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PVT. C. L. SIMMONS, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Simmons of Baltimore, has completed Marine Corps basic training and assigned to Camp Lejeune, S.C. Pvt. Simmons is a 1973 graduate of Dunbar High School.

Methodists get child care grant

The General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of The United Methodist Church has announced that The Board of Child Care of The Baltimore and Peninsula Annual Conferences will receive a $9,000 grant from the Kendall Fund to supplement the cost of an additional home for its Assembled Family Program.

The Harry R. Kendall Fund has a three-fold purpose: 1) To provide hospital service for poor black people, 2) To provide homes for needy black children and aged persons of all colors, and 3) To provide for the training of leaders for charitable service in hospitals and homes caring for needy black children and aged persons.

The Board of Child Care's Assembled Family Program currently has seven families providing care for 34 black children, ages 4-17.

In five of these homes the children are from the same natural family and are able to remain together because of this program.

Each Assembled Family Home has a married couple to care for five children. The wife is a paid staff member and the husband continues with his regular employment.

The Board of Child Care provides the couples with housing, utilities, and a food and clothing allowance for the children. In-service training for the parents is available as well as psychological, psychiatric, and social casework services.

For information call Bruce L. D'Agostino, Public Relations Director Board of Child Care, 3300 Gaither Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21207.

Community planning workshop

The Northwest Outer Coalition announces the 2-day Community Planning Workshop and Charette will be held at Wayland Baptist Church, Garrison Blvd. and Fairview Ave., near Liberty Heights Ave.

The event, which offers free food and refreshments, is set for today (Friday) 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A comprehensive Development Plan will be formed from ideas and views of participants. Community residents are asked to attend to report problems existing in their neighborhoods.

Speakers and sponsors are the Urban Planners, Morgan State College Graduate School of Planning and Community Residents.

Legislators, recipients set Feb. 26 meeting

Plans for an innovative legislative workshop and dinner are announced by Ms. Ann Miller, chairwoman of the Maryland Task Force for Welfare Reform. The event will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Annapolis Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The main function of the informal supper which starts at 6:00 p.m. is to bring together members of the General Assembly, welfare recipients and interested members of the community.

Members of the Senate Finance and the House Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees have been invited and thirty-five have accepted so far according to Ms. Mary Jo Kirschman and Mrs. Ann Norman, chairwomen of the event.

While the Workshop and Dinner are open to anyone, reservations are limited by the capacity of the church.

Those interested in attending should call Ms. Kirschman at 727-7777, Mrs. Norman at 947-2277, or Ms. Miller at 466-4427.

Front: Beverly, 15; Peggy, 13; Phillip, 6; Michael, 8; April, 16. Back: Darryl, 11; Tammy, 10; Mark, 16.

Strike concern mounts for mother of eight

By Dennis Schatzman

There is no question that the existing school teacher strike is of mounting concern to all Baltimore parents and students alike. But the concern of Mrs. Drucilla McLeod, 5208 Kenilworth Ave., is mammoth. She has eight children in the Baltimore City School system.

Eight of Mrs. McLeod's nine children are spread among four schools. Phillip, 6, Michael, 8, Tammy, 10 and Darryl, 11 attend Winston Elementary School; Peggy, 13, is a Woodbourne Junior High student; Beverly, 15 and April, 16, are sophomore and junior students at Western High, while Mark, 17, is a senior at Polytechnic High School. Her oldest child, Chris, is a freshmen medical technology major at Morgan State College.

"My children are anxious to go back to school because they're not learning sitting at home. They like school and they're bored," she told the AFRO.

"They went to school the first Monday of the strike. But when they told me that all they did was sit in the cafeteria, talk and watch films, I kept them home. That kind of atmosphere breeds nothing but trouble," she continued.

Mrs. McLeod's children are all good, if not excellent students. "Kim (nee April) is the smartest one, but all of them like school and never miss school unless they're sick," she said.

Mark, the senior plans to enter Morgan next fall. Knowing that his senior grades are important, he says he is itching in the worse way to return to the business at hand.

The McLeods live in a quaint, yellow-brick home surrounded by evergreen trees in Northwest Baltimore. The father, Prince McLeod, is a MTA bus driver.

A misty rain fell as Mrs. McLeod watched her kids, posing on the front porch for the AFRO photographer. Worriedly, she said, "I hope this strike is over soon. My kids are ready to go back to school now."

