Skating On Thin Ice Too Long

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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.

Not A Minute Too Soon

Congratulations to members of Mayor Schaefer's new Jail Board.

They had the guts to face the facts concerning Warden Hiram Schoonfield, and to act, we think, responsibly.

For over a year now, there have been reports from federal and state penal commissions, a special grand jury, a citizens' group charging that under Warden Schoonfield the City Jail has deteriorated to the place where it is a danger spot.

One report charged the Warden himself was partially responsible for the April 5 riots and the disciplinary problems which have kept the institution in turmoil most of the year.

Last week, acting on charges of irregularities documented by the office of the City Solicitor, the Jail Board determined it had had enough.

By a 4-2 vote, Chairman H. Mebane Turner and his associates gave Schoonfield an option to resign or be fired. The Warden refused to quit, is appealing to the Civil Service Commission.

We're glad this Jail Board took a forthright stand.

And, it would be a mistake if the City Council fails to confirm the appointment of the new Jail Board members who voted for Schoonfield's removal.

He should have been gone long ago.

OUR READERS SAY

Teachers' Aides

Dear AFRO: The City Fathers gave such deep thought to the drastic budget cuts that they perhaps overlooked the wisdom of replacing the present "limited" teachers' aides with the released provisional teachers.

It seems more reasonable to have the classroom teacher aided by those with formal training and previous experiences in education.

Also, how much richer would the minds of our students become if the educators, (teachers), were aided by other educators, (released provisional teachers). The picture of learning would have to prove clearer for students were this done.

One can appreciate the fact that the placing of these present aides tends to reduce unemployment. However, the school is not an employment agency, but, rather a learning center.

I do not suggest that present classroom aides be relieved of employment, but I do suggest that industry engage them.

For then, these "limited" aides would be dealing with "things," and the released, experienced provisional teachers would deal with our most priceless possession — our children.

MRS. LORETTA L. TAZWELL

'Disgraceful

Dear AFRO: I recently saw the movie "Super Fly," which glorifies the drug pusher, the addict and the crooked policeman. I think it is morally degrading and disgraceful.

It is a shame that this film is allowed in Baltimore. How can Mayor Schaefer, the City Councilmen, Police Commissioner Pomerleau and the Courts tolerate it? Where are their moral sensibilities?

Yes, and where is the black leadership: the ministers and church laymen, the college faculties, the Greek-letter organizations, the teachers and social workers?

We cannot play ostrich to this thrash. While this film may have the vitrolic action of the "God Father" and "Shaft," it is far from them.

We have enough to "overcome" without this buildup of the unpunished drug barons who are turning our children into junkies, thieves, murderers and prostitutes, and then who are preying upon their own people.

How can we tolerate "Super Fly" without being depressed, enraged and ashamed?—EARL KOGER SR.

He Remembers

Dear AFRO:

Presently, when so much of our American society caters to the theme whatever young is right and whatever required is wrong, there is always someone of the "older" generation who remains level-headed, yet sympathetic; remaining firm, but thoughtful and understanding of youth's frequent dilemmas.

This was Mrs. Lula Mackay's role to many of the youth whom she came to touch.

She called all of us who came out of college and into the editorial offices of the AFRO, her "children."

"Miss Lula," I often wondered secretly, "How many of us have you seen come and go as you dispensed advice, small gifts and kindness during the many years you have sat at your desk and observed with your eagle eye? What do you think of this new-flanged youth?"

Through the long, busy afternoons when things would get hectic in the newsroom as that inevitable serpeant called "deadline" approached, one could always stop at Miss Lula's desk for a chat which would ease the pace.

No matter how busy she would be, she would stop and inquire as to how we were and be ready to listen to what we were working on and offer suggestions.

This is the way many young people on their way up will remember her. She was a person to be valued and respected because of the largeness of her spirit and the richness of her professional experience. — PAUL EVANS.

(Editor's Note: Writer is former AFRO reporter now with Morgan news bureau).

On Pollution

Dear AFRO: Why should we breathe their poisonous air; Why should we breathe, knowing they don't care;

Look at them with their chemical solution; While we choke and die of their pollution; Look at them like a flame on a log; Embracing us in their deadly smog; How long will we be a prisoner of their deadly affair; Will we ever get the chance to breathe clean air? — LAURA M. ADAMS

Colts-Skins Reverse

Every team in football has used the reverse play at one time or another. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't.

