Sparrows Pointers Reluctant But Ready To Leave

By SCOTT PONEMONE

Chances are sometime this summer the 145-year-old community of Sparrows Point on Bethlehem Steel Corporation property will turn into rubble, and the remaining residents will disperse into Dundalk, Turner Station and Baltimore City.

But living in the rather isolated industrial village has been good. Sparrows Pointers just will not leave without saying goodbye to their friends and neighbors.

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On May 21-27, a citizen committee, composed of residents and former residents is coordinating "Sparrows Point Community Reunion Week."

"During this time," committee chairmen, Mrs. Rosanna Wynn and Walter Statham write, "a series of get-togethers and other exciting activities have been planned, aimed at giving all a chance to renew friendships, reminiscence, worship and just simply say "goodbye to one and all".

Church services, a picnic, a banquet (on May 25) and socials are planned. Mrs. Wynn (535-9624) and Mr. Statham (922-6358) can supply more information.

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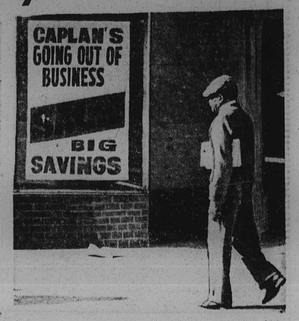
Last week the AFRO toured the Point with Dr. Theodore C. Patterson, who grew up on the Point, delivered AFRO's there for many years and now treats many of its citizens.

SHADY LANE WITH A SHORT FUTURE — Pretty soon the steel furnaces, seen in the background, will have companion iron works built where this quiet, shady Sparrows Point lane still provides good living for many families and retired couples.



SPEAKS FOR ITSELF—Not only does this sign in the window of Caplan's Department Store speak for the store's future but for the plight of the entire Sparrows Point community as well.

At 2 p.m. on a weekday, the tree-lined streets of Sparrows Point and hedged backyards are nearly empty. Children are still in school. Fathers and mothers are at work.

The neat rows of houses, mostly duplexes on the two streets where black people live, are broken here and there by newly cleared lots where houses, churches or small businesses stood a few years or a few months ago.

The people seen standing under a tree, talking in pairs at street corners, and sitting on the back porch are the aged, the retired soldiers of the Bethlehem Steel army of workers.

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A number of them can always be found in Kye Lewis' taylor shop. Mr. Lewis, 73, was born on the Point and began his business in 1929. He lives on Bentalou St. in the city but earns his living on the Point.

Expansion of the steel mills will close his shop perhaps by April 1 and maybe force him into retirement.

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"Nobody wants to leave," Kye told the AFRO. "There's only one Sparrows Point. It's the atmosphere of the people, like one big happy family."

When Neal T. Monroe, 75, and Mrs. Turner walked into the shop for a chat, Mr. Monroe declared, "Everyone will miss each other when they don't see each other. The Point is one of the most outstanding places."

Mrs. Turner, who moved here in 1922 and raised four children and four grandchildren, remarked she has been looking for a home in Turner Station unsuccessfully for a half a year.

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"This was a nice place to live," she said. "Rent was cheap and they (the company) fixed everything."

Dr. Patterson later greeted Chris Bowden, retired 12 years after nearly 40 years working in the steel mills, and William Alston, 78, came here from South Carolina in 1921 and raised seven children.

And he exchanged a few words with James Glenn, 90, and Mrs. Lena Glenn, 78, Mr. Gleen moved from Virginia in 1905 and worked in the mills for 49 years.

These people refrained from expressing their anguish at being uprooted and being forced into the outside world of inflation where their retirement income will not go so far.

But, Dr. Paterson told the AFRO, that is how they feel.

SITTING ON THE BACK STOOP—Neighbors Chris Bowden and William Alston together have spent over 70 years working for Bethlehem Steel and over 80 years in Sparrows Point.

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Gilman student drowns

ALFRED WEEMS, JR.

Alfred Weems Jr., 17, a senior at Gilman School drowned on Wednesday in the Atlantic Ocean in Isabela, Puerto Rico.

Redmond Finney, headmaster at Gilman told the AFRO, "Alfred Weems Jr. was without any question one of the finest young men ever to attend Gilman School. In terms of everything that we value; scholarship, leadership, athletic perfectionist and compassion. All that we mean by the word character.

"This loss is a terrible blow not only to the Gilman community but to Baltimore. Just as his achievements will serve to generations yet to come as a goal for which to strive."

