More Readers Send Us 80th Birthday Hellos

Educators praise AFRO for outstanding service

Our 80th special for Dr. Pullen too

On August 13, 1926, I boarded the Old Bay Line steamer at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, for Baltimore, where I was to have my final interview concerning the principalship of the Catonsville High School.

I received the appointment and have been a happy Marylander ever since.

So, I celebrate this anniversary date along with the AFRO-AMERICAN! My congratulations and good wishes.

A free and responsible press is a sine quo non in a democracy. In my opinion, a newspaper worthy of the name has not only the responsibility for reporting the news in a fair and unbiased manner, but also a commitment to a policy in respect to the democratic way of life and as it sees it and stands unequivocally for what it believes.

It cannot be denied that the AFRO-AMERICAN has had and continues to have a commitment and a history of fighting for its commitment.

For this the AFRO must be commended and applauded.

In my nearly half-century in Maryland and in Baltimore in particular I have known personally and had the opportunity of working officially in several capacities with nearly every official or professional connected with the paper.

My association has been in connection with social, civic, and educational matters of concern to the entire population, and that association has always been pleasant, courteous, and mutually beneficial to our community.

May you complete your century in due season, and then go on for another hundred years, or so long as you are needed!

Kindest personal regards and best wishes!

THOMAS G. PULLEN Jr.

(Ed's Note: Dr. Pullen is former state superintendent of schools.)

Dr. Bard:

Congratulations on the 80th anniversary of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

Your newspaper has long been a clear voice for justice and while your focus has been the improvement of the lot of the black citizen, at the same time, the AFRO has pointed toward the betterment of conditions for people of all races, especially the downtrodden and the poor.

It is currently popular to challenge the Establishment but you did it, for a long time, alone, and with an articulate voice.

Last year the Community College of Baltimore had an exhibit of back editions of Baltimore newspapers which dealt with the human relations theme.

We exhibited, in the Bard Library, numerous early copies of the AFRO which read like the history of human and race relations in Maryland and indeed, in this country.

The AFRO often saw the need for reform first, and in the fine journalistic tradition of the Murphys, brought it out into the open and secured support though too often the Baltimore environment reacted too slowly.

May the next 80 years find you as forceful in your voice and your ink as powerful a medium as in the past eight decades.

HARRY BARD
(president)

Dr. Cheek:

Morgan State College is pleased to salute the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of its founding.

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers have meant something very special to Morgan State College.

In addition to the singularly splendid support which the newspapers have given the college down through the years, Morgan State College has been the rich beneficiary of the peerless leadership of the late Dr. Carl Murphy, long chairman of the trustee board.

Thus your observance of the eightieth anniversary of your founding is for Morgan State College a cause celebre.

The entire Morgan State College community joins me in extending congratulations to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers with the assurance that we share your newspapers' mission as enunciated by your distinguished late editor and publisher, Dr. Carl Murphy: "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."

KING V. CHEEK
(president)

AFRO founder's credo has inspired — Chandler

Only generations and centuries are long enough to adequately reveal the worth of the lives of great men and women. That is why their ideas and works live on long after they rest.

The greatness of men and women whose ideas and contributions are only contemporary and short-sighted will fade away soon after they cease to work or live.

The greatness of men and women with vision will endure and last forever for they can also see, speak, write, and act ahead of their time.

The name "AFRO-AMERICAN" Newspapers is prophetic because it pointed the way to the true identity and heritage of black people in this country when many of us were aimless, faceless, and unaware.

It helped us to discover, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that we are indeed somebody.

Consistent with the name, the credo of the AFRO Founder, John H. Murphy, Sr., has inspired the lives of generations to continue to illuminate the path of the reading public; to keep faith with the common people and to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured.

The name, the credo, and the deeds of the founder have transformed eight decades of existence of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers into generations and centuries of hope, vision, and progress.

Greetings, congratulations, and best wishes on the 80th birthday of the AFRO!

Dr. CLEVELAND A. CHANDLER

(Ed's Note: Dr. Chandler is a well-known educator and civil rights worker.)

'Invaluable asset to all the people' — Goldstein

These are times of inestimable importance to all of us. Among the most basic concerns of each and every American should be the right to know. The AFRO-AMERICAN celebrates its 80th birthday in a tradition that has long espoused that very principle.

It has often been said that a good word bears repeating, and, therefore, I find myself often addressing my remarks to the subject of this very basic right.