The reverse is a play in which a man takes the ball, starts with it toward one side and then, in a subtle maneuver, hands it to another man to go in a different direction.

The Washington Redskins and Baltimore Colts have used the reverse play frequently on the playing field. Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't. Now, either by design or coincidence, they are trying it in the front office.

At one time, the Skins were the citadel of lily-whiteism in professional football. They held fast against hiring black players and, in fact, did not relent until threatened with eviction from federally-controlled RFK Stadium under guidelines set in the equal employment opportunity provision passed by Congress.

The Colts, on the other hand, were prolific employers of the best talent available, color notwithstanding. At one point in the sixties, Baltimore led all National Football League teams with 17 blacks on the roster.

Today, both teams are running the reverse play. Washington has come from zero to 15; Baltimore has dropped to eight, lowest of the 26 teams in the NFL.

As of this writing the Redskins are 2-0 in league play; Baltimore is 0-2. Sometimes it works, sometimes . . . .

Lula Mackay

Thanks to the racist attitude of a Spartanburg, S.C., school superintendent, Lula Jones, then a freshman teacher, deserted her hometown and came to Baltimore where her brother, the late William N. Jones, was AFRO city editor and later editor and foreign correspondent for this newspaper.

Starting as a secretary in his office in September 1929, she moved up the ladder from court and crime reporter to editor and woman's editor.

When she died last week at the age of 67, Lula Jones Mackay had to her credit 43 years on our newspaper staff.

She grew to become a professional writer who could report on a wide variety of news events, including covering WAC camps during World War 2.

Her ability was recognized in 1962 when she won first prize, topping 98 other AFRO writers, in a feature writing contest.

In her last 33 years as editor of news for and about women, Mrs. Mackay reported on social and civic activities, provided thousands of tips for brides and homemakers and developed a reputation as friend and confidante to her readers.

It was not unusual for her to serve as wedding consultant, to give advice on how to save a broken home, rescue a wayward child, aid in an adoption for a lonely couple, give of her money and time to help an unfortunate reader.

And she enjoyed it. She said so to 500 guests at a testimonial in her honor in December 1967. She described her career as, 'having a ball.'

There are thousands of AFRO readers whose lives have been enriched because Lula Mackay passed their way. She will be missed.

Appreciate It

Dear AFRO: We appreciate the cooperation we received from the AFRO last year. I hope that we shall be able to continue receiving the kind of coverage you gave us which aided us in reaching the Northwest community. Thank you. — REUVEN GENN, Disseminator Project DAWN.

Home For Rats

Dear AFRO:

The property in the 3800 Belvedere and Cordelia is an unused Gas Station. The grass has not been cut this year so it has become a home for rats.

Our house is near the gas station and overflow of rats. We have put out rat poison, but I am afraid that it's not enough. We can not sit out at night. We are afraid because the children play in that area. By putting out poison in the yard, we don't want to hurt anyone's pet.

UPSET NEIGHBOR

Reminder: — October 7 is the last day to register in order to vote for the next President of the United States and for the next Congressman who will represent YOU.

By actual count it takes less than five minutes to register. Do so today.

Registration places are listed regularly in all editions of the AFRO.

Gov. Mandel Has Chance

Gov. Marvin Mandel should not blow this opportunity to appoint a black judge to one of Maryland's higher courts, the Court of Special Appeals.

The names of Judge John R. Hargrove, administrative judge of the Baltimore District Court, and David T. Mason, chairman of the state board of parole, are on the approved list and either would fit comfortably into the at-large vacancy on the second-ranked state court.

As for Mrs. Rita C. Davidson, secretary of welfare and social services, why pull all kinds of political strings of the type that once again flagrantly expose the court system's claims to being non-political, to get her out of a job for which she seems well suited?

We see Mrs. Davidson as a sensitive and concerned public official who has at heart the welfare of the poor people who come under her jurisdiction.

The AFRO has no idea what City Solicitor George L. Russell Jr. is interested in job-wise, but if it is true that he turned down an offer to take Mrs. Davidson's post, we think he did Gov. Mandel a favor.

The selection of Hargrove or Mason would leave vacancies that might or might not interest the city solicitor, but what is important now is that Gov. Mandel move on the judgeship vacancy.

By appointing Judge Hargrove or Dave Mason, Gov. Mandel would take a step toward bridging the gap in Maryland's judicial system that makes it look as if a man's color determines his chances of serving as a judge.

