OPINION

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May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful and magnify our Father which is in Heaven. CARL MURPHY, (1889-1967) Editor-Publisher, (1922-1967)

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AFRO Credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice and the cowardice of compromise. (Dec. 25, 1920)

(From The Papers of John H. Murphy Sr., who founded the AFRO-AMERICAN, Aug. 13, 1892).

Memo for Dr. Walton: the TRUTH shall make you FREE

Truths guide our universities
And from all error keep her free;
Let Wisdom yield her choicest treasure,
And Freedom reach her fullest measure;
Oh, let her watchword ever be
The truth of God, will make you free,
Will make you free! (Ode of Johns Hopkins University)

Dr. John Walton, a professor of Education at the Johns Hopkins University for 26 years, has tainted the honor of one of Baltimore's prestigious institutions by using underhand tactics and illegal procedures as president of the Board of School Commissioners.

It was Dr. Walton, who secretly plotted with other white commissioners, to try to oust superintendent Roland N. Patterson without a formal hearing or a proper motion.

It was Dr. Walton who called for the vote before the motion had been completely read or seconded. It was Walton who announced the vote taken during chaos had passed.

Newspapers have termed the board meeting chaired by Dr. Walton as, "chaotic" and "improper". One daily newspaper noted, ". . . . the clumsy, clandestine scheming of the board's white members."

AFRO reporters present saw the August 8 action by the Walton board as a "heated four-hour 'Dump Patterson" plot which failed.

Hopkins alumni must have cringed with shame as they read how this man whom their University had awarded a Ph.D. in education, had brought disruption to the city of Baltimore in defiance of all of the principles of education he has taught for so long.

Teachers and undergraduate students who have sat in Dr. Walton's classes, where he lectured on educational principles and the American education system, were reminded of frayed lecture notes dealing with ethical terms like honor, fairness, integrity and high morals.

Hopkins should have a hard time this fall if it continues to sanction the teachings of Dr. Walton when already his actions have spoken louder than his lecture words.

The motto of Hopkins University is, "Veritas vos liberabit," meaning the truth will make you free. Hopkins, which has become known worldwide for its research, should do its own inhouse evaluation of this school board president and his ethics.

A university which gets millions of dollars to help solve the problems of the world, can ill afford to allow one of its own native sons and faculty members to compromise its standards.

City Solicitor Benjamin L. Brown has the tapes of that ill-fated school board meeting. Minutes of previous meetings are also available.

Dr. Walton was selected as school board president because of his affiliation with Johns Hopkins.

Hopkins has a moral obligation to free the Baltimore city school board of Dr. Walton.

Only then can this university hold its head up again and tell the world that truth does guide Hopkins and from all error keep her free.

Fire the school board

One drastic proposal for solution of the Baltimore City School Board crisis would call for the resignation of the entire board of school commissioners. This would allow a cooling-off period which all Baltimoreans would welcome.

An interim committee could be appointed by the mayor to serve only for one year. And, if such a step is taken, the committee must reflect the 70-30 black-white ratio of the schools.

Congressmen Parren Mitchell and Paul Sarbanes have an obligation to join forces with Mayor Schaefer to help settle this crisis.

No pre-indictment

It is wise counsel that warns against a preconceived antipathy for the new president because of his pathetic past record in matters pertaining to race.

As any other man, in any other endeavor, Gerald R. Ford deserves the opportunity to prove his worth to the nation and all its people.

Many critics contemplate little or no improvement in realtions between the White House and American minorities in the Ford administration. But they can rise above the stench of retaliatory bigotry by affording him the chance to extricate himself from his own political image.

There is complete awareness of the fact that Mr. Ford has worn the cloak of conservatism throughout his years in the Congress. And that many times he has seemed unconscionable in voting against legislation that could prove beneficial to blacks. Yet, in his newly-acquired position of responsibility, he could become a different man.

In each instance, the ascendancy to the Presidency by Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson was accompanied by trepidation and pessimism. And neither was half-bad.

According to Abraham Lincoln's first biographer, William H. Herndon — who also was his early law partner — the 16th president was not always the abolitionist.

