HIGHRISE ELEVATOR,

Operator gets stuck 3 hours

A voluntary operator since 1971 in the 100 block S. Exeter St. highrise apartments where she lives, Miss Vivian Burruss, 57, was stuck in the elevator for three hours last Thursday.

She reports a teaspoon later found lodged under the elevator was the cause of her ordeal.

Keenly interested in helping others Miss Burruss decided in September, 1971 to help senior citizens and other residents who reside in the apartments by operating the elevator. She had not had any problem until last Thursday's experience.

She told the AFRO: "I didn't panic, believe it or not. I knew it would be for nothing to shout."

• • •

The highrise apartment houses nearly 120 families. She has lived there the last seven years. She said she was coming down from the 12th floor when the elevator suddenly stopped on the 11th floor. "It just refused to move," she said.

"My first reaction was to press the buttons. After 15 minutes when the situation looked desperae I called for the kids standing by to get a grown up person to help."

• • •

Miss Burruss said a tenant Mrs. Dolly Willis, got the maintenance men but, try as they did, they could not get her out until the firefighters came.

Recalling the experience she said; "My mind never went blank. I was tired but was alright when I got out." However, she began to lose her voice a few days later.

"Doctors told me it was because of the experience," she explained.

Miss Gail Sexton, management assistant,told the AFRO: "We were sorry for what happened. It sounds like someone carelessly threw the spoon there. We're counseling them on the proper use of the elevator."

Unmarried, Miss Burruss lives by herself. She is an active member of the NAACP and the Christian Memorial Church on E. North Ave.

Salute to Soul downtown

Model Cities Council "E" will hold the Second annual Salute to Soul Aug. 18-19 at Charles and Hopkins Plazas from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Recipients of awards from Model Cities are : Council "A" — Dennis Taylor, Walter Jones, and Mrs. Beatrice Scott; Council "B" — Mrs. Lula Taylor, Rev. Nathaniel Marcus, and Mrs. Laura White.

Council "D" — Mrs. Esther Morris, Mrs. Evelina Ryce, Mrs. Mary Hogan, and Mr. Shahid Bey.

Council "E" — Mrs. Barbara Moody, Leonard Patterson, and Mrs. Maggie Quille.

Council "F" — Robert M. Thomas, Dr. Fabian F. Desbordes, and Mrs. Ida Peters.

Council "G" — Mrs. Susie Adams, Mrs. Margaret Carroll, and Mrs. Roberta Johnson.

Also Mrs. Stacia Carey, Margaret Todd, Mary Damon and Rosalee Allen, Edward Ghee, Del. Kenneth Webster, and Soul Rice. Mayor Schaefer, honorary chairman; Miss Mary Hicks, chairman, and Irvin Conway, advisor.

A GOOD CITIZEN is registered and prepared to persisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts. Next election is Sept., 1974. Register from — 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

TOP SCHOOL OFFICIALS photographed in City Hall on Wednesday when they were officially greeted by Mayor William Donald Schaefer, seated, with Baltimore city superintendent, Dr. Roland N. Patterson. Standing, left to right, Dr. Joel Carrington, Regional Superintendent; Paul Rhetts, Staff Director of Public Relations; Clarence Gittings, Assistant Superintendent Division of Educational Services; Dr. Roberta O' Wesney, Regional Superintendent; Lewis Richardson, Regional Superintendent; Paul Vance, Deputy Superintendent for Executive Matters; Dr. John Crew, Deputy Superintendent of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; Mrs. Thelma Cox, Regional Superintendent; Howard Hartsfield, Assistant Superintendent of Division of Business Management; Dr. Vernon Tavrina, Deputy Superintendent of Education; Dr. Rebecca Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Division of Curriculum and Instruction Management; Daniel Rochowiak, Regional Superintendent; Robert Rinaldi, Executive Director of Special Education; Dr. Neubert Jaffa, Regional Superintendent; William Murray, Regional Superintendent; and Dr. Robert Lloyd, Assistant Superintendent Division of Pupil Personnel Services and Development.
(AFRO Staff Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

H/K edmondson

Pre-season Sale

boys' all new winter jackets with luxurious linings!

