campbell, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution of Stanford University, gathered information about sex discriminatory practices that need investigation.

This is incomplete and should not limit the area of investigation by interested groups.

One example is one sex schools. It was found that a number of cities still finance single sex public schools that usually result in limiting girl's further educational and vocational opportunities.

For example, when the New York City Chapter of the National Organization for Women studied N.Y. City schools in 1971 there were 12 high schools for boys only and 5 for girls.

Two vocational high schools in Washington D.C., remain restricted to boys.

Two vocational schools earlier restricted to girls have been opened to boys.

Baltimore, Philadelphia, Detroit, and New Orleans still have sex-segregated public schools.

All of Boston's schools will be co-educational next year as a result of a new State law prohibiting sex discrimination in elementary and secondary schools.

Where coed schools exist we find courses limited to one sex—particularly shop, cooking, sewing, physics, and work-study programs.

Frequently, courses not limited to one sex become practically one sex courses through formal and informal counseling and often subtle discouragement.

School systems should be asked to identify these one sex or predominantly one sex courses and give the reasons why they are so designated.

MR I. WHITE

A recent survey showed that many counselors and teachers lack information and sensitivity to changing life patterns of women and to widening vocational and higher educational opportunity legislation.

The Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women recommends interviewing School Board members, the Superintendent's staff, principals and counselors, and women students, particularly those organized in sports teams and extra curricular groups to determine prevailing attitudes and informational gaps in a local school system.

Special programs to provide greater awareness and knowledge for all school personnel may be needed.

The Council would appreciate receiving copies of surveys of school systems and the findings on sex discrimination in textbooks, library books and other curriculum aids; school activities; promotion of teachers; and counseling.

These may be sent to Dr. Campbell at Stanford University Stanford, California, 94305 who will be of any assistance she can, but she cannot five legal advice.

Should you have questions or desire additional information you may write to this column at P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

IF YOU ASK ME

By BETTYE MOSS

People, places and things:—A Baltimore city Traffic Court judge made a liar out of this columnist-mother.

Our 16-year-old son, home from college and subbing as an AFRO photographer, received a ticket for parking his VW outside the AFRO office at 3:15 a.m., while he unloaded his camera equipment.

Like many of our disillusioned youth, he was disposed to pay the ticket and forget the whole thing.

Understanding the dangers of parking too far from the office in the ayem hours and knowing thieves have already relieved him of some camera equipment, we prevailed upon him to go to court on Tuesday afternoon and tell the story. We told him a judge would be sympathetic and understand.

Lo and behold, it didn't happen. Judge Lewis ignored his plea, imposed the fine.

He lost a day from work, plus the fine because his mother foolishly thought judges listened when there were extenuating circumstances.

It will take his mother a long time to live down her "I told you so. I knew it wouldn't do any good." Ho hum!

On the brighter side: We hailed a cab at the corner of Mosher and Druid Hill the other day and that provided an opportunity to meet a Baltimorean home on a visit after a long absence.

We overheard the lady in the back seat say to her companion, 'Baltimore has really changed since I lived here.'

(And it has—ask any oldtimer who returns home—there are so many changes!)

The passenger in the cab turned out to be Mr. Wallace Clark, the former Grabrille Stewart, who makes her home in Chicago. She is a 1939 graduate of Douglass High. She was here visiting Mrs. Bernice White and Mrs. Elsie Henderson.

P.S. Got caught again:—was so engrossed in reminiscing about Baltimore, I did not notice the cabbie (a Mr. Armstead), had charged me 75 cents for that short ride. Some days you can't win!

Speaking of how Baltimore has changed, overheard this conversation at a Sunday event when Dr. and Mrs. Roland N. Patterson walked in:

By a longtime Baltimorean, now residing in another city: — Did he take Houston Jackson's place?

A—No, he's in charge of the whole school system, THE superintendent.

Q — The whole thing? Gee, Baltimore certainly has come a long way.

The Sunday event mentioned above was the annual birthday party relatives gave for Miss Anna G. Bennett at the Curtiss Bay family homes.

This reporter was struck by the fact that most guests were pioneer residents, third and fourth generations, many members of Sharp St. Methodist Church, in particular.

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Among the third generation present — the Davis sisters, Alice (now Payne) and Emma, daughters of the late Clarke Davis and Mrs. Davis long of Druid Hill Ave., and long teachers like their mother and aunt Emma.

Alice's daughter, Pat, is also a teacher (4th generation), is readying for a trip to Germany to visit an oldfriend, our namesake, Betty Matthews Dopson, who lives in Mannheim with her husband, Lt. Hugh Dopson. Yes, time does fly!

Interesting guest at the Sunday affair — the Rev. Julius Carroll Jr., pastor of East Calvary Methodist Church in D.C., but more importantly a chaplain and an executive with the state's Civil Air Patrol, holds the rank of colonel.

Seems only yesterday when the AFRO was campaigning to get black men accepted in the civil air defense. Remember?

Col. Carroll's headquarters at Friendship, plus he is in charge of ground instruction of pilots at Ft. Meade and he drives a car (license no. K-D94490), with special radio equipment enabling him to keep in close touch with operations he supervises at any time. Yes, times do change.

Also renewed acquaintance with the William Clays of Copley Rd., who reminded us that this column several years ago predicted their brilliant daughter was going places.

Our prediction came true. Little Brenda, now Mrs. Alfred Washington, is wife of the director of state rehabilitation, and in her own right a radiologist with a Park Heights Medical Center.

Remember, she was Phi Beta Kappa at Fisk and earned her medical degree at U. of Md.?

Cuff note: There are two youngsters; Kay, 5; and William, 2. Yes, time does fly!

God Bless You

Dear AFRO:

I have written Congressman Parren Mitchell as follows:

"God be with you and keep you.

"I am so thankful that you, a true humanitarian, were on the scene Saturday night at the Maryland Reformatory for Males.

"You have shown and continue to show our incarcerated brothers and sisters that somebody cares.

"God bless you and keep you, Congressman Mitchell, and may Heaven smile upon you for the very fine work you are doing.

(Mrs.) CECELIA C. SEWARD