Hugo Black, who became one of the strong civil rights voices in the U.S. Supreme Court, was in his earlier years, a Ku Kluxer.

And Warren Burger, the personal choice of President Nixon as chief justice of the Supreme Court, wrote the opinion that nailed the coffin into which Nixon had climbed.

Brooke for Veep

Senator Edward Brooke, (R-Mass.) has as good a chance as anybody of being Vice President of the United States if we believe President Ford's statement that the field is wide open.

Brooke, who has served in the Senate for 8 years, represents a district which has more white voters than blacks. As he has said, "I have always thought that great progress could be made if a man who happened to be a Negro, could be elected to represent all the people, not only the Negro people."

This lawyer has earned 26 honorary degrees from the nation's outstanding colleges and universities.

President Ford, who has confessed his internship in the Senate was "too short," needs a younger man, (Brooke is 52) who can help him gain Senate support.

Brooke's stewardship on two Senate committees — the committee on appropriations and the committee on banking, housing and urban affairs — would aid the president in his fight against inflation. The President must also deal with health care financing and quality education. In both areas Brooke could be of assistance.

The President will need someone knowledgeable about foreign affairs. Mr. Brooke's recent speech in the Senate on the Cyprus crisis where he listed the seven principles for a lasting peace, pinpoints his understanding of international situations.

Hobson Reynolds, Elks' Grand Officer and civil rights leader, says he feels Senator Brooke is the most qualified person to be Vice President. He urged President Ford to give blacks more than token representation in the top administration.

The Congressional Black Caucus has called on the President to name a person, who has qualities of statesmanship and integrity without regard to geography, sex or race.

President Ford has said he believes, "in the basic decency and fairness of America," and we do too.

That is why we feel Edward Brooke would be an excellent choice for Vice President of the United States.

'They say he's a good superintendent, why do they pull a lynch try on him?'

A little about a lot — by Madeline W. Murphy

Variations on an old theme

It is frequently said by those of us in our 40's and 50's that our young blacks will solve today's problems.

And yet, in spite of all the hub-bub that was raised over the hush, clenched fist, red, black and green, true militancy no longer lives among them.

Perhaps it is because children who become adults are variations on an old theme, for they have taken on the coloration of their parents of an era when accommodation to the system was justified by: "making it," or "integration is the way," or "change the system by using the system,", or finally, "once I become boss, then I'm going to make changes." Promises, promises, never fulfilled.

Now that afew select job opportunities have opened, young blacks think integration is the solution and the torch need not be carried further.

They think they have arrived and because it is easier to get into Ivy League schools, they think the problems of blacks have been solved.

They don't realize that the oppressor has only changed his mode, not his game.

And this is proven by the fact that today, more blacks are unemployed, hungry, homeless, imprisoned than ever before.

Yet, many young black people are completely unaware that the substantial progress made by them has been due to militants like H. Rap Brown, Stokeley Carmichael, Malcolm X and many in our own city, among them Walter P. Carter, who frightened racist reactionaries.

And the direct result, sad but true, are the middle-aged Toms and young Toms, who are in good jobs in the system today but have yet to pay their dues.

In addition the great promise of black capitalism has blinded young blacks; never fulfilled.

How do you recognize this unobtrusive 1974 version of a young Tom?

The winning smile, polished manners, impeccable dress, firm handshake, eyeball to eyeball contact, gives only momentary hope that he or she's got their stuff together.

Paradoxically, however, this polished Tom can't make a definitive statement on anything. He's what I dub the OTOH, squared: "On the one hand, and then on the other hand . . .

He can't be found around, in in other words, when the stuff goes down, because he has played the game of striving; being upwardly mobile; to make the man mad.

Beware of these opportunists, who have found not only economic progress, but are now also becoming involved in the political arena.

Find out what they are going to do for us black and poor; what their program is; what compromises they will make with your vote, to get where they want to go.

Once we had no choice. Once we were desperate to accept just token representation.

Now we must be selective. There are certainly enough strong black candidates from which to choose. Make your choice wisely.