MISS TINA L. GREEN

MISS MARY WASHINGTON BROWN

Teens go to court for bus station crime

The two 15-year-old teenaged girls accused of murdering Miss Charlotte Lessem, 68, Fayetteville, N.C. Jan. 19 in the Greyhound Bus Station, Howard and Centre Sts., were in Central district court Monday for preliminary hearing.

According to Leonard Elswert assistant state's attorney, the hearing was postponed because, "They (the girls) are going before the grand jury for possible indictment."

The case has been tentatively scheduled for March 12. The two teenagers are Misses Mary Washington Brown, 4800 block Snader Ave. and Tina Louise Green, 1300 block Pressman St., both confined to City Jail under $50,000 bail each.

Miss Lessem and a 76-year-old friend, Mrs. Flossie Jernigan had come to Baltimore on the bus. They were due to fly to Bermuda the next day from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

Police report when Miss Lessem went to the second floor restroom and her companion waited downstairs, she was wounded fatally by persons with knives.

Miss Lessem suffered wounds of the shoulder that went through the chest cage.

The girls were arrested when they went to Maryland General Hospital to get treatment because one of them had a slash on her hand.

Million $$ grant coming to boost city jobs

By Dennis Schatzman

Bernard Berkowitz, physical development coordinator, confirmed report that Mayor William D. Schaefer will appoint an assemblage of Baltimore leaders, in the near future, to oversee a one milion dolar federal grant which would initiate public works projects and increase employment in Baltimore City.

The mayor has contacted several organizations asking them to recommend persons to sit on a "representative committee" called the Overall Development Program Committee.

Berkowitz told the AFRO that the city qualifies for a grant from the Economic Development Administration, an organ of the U.S. Department of Commerce, when the U.S. Department of Labor declared the City's unemployment rate over 6 per cent.

"We had to provide documented evidence of the City's unemployment rate. We hope to receive one million dollars from the Philadelphia Regional office of the EDA after an economic proposal is submitted in late March," he said.

Although plans are "presently in a low profile stage," the City has formulated some ideas.

"Some of the funds will be used to expand existing projects like the Baltimore Union Stockyards project. But most it will be used for new public works projects

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER—Newly promoted Lt. Col. John H. Lewis being helped with his silver leaf insignia by his wife and First Army Chief of staff and personnel administration at a ceremony at Ft. Meade, Md. Col. Lewis is an equal opportunity officer for First U.S. Army and is a 1958 Morgan State College graduate.

A GOOD CITIZEN is registered and prepared to VOTE. Do so TODAY at Supervisors 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.

HI MAYOR

What with the energy crisis, do you really need that $5.2 million in Fiscal '74 for street lighting?

DR. IRWIN F. GELLMAN and his secretary Mrs. Doris V. Hankes, discuss college matters at Morgan State.

(AFRO photos by staff photographer Roman Hankewycz)

Navy's first female policeman

Story and Photographs by: PHI J. A. Davidson

With over 20 years of Navy service behind her, MA Ella Black is still growing with her Navy.

MA Black (the MA stands for Master-at-Arms) is the senior woman among four selected for the Navy's new Master-at-Arms rating. The new rating creates police enforcement specialists for today's Navy.

In November, MA1 (Master-at-Arms First Class) Ella Black attended an Air Force-run 5-week law enforcement school in San Antonio, Texas.

After the school she became a member of the Master-at-Arms (MAA) force on the Navy hospital ship Sanctuary.

Calling Brownsville, Pa., home, MA Black joined the Navy in 1953 just three years out of high school, and after being employed in a position which showed no real hope for promotion or a future.

"I was going nowhere and getting there fast," MA1 Black quipped with a grin, "so I decided to look around to see what other opportunities were available."

The Navy uniform was what first attracted her.

Once in the Navy, she was elected to attend Communication Technician School in San Diego, Calif., and from there to duty assignments in Washington, D.C., Hawaii, Germany and Maryland.

MA ELLA BLACK

Homesteaders land homes for $1.00 apiece

Three black families were among the first six to receive homes for an investment of $1.00 under Mayor William D. Schaefer's Urban Homesteading Program in the City Hall Rotunda Wednesday afternoon.

Richard and Mrs. Saint Claire Allen, who presently reside at Fort Meade, will move into a home in the 1600 block of W. Lanvale St. Allen, a 19-year army veteran, is presently a guard at Fort Meade. The Allens have seven children.

Mr. and Mrs. George King, Charles and 29th Sts., have looked at 30 to 40 homes since moving here from New York City. The home they purchased is in the 700 block of N. Carrollton Ave. King is a stockbroker for Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc.