25% OFF

Take home the jacket of your choice while the sale lasts—pay for it when its more convenient. You won't be billed until October, but you can take advantage of the savings now!

A. Deluxe wool blend knee length toggle coat with inside jumbo zipper, high loft boot pile lining and interlined sleeves. Its the go-everywhere coat with throw-back drawstring hood. Heather blue or brown. 8-18. after sale 35.00, sale 23.75.

B. Quilted nylon ski instructor's coat with pile collar that converts to a hood, heavy duty zipper and thick boot pile lining. Navy or brown. 8-16, after sale 22.00, sale 16.75.

C. Wide wale corduroy parka with leather like trim. Heavy boot pile lining; pile lined zip off hood. Weathered bronze or ripe olive. 8-16, after sale 22.00, sale 16.75.

D. Hooded Artic flight jacket of scuff-proof water-proof nylon tackle twill with fuzzy trim. Hood has adjustable tab. Frog button fly conceals the heavy duty zipper. Quilted nylon insulated lining. Navy, green. 8-18, after sale 25.00, 18.75.

H/K Boys' Shop, Edmondson

Sale

famous brand shoes for back-to-school boys and girls

7.90 to 10.90

reg. 13.00 to 15.00

Take advantage of the savings now! Send your kids back to school in style, too.

A. Crepe sole tie in black/burgundy suede. Water repellant. 8½-4, reg. 12.50-13.50, 8.90

B. Monk strap in brown. 8½-12, reg. 13.00, 7.90
12½-4, reg. 13.00, 8.90
Big boys' sizes 6½-12, reg. 16.00, 10.90

H/K Children's Shoes, Edmondson

HOCHSCHILD KOHN Shop H/K Edmondson Monday through Saturday
10 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. CALL 945-1111

AFRO Readers Share Their Birthdays With Us

Readers' letters about their birthdays swamp City Desk

By Mary Curtis

Happy birthday, happy birthday, happy birthday.

On August 13, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN observed its 82nd birthday. We invited readers who were born on our birthdate or in the month of August to let us know.

We never dreamed we'd be swamped with happy birthday letters, but we are pleased to report the mail from August birthday celebrants has kept us busy.

Of course, we are happy to salute readers who celebrate with us.

Persons born in the early part of August, from July 23-August 22, come under the sign of Leo which means they are outgoing, lively, strong-willed, yet generous and warm.

This is borne out in the warm letters we've received and the new friends we've met in person.

• • •

Typical of them is Augustus Johnson, 510 Yale Ave., a 22-year employee of the C and P Telephone Co. He was 60 on our mutual birthdate.

When he visited us this week he reported: "I feel especially happy to share the AFRO's birthday because I sold AFROs 50 years ago. My sister, Miss Mabel Johnson, is 70 years old and still sells them in her neighborhood, Walbrook Junction."

Mr. Johnson and his wife Ada have been married for 39 years and have seven children.

They are Augustus Jr., Virgil and Roy Johnson and Mesdames Edna Redditt, Augustine Robinson, Estelle Segal and Elthianuh Moore, of Baltimore.

The have 19 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the male choir at Central Baptist Church.

• • •

Youngest 'reader' to report an Aug. 13 birthday was Brandon Johnson, 3912 Annellen Rd., who turned five.

He is photographed on this page reading our birthday issue.

Brandon, or "Bunky" as he is called, said, "I think it's nice to share my birthday with the AFRO."

Brandon will begin School No. 58 in the fall. He likes to swim and play football and hopes to join a professional football team one day.

He is the son of Mrs. Betty Oglesby, who works in the payroll department at Sears Roebuck and Co., and Gerald Jones.

He was surprised with a birthday party on Aug. 12 given by his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Oglesby (Lillie), of Annellen Rd.

Miss Kim Sommerville, 817 W. Saratoga St., a former AFRO carrier, whose photo appears on this page, says, "Selling AFROs was fun. I like to read a lot, and that includes newspapers like the AFRO."

Miss Sommerville was 12 on Aug. 13. She will enter the 7th grade at Harlem Park Junior High School in September. She sings on the choir at Unity Baptist Church.