Our future rests on the thread of consistency, of quality, of voting in large numbers for the best young black men and women we have to offer.

Lest we forget, Watergate is a prime example of bright young men, doing all the "right" things for the wrong reasons!

Now and then — by G. James Fleming

An ombudsman for President Ford

This column recommends to President Gerald R. Ford that he appoint an ombudsman for himself—someone who will be "His Majesty's opposition," who will tell him when he is about to "goof," about to go off the deep end or about to do or say the wrong thing.

Such a person should be permitted to read the first draft of all important speeches, to attend his Cabinet and other meetings, and to confer with him from time to time.

He or she should be able to say to the President, about any particular approach: "This stinks, let's take it apart and try another approach."

The ombudsman should be black or Jewish, if we had our way, or some other person sensitive to the feelings of those who are most easily hurt, those who most easily feel that "the system" is against them or excludes them.

This person may also be an economist, sociologist, political scientist or psychologist — one who, by training, knows how to turn things inside out; one who can turn up things (and feelings) as they are, rather than as they seem to be.

If President Ford will take another suggestion, it would be that he use his cabinet more as a board of advisers, or even as a sounding board as to what is best for the country.

We consider it unfortunate that, in recent years, the department heads (the Cabinet) have been relegated behind the Haldemans, the Ehrlichmans and the "special assistants" of this and that.

The Commerce Department should be the reservoir of economic expertise available to the President, while the Secretary of State as it is presently, should be the principal adviser on foreign affairs.

In reference to minority group affairs, President Ford has been a reflection of his Grand Rapids, Mich., congressional district.

He has been steadfastly opposed to school busing to achieve racial balance, and he voted against the poverty program.

However, he has voted for several civil rights bills, including some against which he first argued.

Indeed, the new President's voting record is no worse than that of Lyndon Johnson before 1957, and that of Harry Truman before he became President.

It is in regards to labor that Mr. Ford's record will be haunting him. He has voted against most of the legislation that organized labor has supported.

All in all, President Ford is a conservative: a moderate conservative," he calls himself.

Before the recent annual meeting of the National Urban League, the soon-to-be President boasted that he had never "stood in the schoolhouse door," referring to the extreme racist action of Governor George Wallace of Alabama.

The credential is not enough. Perhaps the best feather in Mr. Ford's cap is that he did accept the Urban League's invitation to speak.

At least, he knows Vernon Jordan, executive director of the league and, through him, has a direct line to the several score branches of the league, with their notable resources of information and personnel.

Smile

In the early part of the century, people were amazed when someone drove 20 m.p.h. They still are.

WASHINGTON Nightmare continues

By John W. Lewis Jr.
AFRO Washington Bureau

The outgoing Nixon Administration, the incoming Ford Administration and the white media paid little or no attention to the black and poor communities during the turbulent, historic events of this past week.

Nixon, not unexpectedly, made absolutely no mention of minorities during his two departing speeches.

The white news media played up every conceivable aspect of Nixon's impact on America, but somehow left out coverage of the devastating affect of the Nixon years on millions of blacks and other minorities.

It is not as if Nixon's actions affecting the poor had not been news. They had been.

Impoundment of funds for housing programs, anti-busing legislation, the spying on black liberation leaders, the dismantling of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the policy of "benign neglect," veiled "law and order" attacks on the black community and criticism of welfare recipients were front page topics for years during Nixon's tenure in office.

Black folks apparently become non-entities when America faces an international crisis. We were missing on news analysis panels.

With rare exceptions we were not among the experts called upon to talk on topics ranging from the affect of Nixon's resignation on the stock market to the "Middle East Crisis."

We were not called upon to talk about the million of blacks who cannot get jobs, find decent housing or secure a quality education as a result of Nixon policies.

"Our long, national nightmare is over," President Ford said in his first speech.

It is crystal clear he was talking about their nightmare, not ours.

News notes: — Harold Ford recently won the Democratic primary election for Tennessee's 8th Congressional District.

He will square off in the general election this fall against incumbent white Republican, Dan H. Kuykendall, who has a conservative, racist voting record in Congress.