Alphonso L. and Mrs. Ruth McMeeken, Prince George's County, will now live in a home in the 1300 block of W. Saratoga St. McMeekin is a supervisor of vocational teachers in Prince George's County.

Richard Davis, public information director, Department of Housing and Community Development, said that the "homesteaders" will bring the houses up to the Housing Code standards and live in them for at least eighteen months before the houses finally become theirs

Dr. Williams, Towson State guest speaker

Dr. Chancellor Williams, retired professor of Howard University and author of the book, "The Destruction of Black Civilization," will lecture on the same subject Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m., in the Towson State College Center.

This is one of Dr. Williams' rare addresses and third in a series of lectures and presentations on black consciousness sponsored by the African-American Studies Program now forming on the Towson campus. All series functions are open free to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Teenager convicted of murder

A 17-year-old teenager who pleaded guilty to murder before Judge Basil Thomas in January was sentenced Wednesday to 25 years in prison.

Brian Keith Faulkner, 1500 block Harford Rd. is charged with the Nov. 24, 1973 murder of Mrs. Ivy Davis. His co-defendant, Jerome Hinton pleaded not guilty and his not yet had his trial.

The two defendants are also charged with murdering Roosevelt Nixon, the prominent black businessman. Hinton, 16, is scheduled for trial next month for Nixon's death.

ROOSEVELT NIXON

However, the state ruled to put on the nonactive file Faulkner's charge of the slaying of Nixon, along with three robberies with a deadly weapon and an assault and robbery with a deadly weapon.

Morgan director, son of civil rights worker

By Roman Hankewycz

Dr. Irwin F. Gellman, 31, white, is the son of a former civil rights worker, Mrs. Mae Gellman. He is the husband of Maryland's Special Attorney General for Environmental Affairs, Mrs. Barbara L. Gellman.

As it it weren't enough being related to such prominent people, he is also the director of Innovations for Higher Education at Morgan State College, and the author of a book on F. D. Roosevelt's relations with Cuba.

Being a director at Morgan, Dr. Gellman describes his duties as "setting up the programs such as early admissions" and states he works to take out "aggravation" so that programs would become very non-threatening to most of the people. He continued, "I try to convince others that the programs are good. Sometimes I win, sometimes I lose."

A Ph.D. in history, the professor of Diplomatic and Latin American History notes, "We do things to

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Jury Hears Testimony In $72,500 Bribe Trial

Liddie Wired With $2,000 Tape

A Baltimore County Circuit Court jury has heard testimony from a witness who said at one point in 1972 John E. (Liddie) Jones was wired with a $2,000 tape recorder hidden underneath his coat.

The witness said he himself went to Washington to buy the transmitter from the Spy Shop. James Keane the prosecutor, asked the 25-year-old witness where he obtained the money for the recorder.

The witness testified the money came from "a source" in the Jones family but he refused to tell the jury the person's name.

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These facts came to light when Liddie's one time lawyer, Robert (Bobby) Frank was testifying in the trial involving another lawyer, Stephen L. Miles.

Miles is charged with taking $72,500 from Liddie's mother in order to bribe a judge and two prosecutors.

Bobby Frank told the all white jury, "I connected the wires (from the transmitter) to the car and then turned it on with a tape recorder." The purpose of connecting the wires was to record the conversation.

The attorney testified the original tape was later destroyed. He and Miles burned the tape and flushed it down a toilet months later in Frank's office.

Frank made a copy of the original tape which the state hopes to introduce as evidence. The tape allegedly says that Miles made illegal pay-offs in the Jones case.

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Mrs. Ada Jones, 63, Liddie's mother, was expected to testify. However, she has been confined to Provident Hospital since Feb. 23 in "fair condition" with a heart ailment. Liddie is expected to testify today (Friday).

The trial was originally scheduled for Jan. 17, but Judge Grady stated Mrs. Jones could not be located. Mrs. Jones surrendered herself to police in Towson last week.

The mother of 12 children was released on a $10,000 personal pledge signed by a son and a daughter.

Robert Ellison, a lawyer, testified that F. Lee Bailey flew to Baltimore in July, 1972 to get $52,500 cash from the Jones family and flew right back. Bailey represented Jones at one hearing.

The jury was told officials from a Towson bank stated Robert (Bobby) Jones, one of Liddie's brothers, purchased a cashier's check for $52,000 in cash. The bank representative said since the money was in small bills, it took four people to count it.