I quote the words of Carl Murphy, the illustrious and late editor-publisher of the AFRO-AMERICAN during the years 1889 to 1967!—"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."

I feel very strongly on the subject of "The People's Right to Know" because I am in the unique position of being both a newspaper publisher and a Maryland State Government official.

In either case the importance of the basic constitutional right of freedom of speech, and might add, honest and responsible reporting of the news, has always been brought vividly home to me.

The 80 years of successful publishing experience now behind the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN have been years of leadership and dedicated service throughout the state. Always in the forefront, however, has been a vital concern for an informed citizenry.

In these amazing times of instantaneous, sophisticated methods of communication, when it is both possible and practical to converse with the man on the moon, and to bounce TV signals around the world by means of a satellite, it is ironic that the simple truth is often the most difficult message to transmit.

It's not only a matter of the right to know, it is the problem of getting that simple word to the people loud and clear.

The policy of the AFRO-AMERICAN in fulfilling this task in the past and doing the same today and in the future, makes it an invaluable asset to all the people of Maryland.

The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN has a great credo and throughout the years its proven policies have kept faith with the people. I offer my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the years ahead. — LOUIS L. GOLDSTEIN (Comptroller of Md.)

League of Women applauds AFRO vote articles

Congratulations to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers on its 80th birthday!

As an organization interested in Voter Registration and Voter Education we applaud the wonderful job your paper does of informing your readers of where to register, when to register and the importance of voting. And to top it all off the AFRO prints such information on the FRONT PAGE!

The citizens of Baltimore benefit greatly from such service. Our best wishes to you today and for the future.—(Mrs. MIMI WAXTER, (President, League of Women Voters.)

Happy birthday and thanks for AFRO—says Mrs. Adams

Happy Birthday to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers—and Thank You! For years the black press has told the black side of the story.

Long before the regular papers recognized the dignity of black men and women; long before the regular papers realized the validity of black causes—the black press was in there, securing liberties and preserving liberties for all citizens.

Without the black press as a "rally-ing force—over the years—the battle for human rights could not have been fought and would not have been won.

Happy Birthday and thank you for demanding and fighting for equal educational opportunities for all citizens.

Happy Birthday and thank you for educating the people as to the value of the ballot box as a roadway to freedom.

Happy Birthday and thank you for fighting for job opportunities for all.

For all these and many other challenges—

Happy Birthday and Thank You—AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers on your 80th Birthday.—(Mrs.) VICTORINE Q. ADAMS (City Councilwoman 4th District.)

Mrs. Dixon, from family of long-livers

By PATRICE MYERS

"I don't have any secret for a long life, but I'm going to live to be 100," stated Mrs. Mamie Dixon who was born in Charleston, W. Va. on Aug. 21, 1892.

Mrs. Dixon explained, "My family are all long livers. My grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Connaway, lived to be 124. She died in Culpepper, Va. in 1915. My father, Edward Connaway, lived to be 98. My oldest brother lived to be 93. My mother, Mrs. Ella Connaway, lived to be 82."

Mrs. Dixon was the youngest of 15 children. All are dead except for herself.

Since she first came to Baltimore in 1940 Mrs. Dixon has always lived in the area of Lexington Market. She lived on Saratoga St. for 20 years before moving to her present residence at 443 Watty Court.

She was married for 39 years to John (Lot) Dixon.

MAKING A POINT — 80 years old on Aug. 21 is Mrs. Mamie Dixon who states, "I'm going to live to be 100." Mrs. Dixon was born in Charleston, W. Va. and came to Baltimore in 1940. She is the youngest of 15 children. John Dorman photo.

Mrs. Dixon had worked for Garden Laundry for 17 years before retiring in 1962.

When asked what her recommendations to others would be for a long life she replied, "Don't drink and don't keep late hours."

Mrs. Dixon's hobbies include watching television and crocheting. She can eat anything and has a good appetite.

Henry Parks:

Congratulations to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN on its 80th Birthday. Our road is rocky so we have needed and valued your special enlightenment in our quest for full freedom and opportunity.

You fill a very important role in the mighty field of communications.

HENRY G. PARKS JR.,
President

Banfields:

Birthday greetings to the AFRO-AMERICAN, the newspaper that attends to problems and solutions for the black community. — DR. and MRS. GILBERT L. BANFIELD.

Dr. Jackson hails an 'uncompromising spokesman'

Maryland produced Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and The AFRO-AMERICAN — all great freedom fighters in the history of this nation.