Ford, a state legislator, is given a good chance to win in a district that is nearly 50 per cent black.

Two other black candidates, Matthew Perry in South Carolina and Norman Hodges in, California, are also given good chances of winning election to the House of Representatives.

A young, black pilot for United Airlines has captured the endorsement of the Republican party in Connecticut and will run against popular Senator Abraham Ribicoff, a Democrat, in the general election. James Brannon, 35, beat three other contenders for his party's endorsement.

The state legislator in a similar underdog race two years ago beat a 30-year veteran of the Connecticut House of Representatives. He plans to attack Ribicoff's "poor track record on getting legislation passed."

Two black candidates, Meryn Dymally in California and George Brown in Connecticut, are running for Lt. Governor.

More news notes: —

Arthur Fletcher, a minority consultant to the Republican National Committee, in at least two meetings with then Vice-President Ford, attempted to make a black input into Ford's ear.

Ford, reportedly has had little acquaintance with the black community.

Congressman Parren Mitchell, D-Md., last week was among the Democrats voted seats on the potentially-powerful House Budget Committee.

Burial services were held last week for a long-time aide to Congressman Charles Diggs, D-Mich. Miss Dorothy Quarker, Diggs' administrative assistant for 18 years, died in Detroit.

She came to Capitol Hill with Diggs in 1955 following his election to the House.

For the last two years she served as the chief of staff on the District Committee, chaired by Diggs.

81 YEARS AGO — "The interests of the Afro-American population of Baltimore are identical and any faction of the race which fosters strife to gratify its own selfish ambition, should be classed with the enemy."

(From the AFRO-AMERICAN April, 1893)

Readers Rap On Many Issues

Readers are invited to submit letters for publication. All letters must be signed, but signature will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 200 words in length. Address them to "Our Readers Say," Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland 21203.

Patterson 'shaft job'

Dear AFRO:

Coppin State Alumni Association supports Dr. Patterson in his efforts to overcome the attempts of the 'City Fathers' to 'shaft' him unjustly.

We are convinced that this attack on Patterson is an unjust 'shaft job' because of our knowledge of the facts. The main fact being that Dr. Patterson and his staff did not transfer funds from instructional services.

What actually happened was that the classifications of items within the Instructional Services category of the total budget were shifted, by the Board of Estimates, to the Administrative Direction and Control Services category.

This gave the fallacious impression that Dr. Patterson used monies allocated for 'children' for administrators' salaries.

However, the 'get rid of Patterson movement' started before he actually took over officially. Before Dr. Patterson was approved, by the City Council, as the superintendent of the Baltimore City schools he had to agree to assume a 2½ million dollar deficit of the previous administration.

Also, Walter Orlinsky, president of the City Council let it be known, publicly, that Patterson was not his choice. In spite of these obstacles, Dr. Patterson has balanced his department's budget.

Having failed at their original attempt to 'shaft' Patterson, the City Fathers are more determined to get the voters to accept their 'Big Lie.

Consequently, their current plan is to recreate a budgetary deficit by perilously underfunding the department on the Regional level.

These are the facts:

1. In 1973-74, 134 educational positions were in the offices of the 9 regional superintendents.

2. In the regional offices 134 educational positions are required for 1974-75.

3. Funds recommended by the Board of Estimates will provide for only 78 educational positions in the regional offices.

4. This in effect removes 56 educational positions from the regional offices.

5. Without this staff, reorganization will be curtailed seriously.

Therefore, again it will erroneously appear that Dr. Patterson has mismanaged funds.

Also, looking at the facts, the Alumni Association of Coppin State College takes a firm stand behind Dr. Patterson.

We are convinced even more than before that Dr. Patterson is the best thing that happened to Baltimore's school children and education. We, also, make this plea: "Come on City Fathers and white School Board members—Get off Patterson's back!"

ERNEST L. MOODY
(President, Executive Board of The Coppin State College Alumni Association)

Great humanitarian

Dear AFRO:

The passing of Theodore R. McKeldin combines a great loss to the people of Maryland with a special sadness to those of us who were his colleagues on the

Set an example

Dear AFRO:

The passing of the Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin means for those of us in Baltimore's black community, who knew him well over a long period of years, the loss of a great humanitarian.