PRINCIPAL WITNESSES—Liddie and his mother, Mrs. Ada V. Jones are the main witnesses in the $72,500 bribe case.

SPRING THING — Ralph Jones in this AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz, dreams of what's about to happen with the weather as he sniffs a flower in the Druid Park hot house where he is a horticulturist.

Teachers: Rather Fight Than Quit

• Strike enters 20th day • Fines running into the money
• 180,000 children out of school • Teachers get loans, food stamps, little help from friends after no-check pay day

FLASH

When Gov. Mandel hosted Baltimore's elected officials at the Mansion in Annapolis last night, the energy crisis and political unity took priority. Nothing was done on the crisis in the Baltimore schools.

By Bill Rhoden

The Public School Teachers Association (PSTA) is $7,500 poorer and its president, Karl Boone, is minus $500 as a result of not ordering striking teachers back to work by 12 noon Thursday as ordered by Circuit Court Judge James J. Murphy three days ago.

After 12 noon today (Friday), those figures will be doubled ($15,000 for PSTA, $1,000 for Boone) for each successive day the strike continues.

But despite the threat of economic devastation, PSTA officials are telling their constituents to remain on strike and are assuring them that the association will not acquiesce "until we've reached a satisfactory settlement."

Meantime, resourceful teachers are "getting over the hump" with food stamps, loans, luck and of course, "with a little help from their friends."

According to PSTA's Richard Holley, Thursday, the association will not appeal the stiff fines imposed by Judge Murphy because "PSTA is in contempt of court and we'll just have to pay the fines."

Exactly how and when the fines will be paid is up to the city, Holley stated. He added, "It's really arbitrary, we can go for three, four, or five days without paying, then the city might decide that it wants the money."

Although he refused to give the sources of income for PSTA, Holley emphasized, "The fines will be paid and we will stay on strike despite the injunction."

In other strike developments, all sides have now agreed to accept the services of a federal mediator in contract talks. W. J. Usery Jr., met with all negotiators Wednesday and Thursday at the Lord Baltimore Hotel as talks resumed after being suspended for more than week.

Usery was deployed in Philadelphia last year to help resolve the city's 6-week-old teacher strike, the fines of which have still not been paid.

But despite the presence of a federal mediator, neither side is predicting an immediate settlement of the strike.

Because of increased hardships on striking teachers, PSTA has created "Strike Line," a telephone information system which opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 12 midnight, Monday thru Friday.

Stike line numbers are: 539-7992, 539-7476, 539-7374.

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The association has also made available interest free loans for teachers ($300 maximum) through PSTA and Union Trust Bank.

These loans are payable two months after the strike ends at $50 per month for 12 months. The credit union has made $200 available per teacher at 12 per cent interest, payable upon receipt of the first pay check after the strike.

At Edmondson High School, a food co-op program has been set up

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Richardson in No. 2 ILA post

Hershey Richardson has moved up to succeed Johnny Kopp as International Longshoremen Atlantic District vice-president. Mr. Kopp succeeds the late William Halle as International vice president.

Richardson was endorsed by the Baltimore District Council and confirmed by the International ILA president, Thomas Gleason, N.Y.

Formerly ILA Local 858 president and co-president of ILA Local 333, Richardson has been an ILA official 14 years and on the Baltimore Port 28 years.

Man chokes to death on beef sandwich

A 40-year-old Koppers Company employee was dead on arrival at the University Hospital Feb. 21 after he choked on a roast-beef sandwich in the company's cafeteria, according to police.

Confirming this Thursday morning, a city medical examiner's spokesman described the death of John D. Griffin Sr. as being an "accidental choke on something he was eating."

Southern District police records show the well-known man said he was suffering chest pains while eating at about 9:50 p.m. in the company's cafeteria. He died a short while later.

Police said they are still investigating the sudden death but medical examiner spokesman said it is ruled "accidental."

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Gillis Memorial Church for Mr. Griffin whose address is listed as 6610 Parr Ave. Burial is in Kings Memorial Park.

Educated in the public schools, Mr. Griffin was

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School Strike Nutshell

- DR. JULIAN says Mayor Schaefer is caught in a vise but could become a hero overnight.
- DEL. BRAILEY exposes trick to oust Dr. Patterson.
- MAYOR SCHAEFER says he has never met with Dr. Patterson to talk about 'getting rid of him' but they chatted about other city business Thursday.
- AS YET there are no plans for the City Administration to sue the state of Maryland for school funding.
- EXORCISM? — A bill has been filed to abolish the Baltimore City School Board.
- IN THE SPRING a young man — Gov. Mandel and his Ms. Dorsey at the tennis tournament, forget school strike.
- NAACP demands mayor and governor get the children back in school.