I am three years older than the AFRO-AMERICAN. I was born in 1889 on Greenwillow St. in Baltimore at a time when colored Baltimorenas were treated as second class citizens.

Then the AFRO-AMERICAN was born — the champion of first class citizenship rights for colored Americans.

Using the pen as a mighty sword, this great paper, under the dynamic leadership of the late Dr. Carl Murphy and the Murphy family, cut a path through the jungle of racial segregation and discrimination, until we, our children, and our children's children are now beginning to see the light of freedom and equality.

May God bless this great paper! May it continue to be true to the trust — the uncompromising spokesman of the people!! — DR. LILLIE M. JACKSON (President-Emeritus, Baltimore branch, NAACP, and founder of Freedom House.)

DR. LILLIE M. JACKSON
"I was three years old when the AFRO was born"

James A. Scott has formula for long life

By BRENDA WRIGHT

"To begin with, don't drink too much, don't smoke too much, live a clean life and remember that education is the main thing."

Giving that advice to Baltimore's youth, James A. Scott, 80-year-old resident of 523 Sanford Place, said following those steps will add years to anyone's life.

Mr. Scott, still active after celebrating his 80th birthday on July 26, said, "I've taken fairly good care of myself throughout my years."

Admitting that he does smoke, Mr. Scott called himself a 'poor drinker" and said he is convinced that not drinking excessively and working hard helps produce a long life.

"Hard work doesn't hurt anyone," he advised with a laugh.

Mr. Scott is obviously a firm believer of that statement since he recently retired from the Henry Stupf Meatpacking Co. at the age of 78.

Before his retirement, Mr. Scott was a butcher for 25 years at the George E. Wilkesburger Co. and for 24 years at the E. W. Pitt Co.

Mr. Scott was born in Sandy Spring, Montgomery County, in 1892, just as the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper was getting its start.

He attended the Sharp St. Methodist Church in Montgomery Co., before coming to Baltimore in 1913. He is the son of the late James Henry Scott and Mrs. Mary Ellen Scott.

After coming to Baltimore he played the solo B flat cornet with the Commonwealth Band.

In 1914, Mr. Scott married the former Miss Josephine Upshur of Palmar, N.J.

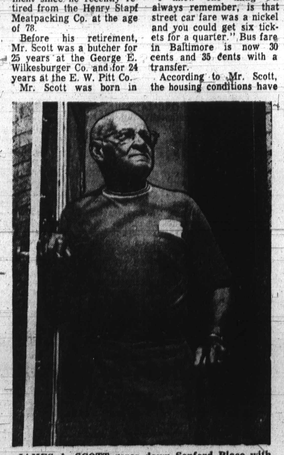
Since his wife's death, Mr. Scott has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Paul White. His other children are Mrs. Gordon Boyd, of Annapolis, John Cook, of Cheney, Pa., and Mrs. Joseph Hawkins of Baltimore.

When remembering how Baltimore had been 50 years ago Mr. Scott said, "I know one thing I'll always remember, is that street car fare was a nickel and you could get six tickets for a quarter." Bus fare in Baltimore is now 30 cents and 35 cents with a transfer.

According to Mr. Scott, the housing conditions have also changed through the years. "The housing conditions have improved and there are better places for families to live. It's more expensive than it was in my time."

Although Mr. Scott hasn't begun any new hobbies since he stopped playing the cornet, he spends most of his time enjoying his family and on Sundays, attending services at Evergreen AME Church.

Mr. Scott has three grandchildren. They are Mrs. Shirley Wright, Gordon Boyd III, and John Cook. He also has three great-grandchildren, Stevie, Dominque and Kimberly Sye.



JAMES A. SCOTT gazes down Sanford Place with a gleam of memory in his eyes. Public transportation and housing conditions, the 80-year-old says, have made many changes in his time.

'We are proud to have AFRO as ally'—Provident

Historically, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN has been responsive to the needs and supportive of the goals of Provident Hospital.

Established August 13, 1892, the AFRO has played an integral role in the development and evolution of Provident, which was established approximately two years later on June 13, 1894.

Since our very inception, the AFRO has helped us to tell our story to the community that we are committed to serving.

We here at Provident are well aware of the continuing service that the AFRO has performed in our behalf as we attempt to deliver health care of the highest calibre to the residents of Baltimore.

Whenever we have called upon the AFRO to assist us in attaining our goals, it has been obvious that the staff members have gone the extra mile to meet our needs.