Since he first became mayor here in 1943, he campaigned unceasingly for better race relations and job openings for black citizens in city government and municipal agencies.

He set an example by first appointments, among others, of blacks to the Planning Commission and the School Board. In addition, Mr. McKeldin was a familiar person down through the years in the black community among almost all levels of its citizens.

We will miss him.

LLOYAL RANDOLPH,
(Delegate and chairman, Black Caucus Maryland General Assembly.)

Need a McKeldin

Dear AFRO:

Theodore R. McKeldin was a Christian gentleman not ashamed to carry his religion into both private and public life.

In all his campaigns throughout the length and breadth of this State, he never stooped to bitterness or hate.

If an orator, according to an old Latin definition, is a good man skilled in speaking, McKeldin was surely an orator. He added a new moral dimension to Maryland politics.

At a time when politicians at all levels are being corrupted, how we need a Theodore R. McKeldin.

JOHN I. BERRY

Mitchell right on Nixon

Dear AFRO:

Richard Nixon has resigned without honors as President of the United States, not because he lost political base as he asserts, but because he has committed high crimes, either directly or as an accessory after the fact, has violated the public trust, and has failed to keep his oath as President.

I hope the electorate will remember that as early as June, 1973, Maryland Congressman Parren J. Mitchell brought to our attention Mr. Nixon's dictatorial behavior and strongly suggested that he might be engaged in criminal activities.

At this point, Mr. Mitchell, calling for the impeachment of the President, was labeled demagogue, rabble-rouser, and racist and was placed on the President's black list.

It is gratifying to note that Congressman Mitchell was vindicated at 9:04 p.m. EDT, on August 8, 1974, by the decision of the President himself.

Remember? and . . . . remember!

GEORGE L. BENNETT

Happy birthday

Dear AFRO:

It's our birthday!

Sharing birthdays is fun to do with someone who's as nice as you!

Happy Birthday to us! Continuous success — (MRS.) CELESTYNE R. THOMPSON.

AFRO PBX operator, Mrs. Thompson birthdayed on Aug. 13, which was the day AFRO-AMERICAN was 82. We're now in our 83rd year of continuous publication.)

WHITE READERS SPEAK OUT

Lack of sensitivity

Dear AFRO:

We are concerned about the crisis in the community which has resulted from the motion at last Thursday's school board meeting to suspend Dr. Roland Patterson. This action was taken without prior notice to the full board and without making it an agenda item in advance.

The board showed a lack of sensitivity and judgment in attempting to suspend the superintendent of schools two weeks before school is to open and a week before the desegregation plan must be finally formulated.

We deplore the precipitous and divisive way it went about this action and urge that steps be taken to prevent its repetition.

It is no doubt true that there has been a lack of clarity in responsibility on the part of both board and superintendent but these matters are now obscured in the fact that the procedures used have made the issue appear purely racial.

Protest against these procedures by the white as well as the black community may open the way for a reasoned approach to the issue or quality education taking us beyond the current polarization.

As concerned white citizens, we call for the board to accept a moratorium on efforts to dismiss Dr. Patterson until a fair and full evaluation of his work can be made and presented to the public.

Our foremost concern should be the education of the children of Baltimore. Therefore, no decision should be made which will interrupt the smooth functioning of the school term.

(Editor's note: This letter was signed by Nancy Gideon Clark, Elizabeth H. Fetter, Robert T. Fetter, Cynthia E. Kerman, Marjorie F. Scott, Ralph O. Kerman, John H. Michener, Anna C. Michener, Ann Miller, Marjorie H. Sanderson, John B. Newman, Lois Sexton, John Sexton and Ann Windsor).

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Yes, you can vote in the Primary Election on Sept. 10, 1974, if you are going to be out-of-town on vacation, job assignment or in the hospital.

YOU can vote by absentee ballot. Apply now at Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., or call 396-5574 and request one be mailed to you.