Thus far, not one black man has reached the level of the Court of Special Appeals and relatively few are serving elsewhere.

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

A little About a LOT

Black Elite Leadership

By MADELINE W. MURPHY

Webster's New World Dictionary defines elite (also used in the plural sense) as "the choice or most carefully selected part of a group, as a society or a profession."

C. Wright Mills in his book, Power Elite, defines the elite as the wealthy businessmen, who attain power in government and get lucrative contracts to manufacture planes, tanks, guns for the military.

The Power Elite exercises control over federal government decisions both here and in foreign countries.

As these powerful businesses, in conspiracy with the military, wrest goods and services from smaller and independent groups for their personal gain and power, so does the black leadership elite wrest goods and services from the masses of black people in the black community.

Black elite leadership works in a variety of ways.

It becomes the self-styled spokesman for the black community in relation to government appointments on boards and commissions.

It manipulates appointments to judgeships; candidacies for elected office; contracts for goods, services; consulting fees for program funding.

It dictates who will control the media: the newspapers, radio, TV, and (now the hottest, most lucrative issue today) Cable TV.

The black elite works without the masses of people, who not only include the grass roots, but also include a large sector of professional and working class people in the black community.

The black elite believes that the majority of the black community hasn't the ability to handle decision making; the willingness to do so if asked; the capability to marshall enough organizational strength to deliver what it demands from the power structure; and cannot be trusted in the trading sessions.

Puffed-up and egocentric, it becomes jealous of its role, unwilling to share leadership with anyone.

Therefore, the black elite, acting as "big Daddy," makes major decisions, makes token deliveries, for and to the black community on the basis of the elite's personal knowledge of what the black community needs and wants.

Usually, secret meetings with the power structure are held with only one or two of the elite present, so that the elite can keep firm control over decisions, and over bargaining for votes, personal gain, money, contracts and services.

The black elite is uncomfortable with large community groups as witnesses in these sessions, since facts can not be easily distorted, nor lied about when the common folk are looking on.

Because of this secrecy in bargaining, the black community can

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either be sold short, or its position can be enhanced, directly in relation to the self-interest or the commitment of the black elite leadership.

But commitment, in these private sessions, is a rare, unrealistic expectation.

The danger of the black elite to the black community is that there is continued isolation between the masses and the leadership.

There is no effort made by the leadership to educate the masses about corruption, greed, the games, the ruling political structure plays on black people.

Consequently, the black elite plays into the hands of the divide and conquer mission of the power structure.

There is no unifying balm in this act of separation of the elite from the masses.

As a result, people who have talent and expertise are arbitrarily discounted, turned off and disillusioned because the elite, to its detriment, decides that finding or knowing people who have the resources to help us realize self-determination, is too much trouble or is counter-productive to its self interests.

Therefore, organizations that work in all areas of need in the black community—the Welfare Rights Organization, Activists, the black social workers, the teachers, the physicians, the businessmen, the government workers—must develop strong grass roots leadership so that grass roots spokesmen will represent the broader base of blacks who reflect basic needs of the black community.

The recent speech of Vice President Spiro Agnew, when he discounted the need for concensus in making major foreign policy decisions, when he suggested that the legislative branch of the government lacked the expertise and the judgment to make instant decisions, forewarns us that McGovern's characterization of Nixon as "Hitler" is quite true.

This election year demands that we develop vocal, active participation in political action, in voter registration, in voter education, in record breaking election day voter turn out, to reverse this NIXON-AGNEW anti-people trend that is reflected locally, as well as nationally.

If responsible members in our community remain inactive, impotent; if our black elite continues to lead us out to sea, there will be little comfort or safety to anyone in the front end of the boat, while the back end is sinking.

Sports Tokenism

Dear AFRO: I've had it up to here with "Whitey" keeping it "All In The Family."

Have you noticed what is happening to Baltimore Sports these days? Where are the black players we used to point to with pride on the Baltimore Colts and Orioles?

My hat's off to Emerson Julian for speaking out about the pitiful Colt roster of black players. I watched the Orioles battling for the pennant on Saturday and believe it or not the only visible black player was Paul Blair.

Are we going back to tokenism? As far as I am concerned they blew it when they let Frank Robinson go. Now they are walking around, scratching their heads saying, "where'd every body go?"

Do you remember when "right on" was the battle cry of the Black Movement? Not anymore. If you don't believe me, ask Paper Mate. "Write On" is now 29 cents.