When we were in the midst of our fund drive to build the new Provident Hospital, the AFRO provided us with in-depth coverage.

Whenever we have news about a recent development at the hospital, the AFRO has cooperated in getting this information to the public.

We are proud to have the AFRO as an ally as we forge ahead to accomplish our mutual objectives.

On behalf of the Provident Hospital community, I would heartily like to congratulate the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN on eighty (80) successful years of relevant and unbiased news coverage.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! — CHARLES G. TILDON JR., (Director for Development and Public Relations)

'The people owe great debt to AFRO'—Burch

Please accept my sincere best wishes and congratulations to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN on its 80th birthday.

Over these many years, your newspaper has always been in the forefront of man's eternal struggle for human rights, decency and justice.

The people of the city of Baltimore, both black as well as white, owe a great debt to the AFRO-AMERICAN for the role it has played in advancing the cause of civil rights for all Americans.

You have vigorously supported popular, as well as unpopular causes, with fidelity and zeal and with a sincere regard for the well-being of our citizens.

I believe the AFRO-AMERICAN, after 80 years of dedicated service, can proudly say, as Abraham Lincoln did well over 100 years ago, "I do the very best I know how—the best I can; if the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

Please extend my warmest personal regards to each member of your Board of Directors. — FRANCIS B. BURCH, — Attorney General of Maryland.

Urban League

Best wishes on your 80th birthday. Your informative news has kept the community informed especially about black problems and progress.

Were it not for your publications, a great deal about the black community would never be known. On to another 80!

Sincerely,
TRAVIS W. VAULS
Executive Director,
Baltimore Urban League

AFRO bulwark of strength, Rev. Dobson

The strength of the black community both now and in the past, has been and still is its communication's media.

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper has been a bulwark of strength in the Baltimore community because it has been our voice for freedom.

Through your dedication to journalism in our infancy we have been born again and again to our present maturity.

Congratulations in your eighty years of service, of commitment, and of integrity for and in a community that may never have been without you. — REV. VERNON N. DOBSON, (Minister, Union Baptist Church.)

Local 1199E:

On behalf of the officers and members of Local 1199-E, we would like to congratulate the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers and in memory of its founder, John H. Murphy Sr., on its 80th anniversary for the outstanding services given to its community. (Mrs.) GWENDOLYN HOBBS (Secretary, Local 1199-E, National Union of Hospital and Nursing Home Employees.)

John H. Murphy Jr., 92, reflects on life, Baltimore

By PATRICE MYERS

"Only 48 hours separate me from the enchanted age of 92," stated John H. Murphy Jr., retired circulation director and treasurer and only living incorporator of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

Two days later on Aug. 4 Mr. Murphy celebrated that "enchanted age." He is the only surviving one of 12 children born to the founder of the AFRO, John H. and Mrs. Murphy Sr.

Born in 1880 on W. Saratoga St. Mr. John Jr.'s life is a long and interesting one.

He attributes his longevity to "following the admonitions of the Good Book when it says 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'"

Mr. Murphy is an enthusiastic storyteller and his memories of old Baltimore are mystical and many.

"I remember old Baltimore when the only colored high school was located on Saratoga St. below Charles. I remember the farmers from southern Maryland and I witnessed them bringing watermelon, cantaloupes and other vegetation to the wharf below Pratt St.

"I have a poignant recalling of when the young lady who brought my first great dane (his dogs are one of his greatest loves) came to Baltimore. She could go into the Belvedere Hotel, occupy one of its first class rooms and the dog could sleep at the foot of the bed. I was forced to remain on the sidewalk," recalled Mr. Murphy.

He continued, "I remember very vividly Capt. George W. Brown who ran the only steamer for excursion to Cambridge from Baltimore to various places on the Eastern Shore.

"I recall very distinctly on the occasion of an excursion to Cambridge there were many persons who came to Baltimore loaded up with liquors calculated to induce high spirits of revelry when they went home.

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"When we approached the dock with the excursioners, one of the white sheriffs yelled, 'How many have you got in the hold.' Capt. Brown yelled, 'Not a damn one.'

"God bless Capt. Brown because he had foreseen an emergency and he had required upon entrance to the Baltimore port the passenger's contraband and when they arrived in Cambridge it was delivered to them."

Mr. Murphy led a very active 92 years. He was secretary and worshipful master of Enterprise Lodge No. 3 and a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Elks. He has attended Bethel A.M.E., Trinity, St. John and Douglass Memorial Community Church.