Complete the application and mail it in promptly. Sept. 3 is the last day to mail them in.

When your absentee ballot is mailed to you, follow instructions on it and mail back to Supervisors of Elections.

Your absentee votes must be mailed in time to reach Supervisors of Elections by 8 p.m. on Primary Day, Sept. 10.

Father Franklin case

Dear AFRO:

It was such a great relief to read the AFRO Tuesday, July 13 and find the harassment of Father Franklin had ceased.

As a constant reader, I had begun to believe that the AFRO had a personal dislike for Father Franklin, as the other papers only carried two short writeups of his misfortune. One was when the crime was committed and the other when he was found not guilty, but the AFRO, our leading paper, had reported every move he has made.

Why do our own papers degrade our own public leaders when they are involved in entanglements, large or small, personal or impersonal?

Especially, when one has done services to and for the community (speaking of the thousands Father Franklin fed at Thanksgiving, the Christmas baskets given thousands and the many he has helped otherwise).

So I say Father Franklin is a hero in his own right. It could have been him in the coffin, and who knows, with the conditions of the world today, it can be you or me confronted with the same situation.

So as fellowmen, let's get together and help Father Franklin. — HOWARD ARNOLD

EDITOR'S NOTE: We can get together in sympathy for the dead man's family and for all persons who come into a brush with the law as did the Rev. Mr. Franklin.

However, the Democratic processes of the law prevail and we must abide by the decision of the court. Father Franklin was found guilty of a gun violation and sentenced to eight years.

He has appealed his case and again, the courts will decide. Again, we will print the court records.

Throughout the Criminal Court proceedings, the AFRO recorded exactly what was recorded in the court records in the Father Franklin case.

A newspaper is the eyes and ears of citizens who are guaranteed by law to know exactly what goes on in any court hearing. Watergate is a good example.

If YOU ask ME — by Bettye Moss

Down memory lane: The death this week of Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin at the age of 73 means the loss to the community of a dear and beloved friend.

He was twice governor of Maryland, (1950-1958), and twice Mayor of Baltimore (1943-47; 1963-67).

Six years ago in this column (Nov. 25, 1967) we said of him:

"When the guest of honor is an individual who has earned the title 'a most remarkable man',

"When the guest of honor is a man who has been an outspoken opponent of segregation. . . who has demonstrated his concern for his fellowman.

"A man who has recognized the worth of colored citizens by appointing them to public office; meeting with them in their churches and in their neighbors. . .'

"A man who has consistently fought the battles of the 'little man' even when it was not popular to do so.

"A man who has given this city of Baltimore and the state of Maryland distinguished public service, twice as mayor, twice as governor . . . , there is cause for special acclaim when he retires from public office.

"It was this man — Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin who was honored on Monday evening at the Lord Baltimore.

"An estimated 900 persons paid $100 per. It was his 67th birthday.

"Everybody was there — Republicans, Democrats, and representatives of all segments of our community . . .

"Impressive: The telegram which came from President Johnson: — "You have given your city a set of goals . . .'

"Cardinal Shehan, who said, "No other citizen has contributed as much to the welfare of the city."

"This testimonial was the first time in the memory of this writer when Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin had not the strength to wax eloquent.

"He was quiet in his acceptance of the honors — sometimes barely audible from where we sat — nevertheless in his usual unselfish manner he acknowledged any funds raised from the dinner would go to the Peabody Institute development fund.

"Cuff note: Some public officials use one kind of handshake for their bigtime friends and another kind for the little people.

"Throughout his career, Ted McKeldin had had only one kind. His handshake for the little guys who greeted him—his smile for the little— were as cordial as for the big timers . . . that's the true measure of a man. Amen."

In a March 3, 1965 edition of the AFRO, this column recounted the following stories the then Mayor McKeldin shared with a Coppin State College audience:

"My father was an alcoholic who was dismissed from the police department. I have no objection if people want to, drink, but people of my strain can't stand it.

"I didn't serve drinks when I was Governor . . .

"When the Queen's mother came to the State Mansion I explained to her that there would be no drinks at the reception but I would gladly move it to Carvel Hall, if there were to be drinks. "The Queen was gracious and not the least bit concerned.