The way the white man continues to manipulate and exploit black brothers and sisters makes the "Back Stabbers" look like angels of mercy. The more he kicks the more some of us sit.

Worse than that, some of us who are in a position to make the greatest impact run around with blinkers on. This might help a horse race but it does nothing to win a race for equality.

We need more like Councilman Julian to unite our efforts and get on the "Good Foot." Or else we will soon be facing "The Coldest Day Of Our Lives." — MARY H. HALL (Social Worker).

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.

NOW and THEN

Is McGovern Present Day H. Truman?

By G. JAMES FLEMING

Can George McGovern do in 1972 what Harry Truman did in 1948?

Only time can tell!

But memories of 1948 should caution all prognosticators against being too sure that 1972 is a Nixon year—that the November election is already in the President's pocket.

That goes for this column, also. We have stuck our heads out in claiming '72 for Nixon, on several grounds:

(1) He is the incumbent; (2) the Republican party is united; (3) the President and his party have more money than their campaign requires; (4) there is a tremendous Democrats-for-Nixon upsurge and organization; and (5) there have been few really disastrous boners or "accidents" on the Nixon side.

To parade what Nixon has going for him is to point up just the opposite for McGovern:

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(1) McGovern does not have behind him the huge following of Federal workers who back any President, or the easy access to newspapers and TV always open to the occupant of the White House; (2) the labor-ethnic-black-urban coalition of past Democratic campaigns has fallen apart in reference to McGovern and many political "pros" are lukewarm or are taking a walk; (3) McGovern is in a money crisis—his funds are running low; (4) there are no Republicans-for-McGovern of any significance; and (5) McGovern has been plagued by all kinds of mishaps, beginning with his "so very late" acceptance speech.

All the polls now say of McGovern what they said of Truman in 1948; that he (McGovern) is running some 25-28 percentage points behind Nixon. In 1948 Truman was similarly behind Thomas Dewey.

Truman was also pictured as crude, because of his use, believe it or not, of an occasional "hell" in public. He was also heir to some scandals, such as a top aide accepting gifts of deep freezers.

On the other hand, Truman had achieved outright victory in World War II, even though he had ordered the use of the first atomic bomb to do it.

Compared with Truman, thus far, McGovern is "sitting pretty." He is a man of peace and has been long and consistently an opponent of the United States' role in Viet Nam; he has not been involved in any scandals and, true to being the son of a minister, no one has yet heard him utter a cuss word in public.

Truman had supporting him, however, nearly all the political "pros," including the key bosses; he had the backing of the nationality, etnnic and racial groups, and, somehow and eventually, the money came in.

Even though there were defections, high and low, with some office and job-holding Democrats deserting him, once Truman made his coast-to-coast barnstorming, railroad tour—giving the sacred cows hell, the tide turned.

Those travelling with him will never forget how, whistle-stop after whistle-stop, Truman destroyed the speeches written for him by his speech-writers and spoke "off the cuff"—call it earthy, rough and ready, or like a bull in a China closet, if you will. He was really reaching the people and they applauded often and shouted: "Give 'em hell, Harry."

This was the year, it will be noted, however that potential Democratic support was cut into by (1) the Wallace Progressives and by (2) the Dixiecrats who "took a walk" out of the party and ran their own Southern candidates. What could Truman expect but defeat?

Nevertheless the returns gave Truman 24,105,812 popular votes (303 Electoral College votes), to Dewey's 21,970,065 popular votes (189 Electoral College votes). The Progressives and Dixiecrats, together, totaled 2,326,193.

Can George McGovern perform a miracle in 1972 similar to Truman's miracle in 1948? Does he have enough heart, enough skill, enough guts?

Can it be that the polls are wrong in 1972 just as they were wrong in 1948?

May it happen again that the Republican candidate will go to bed believing himself President, only to awake, just as Thomas Dewey did, to find that he is not?

May it happen that, as did Truman, McGovern may awake "the morning after," to be called "Mr. President"?

What has happened once can happen again. Much can change between now and November 7—some six weeks away.

Nixon seems to have a rabbit foot, but he has also lost before, after having a big pre-election day lead.

But if a miracle is to take place, it is up to George McGovern and Sargent Shriver!

ANOTHER MATTER: If this writer could perform miracles, he would cause the city fathers in all our urban areas to use all the expected windfall of revenue-sharing for improving public schools.