"A little nip of scotch and water before my dinner" and showing off his trophies for deep-sea fishing and hunting are a few of Mr. Murphy's pastimes and pleasures.

He and his wife of 43 years, Mrs. Marie Murphy, are members of a family (descendants of John H. Murphy Sr.) that "has long since passed the 100 mark."

Like a true son of John Murphy Sr., Mr. John Jr. declared that one of his goals in life was "upholding the principles of the founder of the AFRO - AMERICAN and assisting wherever possible in bringing to fruition the thoughts, desires and culmination of those who are in charge of the future of the AFRO!"

JOHN H. MURPHY, JR., son and namesake of the founder and only living incorporator of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper Company, who celebrated his 92nd birthday August 8, 1972. Director Emeritus since 1971, during his 65 years active with the corporation, he has served as Voting Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer. Before his retirement in 1948, he held such positions with the AFRO as Composing Room Foreman, Bookkeeper, Business Manager, Circulation Manager, and Circulation Director.

AFRO 80th year a good time to honor Frederick Douglass

By SCOTT PONEMONE

Few people today believe the civil rights movement has reached its goal and few dare foresee a time of justice for all. Ridding the land of racial prejudices, we know, is no simple process.

Great men have spent the better part of their lives fighting injustice. Maryland born Frederick Douglass is a prime example.

He was born in Talbot County, as he wrote, 'surrounded by a white population of the lowest order, indolent and drunken to a proverb, and among slaves who, in point of ignorance and indolence, were fully in accord with their surroundings."

Born a slave in 1817 and lived a slave's life until he fled to New York in 1838, Frederick Douglass, at age 8 was sent from his first master, who may well have been his father, into the Auld ousehold in Fell's Point.

During his seven years in Baltimore, with difficulty, he learned to read but after differences arose, was sent by Mr. Auld to a professional monster, a "slave braaker."

Eventually after two years' work in Baltimore shipyards, he fled to New York and later travelled to England and purchased his freedom. For the next 57 years (until his death in 1895) the impressive, 200 lb., six-foot tall Marylander spent day after day advocating, demanding civil rights.

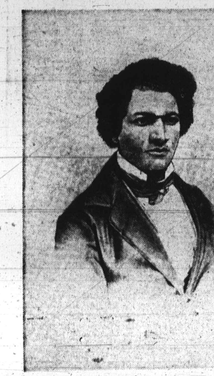
While as a young man the State of Maryland did him no honor, Frederick Douglass has been an honor to his home state. His words, even without his forceful delivery, maintain their power and their truth.

For example, "To those who insisted 'Be Patient' 'Don't Upset the Apple Cart,' I say, we demand full equality now." (1895)

"The U.S. Constitution is a stupendous sham, a rope of sand, a Dead Sea apple fair without and foul within, keeping the promise to the eye and breaking it to the heart." (1886)

To white Americans, he pleaded, "Put away your racial prejudice. Banish the idea that one class must rule over another. Recognize the fact that the rights of the humblest citizens are as worthy of protection as are those of the highest and your problems will be solved."

In later years he was named ambassador to Haiti and at the end of his tenure there he returned to Talbot County and to the home of his first master. He entered his former master's door. His master then admitted, Mr. Douglass greater man than the master who had once owned him.



SPIRITED ORATOR — Frederick Douglass is shown here a few years after he fled his slave-longshoreman life on the port of Baltimore in 1838 and journeyed to New York City.

Vegetables may be secret for long life

By PATRICE MYERS

"Vegetables are the best food you can eat," stated 79-year-old Otis Pullen, "I eat plenty of vegetables — string beans, cabbage, turnip salad, collard greens, tomatoes."

This is one of Mr. Pullen's secrets for longevity. Others he revealed were: "Try to eat 3 meals a day and drink plenty of good whiskey. People say alcohol is not good but good whiskey, especially the kind we made in the country, is all right."

Mr. Pullen was born in Bedford County, Va. on Aug. 29, 1892. He came to Baltimore in 1912 at the age of 20.

"When I came here in 1912 street cars were just 5 cents. There were summer cars and whiskey was sold outside. At Biddle and North Ave. they would bring pigs and cows through to the slaughterhouse," he said.

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"I never read the AFRO until after I retired. I appreciate it now because it gives you the details. There are so many things happening now. Years ago it was happy-go-lucky.