Baltimore ADA joins fight to impeach Nixon

The Baltimore Chapter of the American for Democratic Action is following the National Chapter in its recommendation to impeach President Richard M. Nixon, says Howard H. Murphy, ADA charter member, past Baltimore Chapter president, present Board member and past comptroller of he AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

The ADA has compiled a list of charges, which include financial crimes, perversion of government agences, obstruction of civil liberties and subversion of the press, into a pamphlet called "Case for Impeachment."

"We have many doctors, lawyers, teachers and housewives in our group," said Murphy. "Unfortunately, not very many blacks are active," he dolefully admitted.

Known for its "good labor following," the ADA has, in fact, lobbied for impeachment along with the labor unions. "Normally, Labor and the ADA run hand in hand," said Murphy. "However, in the past

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BALTIMORE CITY JAIL union official, Timothy Wilton in this UPI photo explains what's happening to the 140 ay shift guards at the beginning of the five-hour strike last Wednesday.

Morgan To Aid HS Seniors

Morgan State College in answer to the need for senior high students to overcome effects of the strike, will hold College Information Workshops March 4-5-6 at 11 a.m. each day. All workshops will be held in Truth House Lounge and will cover Preparation and Completion of Scholastic Aptitude Tests, fees, registration and financial aid.

Jail guards half-way satisfied

By Dennis Schatzman

City jail guards on the morning shift reluctantly went back to work Wednesday after a six-hour "wildcat strike" for better security equipment, new uniforms and increased authority. The decision to strike came after a meeting among the correctional officers the day before.

Deputy Warden Walter Lewis told the AFRO, "They will get new uniforms plus a new communication system and walkie talkies. Guns and other weapons were never an issue."

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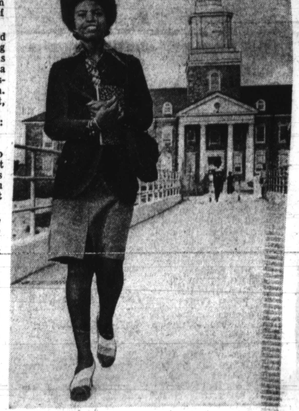
It's Spring! Eastside Tea is Sunday

More certain than the robin as a sign of spring is the East Side Blue Ribbon Tea. This is the way it has been for 30 years.

When the ladies don spring hats and frocks and arrive at the Blue Ribbon Tea this Sunday afternoon, the snow may fall but spring is in the air.

The event which each year attracts 1,000 persons is set for 4 p.m. at Dunbar High School. The affair highlights the coming season in a brilliant setting with the tables decked in silver and crystal and centered with flowers.

Through the years funds from the tea have benefited Eastside youngsters with free trips to camp, summer bus excursions, worthwhile recreation, scholarships and holiday parties.



WITH SPRING TIME in the air, pretty Miss Sharon Russell of Hampton, Va., the reigning "Miss Morgan State College, 1973-74" is out for a walk on the campus. Proceeds given her during her coronation have been donated to the African Relief Fund.

Morgan queen is symbol of virtue

Miss Sharon Russell, "Miss Morgan State College" embodies the independence, charisma and beauty which typifies many of today's women.

Crowned at the 1973 Homecoming ceremonies, the 20-year-old social welfare major, has reigned throughout the current college year as official hostess at major college events.

In addition to her hostess role, Miss Russell has been an active worker in student government, Alpha Kappa Alpha service sorority, and in the organization of various campus activities.

Although not a Women's Lib advocate in the popular sense, she is quick to clarify what type of contest she won in becoming "Miss Morgan." "It wasn't a beauty contest. We didn't have to display ourselves or anything of the sort. The competition involved the selection of the person by the student body who could best represent the college at its events. I also plan to get together with the next Miss Morgan and the student government for the purpose of defining more effective duties for the person holding the title."

The pretty, teak-colored "miss" set the tone for her reign, when at her coronation, she chose to donate the money she received as a gift to the African Relief Fund.

INSIDE TODAY

- MARCH 5 Millionaire Lottery drawing at Hilton Hotel ballroom has room for 1,000 guests.
- REV. DAWSON named to Baltimore County board.
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- NEW MAIL RATES listed.
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