Sen. Blount sees need for family law reforms

"We're still living in the horse and buggy days with regard to Maryland family law," maintains Dr. Clarence W. Blount, State Senator from the 5th District of Baltimore City.

Dr. Blount, a member of the Senate Judicial Committee and the Committee on Reform of Family Law, recently addressed members of Parent's Without Partners at their monthly program meeting at the Village of Cross Keys.

Family life has changed dramatically in recent years and is still in a state of transition, the speaker noted. "Marriage customs are changing. And about three-fifths of all marriages end up on the rocks, making this a national problem,' he said.

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He said a full-time commission is needed to study the whole gamut of marriage, divorce, and the aftermath.

The Committee on Reform of Family Law, formed two years ago, deals with these issues only part-time. "We need up-to-date legislation that will be more realistic and equitable to all parties concerned," he explained.

The senator said, "It really doesn't matter who's at fault, as both parties usually are. The adversary system we have today only tears people apart and the only real winner is the lawyer."

A hard look also needs to be taken at our laws on custody and support of children, he said. "We should not automatically assume—as we do in most cases today — that the mother is the most fit parent and should be given custody. And the support itself should be based on the earning power and income of both parents," he says.

"Alimony,' he says "should be paid only where it is justified, and there should be more flexibility in th law.'

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Many second marriages have problems, he said, because of unreasonable financial obligations of the first marriage. He cited the Second Wives Coalition as a force trying to effect change here.

"Parents "Without Partners also is in a good position to bring about needed reform in Maryland family law." Blount told his audience. "You've all faced the problems of a broken home and can see shortcomings in the present system.'

He suggested that the organization make its feelings known to state legislators.

"If we can send a man to the moon, we should be able to develop more effective laws for the family," Blount concluded.

Reminder issued about Home Solicitation Act

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The Better Business Bureau has issued a reminder to consumers of the protection offered by Maryland's Home Solicitation Act.

Purpose of the law is to give the home owner a 72-hour "cooling off" period — following the day a contract involving credit is entered into the home. Cash sales are not covered.

This gives householders extra protection against high pressure salesmen selling such items as long-term magazine subscriptions, encyclopedias, cookware and many other products and services sold on a door to door basis and on long term credit.

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Under the terms of the act, the buyer is privileged to:

Cancel the sale within three business days — by written notice, unless emergency goods or services are involved — and provided: that the seller, in good faith, has made a substantial beginning of performance on the contract, and that

In the case of merchandise that can't be returned to the seller in substantially as good condition as received.

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The seller's responsibilities (except: in the case of emergency goods or services) are:

To provide a written, dated contract, containing an explanation of the buyer's right of cancellation, and

To obtain the signature of the buyer on said contract, and

In the event of lawful cancellation of the contract, to refund monies paid to him within 10 days minus five per cent or $10, whichever is less, not to exceed the actual cash paid by the buyer, and

To return in good condition any merchandise traded in by buyer as consideration for contract, or money equivalent thereof.

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1st aviator lost in Korea

By Charles E. Roberts Jr.

It was 23 years ago, Dec. 4, 1950, that the U.S. Navy lost its first black aviator.

Ensign Jesse Lee Brown, a young man from Hattiesburg, Miss., was killed in action in the skies over North Korea.

His plane was shot down by heavy – duty artillery fire from Communist ground forces.

Ensign Lee was assigned to the 32nd Fighter Squadron aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Leyte, which was sailing in the China Sea off the Korean coast.

His plane was part of an attacking force of 40 fighter aircraft that was providing air support for the 1st U.S. Marine Division which was under seige by Red Chinese and North Korean troops in the vicinity of the Chow-San Reservoir.

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Leonard Butcher, 43, a retired Navy Aviation Boatswain Mate 1st class, who lives in Baltimore, was aboard the U.S. S. Leyte the day Ensign Lee was killed.

He told the AFRO, "The day he was killed, there were about 4 000 guys on the ship, and the ship became very quiet when all the other planes returned from the mission except his."

Mr. Butcher said that Ensign Lee was very well liked and respected by the men aboard the aircraft carrier.