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Weems, was on a field trip with 17 other students and two teachers. There were also students from Bryn Mawr and Roland Park School. The group left last Thursday and were due to return on March 20.

The students and teachers from Gilman returned Thursday with the body of Weems.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weems, parents of the student told the AFRO "This was his senior year and he wanted very much to go back to Puerto Rico. He went last year with the Spanish class from his school.

"His sisters, parents and grandmother pitched in money so he could have a nice time. He started saving last November for the trip."

Weems called his parents Monday night to say that he was having a nice time. His parents then informed him that he had won a four-year

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2 brothers shot in holdup of laundry

Two brothers, both in their late 20's, were shot and slightly wounded by the manager of a West Baltimore self-service laundry in an alleged holdup of the laundry.

Police state Ernest Hopkins, 28, 1300 block N. Mount St., was treated for wounds of the left shoulder and turned over to the police when charged him with unarmed robbery.

James Hopkins, 27, his brother, was admitted for further observation for arm wound and will be charged on his release, police said.

The manager of the laundromat, Moses King, 65, 1600 block Spring Ct., who police said required no permit to carry the gun because he kept it in the laundry, is charged with assault by shooting. No date has been set for the trial.

He reportedly told police, "I'll do the same thing right over again until they quit" (victimizing him).

However, when the AFRO called him in his home Wednesday night he refused to talk saying, "I don't want to talk on the phone to anybody. I don't know who may be listening. I'm safe here and I want to stay safe."

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Police reveal two men who came with a female to wash clothes in the laundry kept hanging in and around the laundromat. At one point, said police, one fell asleep and the manger told the other to carry his friend out.

King reportedly told po-

Businessmen assemble at Coppin

Coppin State College has been the site this week of the first National Alliance of Businessmen's conference ever to be held in Baltimore," James Thornton, director of placement at Coppin told the AFRO.

Representatives from business and industry met here March 14-16, and came from Maryland, Washington, New York, Chicago, Michigan, Indiana and New Jersey.

According to Linwood Hart, chairman of the Youth Motivation Task Force project, designed to expose black students to what is available in the higher-paying job market, "Coppin is one of 50 colleges so selected across the nation, but the only one in the Baltimore area."

"The representatives will visit different classrooms for an entire period, thereby working within the students' frame of reference to explain N.A.B.'s program," said Thornton.

Continued Hart, "The idea is to show the students black businessmen whom they can identify with.

"It's also to explode the myth that only 'super brother' can make it in the business world today, that the average person can't succeed.

"That not true, because the average person can," concluded Hart.

The two men, along with Raleigh Jackson, Coppin's public relations director, hope this year's event will be the first of an annual series.

NEWSTIPS

$50 a WEEK is what the AFRO pays for news tips. You can win if you call AFRO City Desk, 728-8200, and say, "I've got a news tip." Share in the AFRO's jackpot!

Violent crimes court possible by June

After a discussion with the governor in Annapolis on Monday, Mayor Schaefer told the AFRO Thursday he expects Impact Criminal Courts to be underway in the city by June or July.

He said these courts would handle murder, rape and aggravated assault cases, would ease the caseload on other courts and, therefore, help reduce the pre-trial detainee population (about 95 per cent of the total) at City Jail.

This along with reduced bails and generally speedier trials, the mayor hopes, will lower the number of inmates from 1,400 to 1,000.

He noted the new courts will come into existence if approved by the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Criminal Justice, next meeting March 26.

The committee can authorize the spending of federal funds for the project.

Ebony Trade show set for Saturday

The Ebony Trade Festival will be held at the Sheraton Inn-Baltimore located at 400 N. Broadway, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., open to the public.

Black business men and women will exhibit arts and crafts, cosmetics, jewelry, manufactured products, wigs, fashions, candlecraft for sale.

Still no word on POW Rander

Family Assistant Officer Lt. Richard Gannon, Fort Holabird Md. told the AFRO Wednesday that no word on the return of POW Sgt. Donald Rander of Owings Mills, Md. had been heard.

Lt. Gannon stated "They're releasing noes in poor health and who have been held the longest. Sgt. Rander should be coming home in one of the next groups.

Spring Museum showing

The Sales and Rental Gallery at The Baltimore Museum of Art will open Sunday its Spring Show entitled "Contemporary African Art: A Revitalized Continuation of Tradition". Guest Curator for the exhibition is Professor James E. Lewis, chairman of the Art Department and Director of the Art Gallery of Morgan State College.