We have long had a feeling that if public school classes could be reduced from 38-42 pupils to 20-22—or even to 15—a great deal of the underlearning, the delinquencies and disruptions of present-day schooling could be eliminated.

If this reduction in class size were harnessed with serious teacher-improvement (with no cost to the teacher), there is no telling what might happen for the better.

If our cities started here, and if our Federal and state governments worked to expand employment, we might not need to build the new, modern prisons being spoken about.

If we cannot use all the revenue-sharing millions for our school children, how about using one-half?

Major Speaks to the People

Protect Yourself And Family

By Major JAMES A. WATKINS
PROTECT YOURSELF

Since crime in the inner-city has increased, here are some tips on how to protect yourself and family.

GENERAL RULES:

If you hear or see a prowler on your own or your neighbor's property at night, DO NOT TURN ON A LIGHT OR CALL OUT. Notify the police and let them determine his business. Do not become impatient when the police seem slow to respond . . . they will approach silently and attempt to cut off avenues of escape.

Remain on the telephone, if possible, and report any changes in the prowler's actions. Obtain his description. Do not open your door to anyone except a police officer who has identified himself.

If you observe suspicious persons or occurrences, do not assume the police have already been summoned. Do it yourself, immediately. Keep the Baltimore Police Department number by your telephone (222-3333).

Write down the license numbers of vehicles used by suspicious persons in your neighborhood.

OTHER COMMON-SENSE RULES

1. Keep lights burning at front and rear doors at night—whether you are at home or away.

2. Be alert in protecting not only your own house or apartment, but your neighbor's as well. Don't tell a stranger that your neighbor is not at home.

3. Women who live alone should list only their last names and initials in phone directories and on mailboxes.

4. Apartment dwellers or other apartment house employees should report suspicious persons to the manager or the police. Most apartment burglars work in the daytime.

5. Managers and dwellers of apartments should periodically check garages or parking areas for strangers or vehicles which do not belong there. Note vehicle make.

6. Do not keep large sums of money, expensive jewelry or other valuables at home when not necessary. Rent a safe deposit box. Jewelry should be photographed for identification.

7. Cash should not be "hidden" in sugar bowls, bureau drawers or behind pictures. Thieves know enough to look in these and other apparently secret places. Coin banks

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are easy targets:

8. Maintain a record of the serial numbers and model numbers of firearms, appliances, tools and other small equipment. Items that have no identification numbers should be marked with an identification. The Baltimore Police Department has a supply of electric pencils, available on loan without charge, to mark and identify such items — call them for complete information on the marking procedure.

9. In many instances, stolen furs cannot be returned to their rightful owners when the labels and linings are missing. Place identifying marks in several places on the insides of the skins.

If YOU Ask ME

By BETTYE MOSS

Vacation hint:—This year for the first time in nearly twenty years this writer took a full three-week vacation from the office. Try it next time vacation time rolls around, you'll like it.

Although a week was spent outside of the city, the other two weeks at home enabled the housekeeper inside to come out.

We were able to clean closets, locate misplaced dishes, notes, and other knick knacks we'd forgotten we had.

It was fun contacting the shelves, cooking an eye roast and doing a number of other household chores one never gets a chance to do in a busy work week.

If you don't believe it, try it sometime, you'll like it.

Get well wishes to these good neighbors, Mrs. M. L. Barksdale, wife of the physician, suffered a stroke, is doing well at her Dorchester road home.

Mrs. Dorothy Evans, widow of the musician, Eddie Evans, is very ill in Provident Hospital. Many know her as a pioneer member and longtime president of the Wingoes Club, noted for its charity and social activities in both Baltimore and Washington.

Mrs. Wilbert Jones (Harriet), is reported improved. She was in Provident Hospital, is now at home. Many know her as the supervisor of homemaker services, Baltimore County.

Also on the mend is George Leray Bennett, of West North Avenue, now out of the hospital after throat surgery. He's the Baltimore County teacher.

Get well cards to Mrs. Bessie Bell Butler. She's in Provident.

Herbert Nutter, the mortician, also out of the hospital, much improved.

Continue sunshine to Creston (Doc) Woingust, the pioneer Baltimore resident whom many can attest has lent a helping hand to hundreds through the years.

Your sunshine will reach him if addressed to 3113 Milford Ave. (phone 448-9191).