• • •

Here is what other AFRO readers say:—

Mrs. Ernestine Bellinger, 1921 Cecil Ave: — "I read your story, 'August 13th Is Our Birthday. When is Yours'?

"My birthday was also Aug. 13. I have lived in Baltimore four years, and I am a student at Bay College.

"I am sure that there are many birthdays on the 13th, but I have never met anyone, or known any company with this birthday. Many people say it is unlucky, but to me, it is my lucky day! Happy Birthday!"

• • •

Beatrice Christian, 2914 Garrison Blvd: — "My name is Beatrice Christian, and I was born Aug. 13, 1960, in Baltimore.

"I have attended School No. 64; Hilton Elementary School No. 21; William H. Lemmel and Greenspring Jr. High schools, for the 1st through 7th grades.

"I would like to become a dancer, and I have been studying ballet and modern dance at Peabody Institute, for nine years."

• • •

Mrs. Phyllis J. Womack, 2922 Garrison Blvd: — "I was also born on August 13. I am the mother of two children, and one niece, Michele, Mark and Nicola and a husband, Henry. I love going to church with my family.

My hobbies are sewing, cooking and going to church.

I would like to wish all persons who were born on August 13, a happy birthday too."

• • •

Mrs. Vicki B. Blackwell, 4007 Fernhill Ave.— I was born Vicki Brown Aug. 13, 1949 in Birmingham, Ala. I came to Baltimore when I was 2 years of age. I attended St. Peter Claver, public schools No. 103, 150 and 450.

"I'm now married to Edwin B. Blackwell, an educator in the Baltimore School System. We have a 7 year old daughter, Renell. My hobbies are knitting, crochetting and fixing electrical appliances and taking self-photographs. As a matter of fact, I took the picture of myself that I have enclosed."

• • •

Mrs. Neitha Kinson:— is the mother of eight children, six girls and two boys.

She is a housewife, lives at 2207 Mt. Holly St., and was born on Aug. 13, also.

• • •

Gary R. Berger, 209 N. Arlington Ave:— "I was born Aug. 13, 1954, and was 19 on Monday.

• • •

Mrs. Ellen Robinson, 779 George St.;— "My son, Michael Robinson, was born Aug. 13, 1958. He was 15 years this year.

"He loves to draw, and can do a good job of it. He went to art school in 1971, in New York. My desire is to see him as an artist one day."

• • •

Thomas Cockrel Sr., 7207 Orth Rd:— "While lying here, reading your famous paper, I ran across the article telling about your birthday. I would like to share my birthday with you also.

"On Aug. 13, I was 32 years old. I like all kinds of sports, especially horseback riding.

"Due to a knee operation, I spent my birthday in City Hospitals!"

• • •

Mrs. Odessa Martin, 2032 E. Jefferson St.;— "Aug. 13 means a lot to me, because this is the day that I had my first child.

"When he came into this world, I was so very happy because he was all that I had wished for. He was born on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1968, in Church Home and Hospital, and was a very good baby.

"He went to school when he was four, and now he is in kindergarten and is so good with numbers and the alphabet. He also knows his address and name."

• • •

Mrs. Carrie McCoy, of 321 N. Carrollton Ave., was born on Aug. 13.

She is now vacationing in Orlando, Fla., at Disney World.

• • •

Mrs. Helen Brown Lee, a member of a family of 20 children, was born Aug. 13, in Danville, Va.

She came to Baltimore, in 1939, where she subsequently met, and married her husband, Henry Norman Lee.

• • •

Another August celebrant (Aug. 7) is **William H. Hardy,** a graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, who is presently the director of University Relations at the University of Md. Baltimore County.

Mr. Hardy heads a staff of public relations personnel that has been awarded four national honors in the past year.

Before coming to Baltimore, Mr. Hardy headed a Midwest firm that was awarded national recognition for its approaches in multi-ethnic advertising.

• • •

Kenneth M. Stanton: — "I would like to wish the AFRO a happy birthday and hope you'll have many many more like this one. My name is Kenneth Maurice Stanton. My birthday was Aug. 13. I am a fourth grade student at Mordecia Gist Elementary School No. 69. On Aug. 13 I was 9 years old.