"So they had good ole Eastern Shore tomatoe juice."

In that same column another McKeldin story; "I was the tenth of eleven children, and the last of eight boys.

"All the rest went to work at age 12, but by my time the limit had been raised, so I left school for a job at 14. We had no dropouts in those days, you walked out . . ."

People being kind to others. Mrs. Gladys W. Carney of Brooklyn, N.Y., writes to salute her brother, Clarence E. Winslow, 1808 W. Lafayette Ave.

He was 60 years old this past June 11. Relatives celebrated throughout the month.

He visited Mrs. Carney in Brooklyn where they attended, First Corinthian Baptist.

Mrs. Carney writes: "When we returned home, he was surprised with a birthday dinner, cake, with everlasting candles and gifts.

"When he returned to Baltimore he was again surprised by his children and grandchildren with more gifts.

"On Father's Day, his children took him to dinner, another surprise.

"His Gospel Chorus members feted him with a gala surprise buffet at his home, with more gifts."

Mrs. Carney adds: "This all goes to show that as we travel through this way of life and go in the right direction, we do get a chance to receive and smell our flowers before it is too late."

She is so right.

Cuff note: Mr. Winslow is a deacon of New Christian Memorial Church on Caton Ave. He is also president of the Gospel Chorus. He is employed at the Post Office in downtown Baltimore.

He has 4 children and 10 grandchildren and is known around the house as "Gramps". Another sister, Mrs. Catherine Mack, lives in Neptune, N.J.

The four children are: Mrs. Betsy May Hawkins, a school crossing guard; Rodney E. Winslow, a truck driver for a department store in Towson; Mrs. Maxine P. Hunter, a record shop employee; and Miss Caroline L. Winslow, a postal

Vacation notes: Mrs. Madeline W. Murphy and daughter, Laura, postcard from Europe.

Mrs. Mildred Harriday writes of the beauties of Atlanta, where she is spending a part of her vacation.

Get well cards to Herman Mallory in intensive care at Provident Hospital. He suffered a heart attack. No visitors, please.

James Gilliam, the Baltimorean now residing in Wilmington, is doing just fine, thank goodness. He had open heart surgery.

Hellos will reach him if addressed 501 Piney St., Wilmington, Del.

Wedding bells: On Aug. 17 at noon, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Edgewood Rd. will be the wedding of Dr. and Mrs. C. Dudley Lee's daughter, Helen Ruth, to James E. T. Johnson Jr., son of Mrs. Edith Johnson Williams and Clarence Williams. Their reception follows at the Dogwood Rd. Hall.

Also on the 17th at 8, Kathy E. Owens and Dennis L. Parrott, will exchange vows at All Saints Catholic Church on Liberty Heights Ave.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Alice King and Bernard E. Owens. Their reception follows at the church hall.

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Or, write, AFRO Line; P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203 or drop in to see AFRO Line at 628 N. Eutaw St.

QUESTION: This is to let you know, what the politicians are trying to do to blacks in the Irvington area.

This involves the 100 and 200 blocks of Collins Ave., Loudon Ave., Culver St., Morley St., the 100, 200, 300 blocks of Monastery Ave.; the 3400 and 3500 blocks of Caton Ave.; the New Christian Memorial Church and the Saints Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In these areas are small row houses, occupied by blacks trying to make ends meet.

The whites formed the Irvington Community Association and after two meetings we will get: weeds cut, rubbage cleaned from yards, trash cans with lids. All of this is good for the neighborhood.

Then the bomb shell fell! How about a $2 million fire house?

We have a fire house at Frederick Ave. and Hilton St., about 1½ minutes from a lot in the 4000 block Frederick Ave. This lot is owned by the Caton Realty Co. and Frank Lanciotta, a friend of the Mayor and Morris O. Burgee, tax assessor.

All of the property mentioned will be the trash removal and weed pulling was a subterfuge for a new fire house.