Home from the hospital and doing nicely after eye surgery is Mrs. Robert Hackett Sr., (Mary), widow of the dentist. She's at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warren Weaver (Anna).

Cuff note: Mrs. Hackett's son, Robert Jr., the Mulberry St. dental technician, was rushed to Sinai Hospital on Sunday evening. Relatives found him ill at his Grantly Rd. home.

Vacation time, as mentioned above did provide an opportunity for this writer, a short visit to Hyannis, Mass.; and a reunion with Nell Dodson Russell and her husband, William, the retired Army officer.

Older AFRO readers may remember Mrs. Russell at one time was sports writer for the AFRO. This was shortly after she finished the University of Minnesota.

We first met there some years back under unusual circumstances:—I arrived at the Minneapolis campus to find that although the university had accepted my application to live in the dormitory, they had mistakenly thought this Murphy was an Irish applicant and then denied me admission.

It was Nell Dodson, along with the former Shirley Harris (now Mrs. Paul Thomason of St. Paul), who rescued this writer and her mother and led us to the "colored home" as directed by the dormitory matron.

The Russells occupy a comfortable home in Hyannis which is a lively resort to visit in the summertime.

John M. Johnson, the 86-year-old mortician who was buried on Thursday, was one of our town's good, good neighbors.

At his death, he was the oldest living mortician in the state of Maryland and was still active in the Funeral Directors Association.

In fact, he attended the recent national convention. Johnny Johnson was a stately, kindly gentleman who was the same all the time no matter where or when you saw him. He will be missed.

AFRO Sports Editor, Sam Lacy's son, Tim, 30, now a manager at Hochschild Kohn in Columbia, is also a writer.

On last Thursday night's WBAL TV program, the junior Lacy's verse about the ill-fated Olympics was read by his proud father. Here it is:

"Where do we now stand as men can anyone say where next to begin?. . .Let's start with the Olympics of '72, let's do some soul searching, just we two. . . We're irked about boxing where the judging

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seemed rank, but we collared a gold and whom do we thank?. . .While thinking on this, let's pause for a while, and try to remember Ray Seale's mom's smile. . .When we worry about medals and who was ahead, let's also remember there are 17 dead.

"Jim Ryun appealed to further his fame, but remember he had only himself to blame. . .Our 400 champions found themselves out, now like the children they acted, let them go 'way and pout. . . .How can we think about our loss of pride, when the loss to others included 17 who died?. . .Our sprinters came too late to be rated, but it was their coach who was not updated. . .Each of our boys went to Munich to win, but they must never forget those 17 men. . .and we who didn't make it and couldn't be there, should think of those dead in our every prayer."

Street Scene:—Pretty, pretty, pretty, are paintings which adorn the walls of the Enoch Pratt Library at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and North. Go and see for yourself.

Cuff Note: Last week's issue of the Catonsville Times front paged a story on Edward A. Williams, principal of Bragg School No. 175.

This is the Baltimore City public day camp school, formerly the Episcopal Home for Boys launched by the late and renowned pastor of St. James Episcopal Church, the Rev. George F. Bragg Jr.

Those of us who have had an opportunity to visit the Baltimore National Pike Educational Center through the years and to observe its operation, know of the many fine things Mr. Williams has been able to do there with young people.

By the way, Mr. Williams marked a birthday last Friday.

It's NOT A Man's World

Equal Opportunity For Women

By BERNICE S. WHITE

We who are assigned the tremendous responsibility of giving leadership to the Federal Women's Program are often asked what is the program all about and why did it come about? It is an action program established to enhance employment and advancement opportunities for women in the federal government.

All federal agencies are required by law to appoint a Federal Women's Program Director (or Coordinator) to provide advice on the special concerns of women and to insure that agency affirmative plans provide programs that are designed to eliminate barriers to the full employment of women at all levels and in all occupations.

The program requires the development of career systems, elimination of dead-end jobs, and creation of "bridge jobs" between clerical and professional occupations.

It also requires emphasis on training opportunities, career counseling, recruitment efforts aimed at women's colleges and universities, and contact with groups, organizations, clubs, and professional societies.

Other elements of the program deal with extension of part-time employment opportunities, participation in community affairs such as in development of child care centers, high school counseling programs, development of continued education programs, inclusion of women in all types of training programs and other actions to insure that women employees (along with men), are participating in all areas of employment.

