ABOUT US TEENS

BY ANGIE THORNTON

Good Tuesday to all. If you missed us on last Tuesday we weren't completely lost, we showed up on Friday.

Last week we had an interesting article on Reggie Haynes of the Escorts. Unfortunately the article was cut short because of a lack of space.

This time we're starting the article off with the remainder of the interview. One of the most interesting parts of our talk was about Mr. Haynes' future.

"I want to start a recording company of my own in New Jersey to give others a chance" he states.

Mr. Haynes said he would like to talk to young people about their future. "I could tell them of the many roads they can take in life, but of course they'd have to choose for themselves," he informs.

We asked Mr. Haynes if men return to crime because they want to.

"No man wants to commit crime. Most of them don't. If a man returns to crime it's because he has to, not because he wants to.

"Take for example the ex-con who gets a job, but loses it because of discrimination. His family is disgusted. They probably think he has done something wrong.

"Out of need the man steals or robs."

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At present the other six members of the Escorts are still doing time at Rahway State Prison.

Mr. Haynes has hopes of getting legislation introduced that will stop discrimination of ex-convicts.

It took two years of pleading and exhausting talks for George Kerr, producer of Escorts album and writer of his song "All We Need Is Another Chance," and the Escorts to get permission to record their music.

We must say that talking with Mr. Haynes was quite inspiring.

He can truly be called the epitomy of a black man. His thoughts are together about life, his career and helping others.

It doesn't end here, though, and your help is needed.

As of now, the Escorts are unable to perform.

Many states are sending petitions asking that the six in prison be released for performances, under certain conditions.

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Baltimore can send letters, or get a petition started asking the same thing.

These men are all scheduled to see the Parole Board between now and September.

Give them a chance by sending your letters and petitions to the address at the end of this column.

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The YWCA will conduct a convocation on racial justice on Oct. 27 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Watch for more on this.

Time to go until next Tuesday. If you have any news, please write to About Us Teens, care of AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, P.O. Box 1857, Balto., Md. 21203.

If you have a letter or petition concerning the Escorts, write Angie Thornton, 1102 Clendenin St., Balto., Md. 21217, 728-0567

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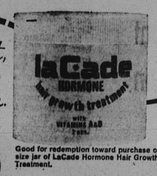

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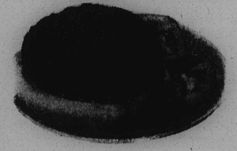

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