Body dug up for autopsy

The body of James Blackwell, 41, 200 block Sterling St. was dug up on Aug. 27, 1972 after being buried for a month.

Judge J. Gilbert Prendergast signed a court order for Dr. Ronald Kormoloum to perform an autopsy to see what was cause of death.

The medical examiner's office stated the victim died from a head injury. According to the statement of facts read in Criminal Court on Tuesday by Assistant State's Attorney Charles Kountz, Mr. Blackwell was attacked in the 100 block of Poppleton St. on Dec. 24, 1971 by Robert White, 16, 1500 block Lexington St.

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Sisters save 5 puppies from death

By MICHELE McRAE

Monday night in Herring Court was somewhat like, "Over the hills and through the woods", the only difference being that Miss. Germaine Lee and Mrs. Earlene Owens weren't going to grandmother's house.

The sisters were climbing fences and digging inside brick walls hunting for the neighborhood dog, "Eloise", and her 11 puppies.

Mrs. Owens told the AFRO, "The night was cold and we could hear the puppies crying. I paid all the little boys in the block a quarter to find them but after they couldn't. I decided to call "Eloise."

"Eloise came and led us to the puppies. They were caught up underneath some old brick steps. We broke them apart and managed to free six puppies."

Germaine as reported by her sister was unable to free the rest of them and cried when one of those they freed died overnight.

The dogs who now reside at the home of Mrs. Earlene Owens in Herring Court, Perkins Homes, have already been promised to new families when they become six weeks old.

LIFE SAVERS — Mrs. Earlene Owens and Mrs. Yolanda Fields rescued this part-collie's new-born puppies from under some rubble in an alley. The canine family is going well.

March 16 deadline for Honor Roll nominations

The AFRO Honor Roll deadline is March 16, midnight postmark. AFRO readers may nominate any citizen or organization who in their opinion made contributions to the community without thought of personal gain during 1972.

Nominations may be addressed to the AFRO Honor Roll, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. Include name and address of the nominee and the sender as well

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DOCTORS WIVES at the gala dinner party given in honor of their husbands on Sunday were from left: Mesdames Garland Chissell, George C. Page, C. R. Campbell, chairman; Gilbert Banfield and Albert Laforest. (AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV.)

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By PINNIE L. ROSS

A wedding shower was given Saturday at the home of Mrs. Ma Bel Hill in the Harpers Farm section of the new city. This relaxing and intimate shower was given in honor of Mrs. Barbara Owens Sands of life long Howard County resident and community leader Douglas Sands, Jr.

It was a beautiful day and a marvelous relaxed, joyful atmosphere reigned throughout the afternoon.

Guests were greeted by the hostess and honoree. The hostess Mrs. Hill, was wearing a floor-length multiprint gown in brilliant colors of orange, gold and brown. She chose a high flirty and gay matching gele. Mrs. Hill purchased her outfit while vacationing in Nassau. The honoree Mrs. Sands, chic as always, chose white, the look of today's bride. A white knit palazzo pants suit with the fashionable Eisenhower jacket.

After exchanging greeting, the guests placed their gifts on an African receiving mat, a beautiful triangle designed in colors of red, and blue on a natural background. This was another one of Mrs. Hill's collective items from the island.

The guests were invited to share the tasty salmon loaf and finger pickups; following the goodies, the guests gathered around the highly piled receiving mat; while the honoree read acknowledgements and opened the

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R.S.V.P. with Marie

Women from far and near attended Morgan dinner

BY MARIE MURPHY PHILLIPS COOKE
(AFRO Women's Editor)

Friday night found this writer at the Lord Baltimore Hotel for the 17th annual Women's Day Dinner sponsored by the Women's Dormitory Council and the Associate Dean for Student Services of Morgan State College. It was a gala affair.

Some 300 women, some of whom — came from various points, including Bermuda, filled the spacious ballroom for the 7 p.m. formal affair. Many of the guests were Morgan women and their mothers. And, there were young women from other colleges, too.

The dinner climaxed the week-long —Women's Week activities held on the Morgan campus.

Presiding at the affair were Dr. Thelma P. Bando, associate dean for Student Services, and Miss D'Jara James, president, Women's Dormitory Council. Dr. Beryl Williams, dean the College for Continuing Education, was the co-chairman

Mrs. Mary Franklin, assistant dean at Morgan, introduced the head honored guests who included the only male head table guest, Dr. King V. Cheek, president, Morgan State College.