He said that the fact that Ensign Lee was a black man provided him with a source of pride and inspiration.

Seaports in Texas average more than 180 million tons of commerce a year.

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Bull riding is the most dangerous event in a rodeo because of the animals' speed and willingness to attack fallen riders.

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941

Today (Friday) marks the 32nd anniversary of the Japanese air attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The early morning assault of Dec. 7, 1941 caught U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor off-guard and un-prepared.

The devastating blitz took a heavy toll in the number of men killed, wounded and missing.

Untold millions of dollars worth of military hardware was destroyed.

American forces lost a total of 2,343 officers and men in the raid.

As a result of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States immediately entered World War II against the Axis powers, Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan.

The war saw a total of approximately 1,174,000 black soldiers serving their country in the Armed Forces, over half of this number went into action on the fighting fronts overseas.

Bolton Hill bus change meeting set

A group of Bolton Hill residents, working to have certain bus routes through the neighborhood changed will have a public meeting Saturday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall of Memorial Church.

Interested neighbors and bus-users have been invited to attend the meeting to add their views.

Last time Comet for millions yrs.

"It's not going to be as bright as we thought, but it is still going to be the brightest thing in the sky except the moon." This is what Ralph I. Paisson of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific says are latest facts on Comet Kohoutek.

Already visible in the Baltimore southeast sky just before dawn, Kohoutek has changed his path to a hyperbolic one, which, according to astronomers, will leave it from the sight of earthlings for millions of years to come. So, get out and see it. It is the last time anyone every does.

Christmas Hanukkah bazaar

Parents and children of Woodmoor Elementary School were pleased with the successful Christmas-Hanukkah Bazaar held at the school Dec. 1st.

700 items, made by the mothers, were sold in one half-hour and the $310 profit will now go to needy families in the community.

For months, the children of the school have been earning their own money to spend at the bazaar.

Items were priced from 10 cents a dollar and the bazaar provided a centrally located gift shop where children purchased attractive gift for their family and friend.

Santa Claus paid a surprise visit.

The Woodmoor PTA on Dec 3, sponsored its annual "Winter Musicale." The school band and chorus were featured under the direction of William Trostle instrumental music teacher and Mrs. Ruth Brager, vocal music teacher.

Charge 3 murder suspects

Baltimore Police homicide detectives have arrested and charged three suspects in connection with th Oct. 29 slaying of a city rent court constable.

The victim, 64 year old Jerome J. Goldsborough, was found dead at the wheel of his auto in the 600 block of Bridgeview Rd. He had been shot twice.

Police say they have charged David McClellan, 19, of the 800 block Bridgeview Rd., and Wayne Stowers, 19, of the 2700 block of Bookert Dr., with a homicide. John Braxton, 18, of the 800 block of Bridgeview Rd., has been charged with being an accessory after the fact.

City charter revision board meets Dec. 12

The Baltimore City Charter Revision Commission holds its first public hearings beginning Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Enoch Pratt Library's Main Branch, Cathedral and Mulberry Streets.

The commission, chaired by M. Albert Figinski, is [illegible] revisions of the city's laws. Testimony at these hearings will be limited to matters pertaining to the city's civil service and personnel system.

Individuals or groups wishing to speak to the commission are urged to contact Mrs. Mindi Potter, administrative assistant, at 752-1086, ext. 208. Testimony before the full commission should be limited to five minutes.

Subsequent hearings will take place on Dec. 13 and 17 at 7 p.m. in the War Memorial Building.

Dodgers and NBC hire Maury Wills

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The Los Angeles Dodgers have rehired Maury Wills as a special organizational coaching instructor, it was announced early this week.

"Maury will be with us this spring," Dodger vice president Al Campanis said, "and then during the summer he will visit our minor league teams and also work with the Dodgers."

Wills, 41, will continue to be employed as a baseball announcer for NBC.

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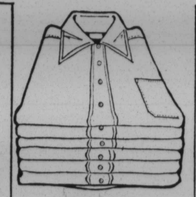

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