"I live at 4000 Groveland Ave., and am the only son of Mrs. Shirley V. Stanton. My hobbies are bowling, football, baseball and bicycle riding. Thank you."

• • •

Miss Gilda Conway, 1531 N. Smallwood St.:— "My name is Gilda Conway, and I will be celebrating my 24th birthday on Aug. 23.

"I'm a resident of northwest Baltimore, and a graduate of Edmondson High School. I am now employed as a bookkeeper for Commercial Credit Corporation."

• • •

Karen M. Dates, 1215 Linworth Ave.:— "My name is Karen Dates, and I'm a Leo. I celebrated my 8th birthday, on the AFRO's birthday, Aug. 13.

"I consider myself lucky, in spite of me being born on Friday, Aug. 13.

"I live in northwest Baltimore, am a third grader, and attend Winston Elementary School. My favorite hobby is reading, and I love to dance."

• • •

Miss JoAnn Ford, 3510 Overview Rd.:— was 15 on Aug. 18. She attends Pimlico Jr. High School, and lives with her grandmother, sisters, and brothers.

• • •

Harold Crawford:—'My name is Harold Crawford, and my birthday is Aug. 12.

"I live at 1864 E. Fayette St., and I love baseball and football.'

• • •

Miss Suphie Davis, Annapolis: — "This month is my birthday, the 28th of August.

"I retired from the U.S. Navy laundry division, after 30 years of service, on Aug. 3.

"Now that I am out, I am having a fine time, by the help of God."

• • •

Mrs. Jean Monteagudo, 3902 Reisterstown Rd:— "I am writing about my daughter, Darlene Monteagudo. Her birthday was Aug. 14. She was 14.

"She is in the 9th grade, attends School No. 79, and is a big Jackson Five fan.

"She reads your AFRO regularly."

• • •

Mrs. Juanita Davis:— "My name is Mrs. Juanita Davis. I live at 1101½ Myrtle Ave. I was 50 years old the 12th of August.

"Some of my hobbies are raising plants and collecting ornaments. I consider myself a well respected citizen. I love life dearly."

• • •

Mrs. Ernest Williams, 2304 Nevada St.: — "My son was born Aug. 11, 1953. He works every day. He loves sports, such as baseball, basketball, roller skating, fishing and football. His name is Michael Richardson."

• • •

Rev. Ladison D. Robinson, 118 S. Carlton St.:— "I was sixty years old on August 10."

• • •

Mrs. Marie Gee, 922 Bonaparte Ave.:— "I was born Aug. 14, 1913, in Blackstone, Va. I have been a resident of Baltimore since 1937. My husband is James Gee. Both of us are members of the Southern Baptist Church.

"I am a housewife and mother of four children and seven grandchildren."

• • •

Miss Sharon A. McAfee, 1137 Shields Pl.:— "I am 15 years old. I was born Aug. 13.

"I am a teenager who likes to try to improve the neighborhood. I was captain and co-captain of AFRO Clean Block for three years.

"I enjoy working with children and elderly people. I work for the Neighborhood Action Group, 2362 Brookfield."

• • •

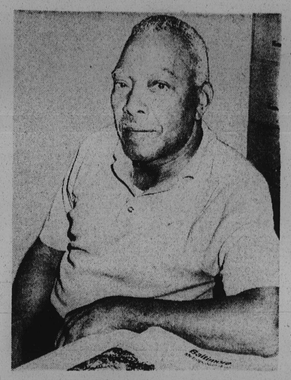
Mrs. Katherine Campbell of Columbia, Md., writes:— "I have a daughter Sylvia L. Campbell, who also has a birthday Aug. 13. Congratulations on your 82nd birthday. Sylvia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Campbell.

"Sylvia attended Harlem Park Jr. High School, where she was included on the Distinguished Honor Roll. Her teacher and counselor recommended her to the Academic at Western Senior High. She attended there studying her subjects until June, 1973, where she graduated early.

"Now she plans to attend University of Maryland where she has been accepted. She plans to study astronomy."