"People didn't think about things that much and weren't that concerned about what was going on in the world. But now there's so much going on."

Before World War I Mr. Pullen worked as a chauffeur for a private family. He stated, 'After World War I there wasn't much for chauffeurs to do because the selfstarter and the crank made it easy for people to start their own cars."

Beginning in 1920 Mr. Pullen had been a truck driver for different lumberyards. He worked at the Pennsylvania and Preston St. lumberyard for 9 years.

Of his work Mr. Pullen said, "Most of my work has been outside. I retired in 1964 from John Dickmans and Sons after 29 years. The last 8 years I worked in the warehouse."

Mr. Pullen reached the rank of corporal in World War I. He was stationed in Fort Meade and later France.

Mr. Pullen has been a member of Whitestone Baptist Church for 12 years. At one time he belonged to the Chauffeur's Club. His hobby is reading.

Although he does not have a garden at his 2822 Brighton St. residence Mr. Pullen would like to raise his own vegetables as he did when he was younger.

His wife, Mrs. Hattie Pullen died in 1956 after 36 years of marriage. The couple's children, Mrs. Ora Virginia Brooks and Mrs. Zelma Lucille Thompson, reside in Baltimore. Mr. Pullen has two grandchildren.

WANTS A GARDEN — Otis Pullen, born in Bedford County, Va. on Aug. 29, 1892, says that plenty of vegetables have contributed to his long life. Thus, he would like to have a garden of his own at his house on Brighton St.

Mr. Johnson has turned 80

By CAROL KOGER

'I think I'll live at least seven more years," are words spoken this week by George A. Johnson, 82, of Baltimore.

Mr. Johnson recently celebrated his 80th birthday on July 24, but his age doesn't keep him back.

Mr. Johnson takes part in civic organizations in his spare time.

He is a 30-year member of the Monumental Lodge — Elks No. 3, and is still actively involved.

He also attends the First Baptist Church on Caroline St.

He did belong to several other organizations, but as the years went on the clubs folded and the membership dwindled.

Although some people believe that there aren't too many pastimes when one's old, Mr. Johnson finds traveling on excursion buses to be a great pastime.

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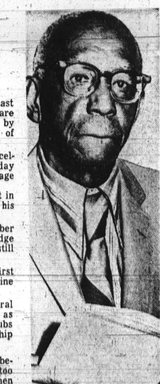
In 1914 Mr. Johnson met his wife, Addie, and also met with Uncle Sam in the Army. He served only a short time due to his health.

Because there weren't too many advantages for a black man, Mr. Johnson went into the junking and hauling business for himself.



GEORGE A. JOHNSON
In company with a good book

Now since Mr. Johnson has retired to a settled life, he treasures his home and property very much.

Mr. Johnson [illegible] that when he was young he was "no saint," and the young people [illegible] no different. "It takes time for everyone to alter their ways," he says.

AFRO the one newspaper which has filled the void

Congratulations to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers on its 80th Anniversary.

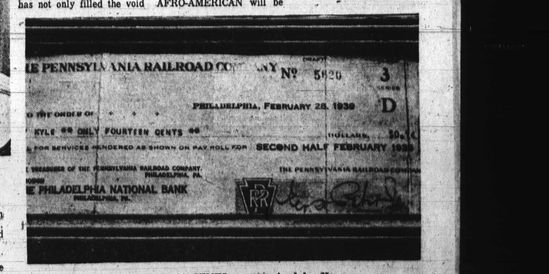
The AFRO-AMERICAN, a family community centered black paper, has been the strongest link in the chain of communication for black people over the Eastern seaboard, as well as Baltimore.

It has been the one newspaper in Baltimore which has not only filled the void of no black news in the two white dailies, but also of leadership in binding the wounds of oftimes fragmented community.

In this regard, the AFRO-AMERICAN has been the healing force, the unifying force in times of stress, division and crisis, particularly in areas of social, economic and political welfare of the black community.

For its next 80 years the AFRO-AMERICAN will be of even greater service to black readers and the black community if it would take an active part in lessening the evils of crime as the focal point of black inner city readership and widening coverage of solutions to this pervasive problem in the black community.

Long life, AFRO-AMERICAN. — MRS. MADELINE W. MURPHY, Social Worker, Free Lance Writer.



CHECK FOR 14 CENTS was received by Harvey T. Kyle from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for 2 weeks' work in Feb., 1939. (AFRO Photo by John Dorman).—(See Story on Page D-38).