Other honored guests were Mesdames and Misses James Fisher, wife of Towson State College president; Mary Ann Franklin, assistant dean of the college; Roland Patterson, wife of Superintendent of Public Schools; Mary B. Adams, City Councilwoman; Mary J. Spellman, former assistant dean of women, Morgan State; Dwight O. Holmes, wife of president emeritus and Annette Cheek Jr., wife of president of Morgan.

Also Mesdames and Misses JoAnn Legette, Miss Morgan 1972-73; Marie P. Cooke, AFRO American; Dorka Grimes, president, Charm Club; Victorine Q. Adams, City Councilwoman; Thomas D'Alesandro, III, wife of former Baltimore mayor, and Marian Coombs, director, Howard University Teachers Corp.

And, Mesdames and Misses Althea Cornish, wife of Morgan chaplain; Katherine Mueller, house mother and president, Women's Democratic League; Roberta Gill, Faculty Wives; Gwendolyn Reid, Shaw University Alumni, from Raleigh, N.C.; Dr. Ruth B. Brett, counseling services, Morgan State.

Also, Mesdames and Misses Edith Gibbs, assistant dean of women, Cheyney State College; Edna Calhoun, dean of student life, Howard University; Frederick Demond, dean of liberal arts, Coppin State College; Beautine DeCosta, Widow of Dr. Frank DeCosta Sr. and Frank DeCosta Jr., wife of the newest member of State Colleges Trustee Board.

And, Mesdames and Misses Kenneth Jerkins, wife, dear of the college; Marguerite Campbell, representing office of Mayor Schaefer; Carl Murphy, wife of late Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Thomas Fraser, wife of interim president, and Warran Peck, T.V. specialist, Md State Dept. of Education.

Dr. Williams introduced guests from other colleges which included Bowie State, Cheyney State, Coppin State, Loyola, St. Agnes, Howard Univ., University of Md., Eastern Shore. She also cited those mothers who travelled from other points to be with their daughters on Friday, like pretty Mrs. Knight who came from Bermuda to be with her daughter, Gina.

MUSIC, GREETINGS, TOO

Musical selections came from Miss Denise Murray, a Morgan senior, who sang, the blessing, "Let Us Break Bread Together" and the Hallbcock Ensemble, directed by Professor William Haithcock, of the music department at Morgan.

A highlight of the evening was the singing of several selections by the Morgan College choir, directed by Professor Nathan Carter. (You'll hear more about this fantastic group in an upcoming edition).

Greetings came from Mrs. Robert L. Gill on behalf of the Faculty Wives Club.

A moving rendition, entitled the Reflections of Sojurner Truth, was presented by Miss Kim St. Bernard, a freshman.

ABOUT GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker Mrs. Marjorie Duckrey, was introduced by Mrs. Cheek. The illustrious Mrs. Duckrey of Philadelphia executive director of Duckrey Associates, Inc., a professional consultant service, and lists with her name membership in the Academy of Certified Social Workers, National Association of SWa oociL National Association of Social Workers, and the Alliance of Black Social Workers.

In private life she is Mrs. William F. Duckrey. Her husband is also an officer of Duckrey Associates.

She has had 25 years of experience including program director with the American Red Cross Services abroad in England, France, and Belgium, assistant metropolitan director with the YWCA in Philadelphia, work with the Philadelphia Council for Community Advancemen, and chief of Program Planning for the Philadelphia Anti-Poverty Action Committee.

She has been a consultant with the Head Start and Get Set programs.

In her career she has also been a

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GUEST SPEAKER at the Morgan State College 17th annual Women's Dinner on Friday evening was Mrs. Marjorie Duckrey (center). Chairman and co-chairman of the affair were Dr. Thelma P. Bando, right, and Dr. Beryl W. Williams. More about the gala affair in R.S.V.P. with Marie. (AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV.)

for and about Women

AT THE GALA affair sponsored by the Lords and Ladies at Martin's West Friday night were from left: Mrs. Evelyn White, Joseph Felton, Mrs. Marsha Bennett, Mrs. Robert Smith and Mrs. Barbara Jones. (AFRO photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV.)

SPIED AT THE Annual Military Ball at the Fifth Regiment Armory on Saturday were from left: Col. and Mrs. George Brooks, Col. and Mrs. Edward Harris, Col. and Mrs. William "Box" Harris of Baltimore and Major and Mrs. Thomas Briscoe of Columbia. (AFRO photos by Benjamin Murphy Phillips, IV.)