• • •

Miss Terry Jenifer, 400 Eddsdale Rd.:— "I was 20 years old on Aug. 16. I am presently working at Morgan State College as secretary to the Director of the Graduate Program of the Center for Urban Affairs. I am an active member of the Baltimore Fellowship Unit, directed by James Peterson."



AUGUSTUS JOHNSON feels especially proud of his Aug. 13 birthday because he carried AFROs 50 years ago.

WILLIAM H. HARDY, whose birthday was Aug. 7, is the director of University Relations at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

'My birthday is the same as yours . . .'

MRS. VICKI BLACKWELL was 24 Aug. 13. She took this picture of herself.

MISS TERRY JENIFER, a secretary at Morgan State College, was 20 years of age on Aug. 16.

6-year old wishes us happiness on his day

"My name is Sean Logan, and I live at 1128 E. North Ave. I am very happy to say that my birthday is also Aug. 13. I was six years old. When school opens, I will be in the first grade at Cecil Elementary School.

"I have four sisters and one brother.

"My brother is writing this note to you, but my entire family would like to wish the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN a "happy birthday" and many continuous years of successful publication."

MISS KIM SOMMERVILLE, 12, an Aug. 13 birthday girl, used to be an AFRO carrier.

MISS SYLVIA CAMPBELL, who plans to study astronomy at University of Md. this fall had a birthday on AFRO's birthday.

Dr. Woolridge, 92, long AFRO reader

I have been reading the AFRO for more years than I can remember. I like everything about it and am happy to be celebrating my 92nd birthday along with the AFRO's 82nd."

Dr. Thomas J. Woolridge of Elkridge, Md., oldest practicing physician in the Baltimore area, was talking about our mutual birthday celebrations this month. His is August 20.

Dr. Woolridge added, 'I will be 100 years old in eight years.'

The veteran physician for many years was the doctor for the Little Folks' Camp, operated on his Howard County property and operated by his daughter Mrs. Grace Burkett, a long-time Baltimore city teacher. He still lives on the farm, and does limited gardening.

Plus he still see some patients.

Born in Appomattox, Va., Dr. Woolridge was a member of the first graduating medical class at Shaw University.

He began the practice of medicine in his hometown in 1912.

He came to Baltimore about 1920, and began general practice of medicine in west Baltimore. In the late forties, he moved to Elkridge.

Dr. Woolridge states that the best thing that ever happened to him was when he met and married his late wife, the former Ems Alfreda Humbert, and had four children after ten years of marriage. Mrs. Woolridge died in July, 1969.

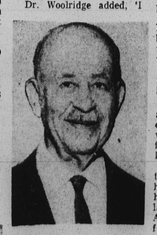
On their 50th wedding anniversary in July, 1964, they requested that friends give all cash gifts to the Provident Hospital Building Fund, which they did. Over $1,000 was contributed in their name.

• • •

Dr. Woolridge's message to young people is. "Live right and do the best you can."

His children are Mrs. Burkett, mentioned above, now a retired teacher; Mrs. Ambia Neal, a D.C. Government worker; and Alfred Woolridge, scientist at Edgewood Arsenal. Another son, Dr. Thomas J. Woolridge Jr., the physician, died four years ago.

He has 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



DR. THOMAS J. WOOLRIDGE, veteran physician, marks his 92nd birthday on August 20.

KENNETH MAURICE STANTON was four years old when this picture was taken Aug. 13, 1968.

'May you celebrate 82 more'-Peterson

"My name is Tyrone Peterson Jr., and I was born Aug. 13, 1952, in Chesterfield, S.C.

"I am married, and have two children, Tyrone Peterson, who was born Aug. 4, 1973, now weighs 5 lbs. 13 oz.

"I read the AFRO every Tuesday and Friday.

"I want to wish you a happy 82nd birthday, and may you celebrate 82 more."

NEW MEMBER of the AFRO staff, Mrs. Celestyne R. Thompson, a PBX operator, sent the AFRO best wishes on our birthday, which is also hers. She writes: "Because of our mutual birthday, it simply wouldn't do to miss a special chance like this to greet you and express sincere good wishes for unlimited success."

ENGROSSED in story of AFRO's 82nd birthday is Brandon Jones, who turned five on Aug. 13, the birthdate he and the AFRO share.