Ms. Helene Markoff, Director of the Federal Women's Program for the U.S. Civil Service Commission, stated in a recent article that "the goals of the FWP are not radical.

They are based on the assumption that a woman is a human being and has the right to choose what she would like to do with her life; and that she should have the opportunity to try, and if she fails, have the opportunity to try once again as her brothers do."

Giving further clarification to the FWP, Ms. Markoff continued, "the FWP goals are not designed to force women to work, nor are they designed to go into homes and snatch wives and daughters away from their domestic chores if that, in fact, is their choice.

It is designed to provide opportunities for those women who have to work or those women who want to work.

For those men who do not believe in their wives working and whose wives concur, it is imperative they not apply their personal beliefs to 51 per cent of the population.

Such an extension of personal beliefs turns that belief into prejudice. It is prejudice when you judge all women by some women. It is unjust to those who seek employment and advancement; it is contrary to public policy; it is illegal."

Equal opportunity for women is public policy. The Federal Women's Program is designed to insure that this policy becomes practice. All women, whether in or out of government, can do much to promote this policy. I hope you will. You can be sure I will because I believe sincerely that every individual should have the opportunity to try to reach his highest potential and that, of course, includes women.

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A Column Of Choice

Education Is Our Salvation

Message to Parents
By MARION BANFIELD

Parents produce the children for schools and pay taxes for education. Even if you receive public assistance you still contribute some taxes.

If you're depending on public assistance for food, clothes, and shelter, it means that you have time to get serious about being involved with your child's education.

Education is our salvation from ignorance and poverty. Too many of us haven't bothered with PTA's. Presidents and officers of PTAs have prepared excellent programs for day or evening. It's discouraging to build up a good program and have an audience of ten.

Throughout the city a variety of parent interest programs are being offered free. Somehow, thousands of our parents have the notion that being a parent is so easy that they don't need to go anywhere for help in parenting.

As a result, our teachers feel that they are left alone to struggle with this new generation of youngsters.

The newness of this generation is due to the rapid rate of scientific knowledge and change in the entire world. Our elementary school children know more scientific facts than their parents or grandparents.

Our children are growing up in a time of rapid cultural changes.

They and we need to share in deciding what changes are needed. Equally important, is what should not be changed.

Many parents feel that their duty to education has ended when they have sent their children out the front door, fed, clothed and warned to "behave yourself."

When those well-combed and stylishly dressed youngsters get together, they throw away half of the home training and create their own customs and standards.

That's why some parents are speechless with dismay when they discover what their children have been doing. They have no idea of the type of classroom behavior and the hallway and lavatory acting out school staffs daily encounter.

Parents need to concern themselves with two aspects of schools. Parents need to know that their children have competent, courteous, caring teachers able to stimulate the minds of pupils to learn.

Parents equally need to be aware of classroom, corridor, school ground, and after school behavior of our pupils. This can only be observed and understood when parents get together and decide that public schools are in trouble and need parents to save the system.

Parents will either cooperate and jointly examine and plan cooperative programs with educators and pupils, or non-public schools will pull off all the most able and interested pupils and parents.

We don't seem to realize that parents are being invited, coaxed, courted to become involved in schools. This is no time for alibis about not understanding what goes on or arrogant principals and rude secretaries.

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Principals are welcoming parents and if you meet an indifferent secretary, see that the principal trains her to have manners or gets rid of her. Jobs are scarce and office secretaries usually have been chosen because of intelligence and ability to meet the public.

Parents need to get smart and not let junior and senior high school kids trick them into staying away from schools. Those students often don't want parents to know what's going on. Our high schools are losing good teachers because our children give them such a hard time.

You don't need much education to realize that our students need a skill, such as typing, the ability to read and a trade.

We need to catch on to being able to have a skill which employers need. Our black architects and engineers will need trained carpenters, bricklayers, and metal workers. College professors need skilled typesetters to get those books printed.

Our choice is to join hands, grade-by-grade, school-by-school to support our public school system in a learning process that includes moral values.

Our choice is to use Family and Children's Society and other community mental health agencies to help in coping with emotional and behavioral problems of our youngsters at school and in our homes.

Our choice is to become intelligently aware of the need for parents and teachers to be together in seeing that our pupils have guidance as well as freedom.

Our choice is to have our children learn to stop fighting and degrading each other long enough to learn to respect and help each other.

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Extensive and meaningful black political power.

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A black owned and operated bank.

A black majority on Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.