We have no one to speak for us, so we are asking that you send a reporter or ask Congressman Parren Mitchell to be at the meeting on August 16, 7-9 p.m. in the parking lot at Frederick and Collins Ave.

Mayor Schaefer will be there and a petition will be introduced for the new fire house.

ANSWER: This complaint to AFRO Line was unsigned and editors were unable to reach the complainants. AFRO Line suggests residents express their concerns to Mayor Schaefer and to their city council representatives. Form a delegation and talk to them in person. Let AFRO Line know what happens. City council representatives for this district are . . . . . (to come)

Dominic M. Leone, 101 W. Patapsco Ave., 21225; William J. Meyers, 4101 Brooklyn Ave., 21225; Mrs. Charles H. Wheatley, 1242 Light St., 21230.

QUESTION: I am a member of the Moorish Science Temple of America Inc." Iam also at this time incarcerated at the Maryland House of Correction. Our Temple is here behind these hot prison walls in Jessup, Md. We are trying to get Brothers and Sisters to come here, that they may sit in on our meetings.

At this time, there are very few visitors here each meeting. We would like to have our Temple full with Brothers and Sisters.

We are teaching our people the truth about themselves and others. We have gotten the OK from the warden, and now we need the people. You have answered many letters from other Brothers and Sisters; So I seek your aid in this matter, and state that this movement is very important to all our people.

Sheik EDWARD L. REYNOLDSEL

ANSWER: READers of AFRO Line may contact the writer, Edward L. Reynolds, El at Md. House of Correction, P.O. Box 534, Jessup, Md., 20794.

QUESTION: Please clarify this for me. Reporters are saying Vice President Ford is the first to take office without being elected. I say they are wrong. I was watching television the day President Kennedy was assassinated and Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn into office as President after the assassination. MRS. M. M.

ANSWER: Reader is wrong. Gerald R. Ford is the first President to take office without being elected. All other Vice Presidents who became President were at least originally elected Vice President.

Ford, however, became Vice President by the appointment of former President Nixon. Ford is the first President to take office without being elected for a nation-wide office.

QUESTION: I was in the North Ave. area last week when there was an accident. I tried to reason with the people who were first on the scene not to move, the victim until the ambulance arrived. They didn't listen to me.

Who is right? What is the proper thing to do with accident victims? — JOHN G.

ANSWER: AFRO Line has instructions, which are easy to read and follow. A American Red Cross Automobile Club have available a handy first aid card with vital information.

AFRO Line readers can secure same by writing to the Special Services Department, Automobile Club of Maryland, 1401 Mt. Royal Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21217.

In answer to the reader's question, here is what the experts say about basic first aid:

1. Do not move an injured person, unless there is immediate danger. If you must move him, pull him by the shoulders or feet while others support trunk and head. Do not roll or twist body.

2. Stop bleeding by pressing against wound with clean cloth. Hold until bleeding stops.

3. If victim is unconscious, even temporarily, suspect head injury. Keep him quiet. If you must move him, keep him horizontal.

4. Shock is present in most injuries. Keep victim lying down and comfortable. Carefully watch those who insist on walking about.

5. Burns are wounds. Include air to relieve pain. Cover with clean cloths. Treat for shock.

6. Stoppage of Breathing — Try to compress and expand the size of the chest alternately. Clear mouth and throat, and keep them clear. Use mouth to mouth resuscitation if necessary.

7. Chest Injuries — Limit motion of chest by placing wide strip of cloth snugly around lower ribs. Do not tighten.

8. Fractures — Keep broken bones ends from moving. Keep joints above and below broken ends from mobing.

9. As soon as possible call police.

10. Then call for an ambulance or rescue squad.

Where To Call

HOT LINE 539-5151 for abandoned vehicles; dirty yards; garbage collection; street lights; street repairs.

POLICE. Emergency, 222-3333; community relations, 396-2715.

SERVICE, Ambulance, 396-1111; bad food, 396-4424; animal removal, 396-0218; stray dogs, 396-0218; fire, 785-1313; defective sidewalks, 396-3166.

INFORMATION City Jail, 396-5211; transit and traffic, 396-3049; drug abuse counseling 383-2720; job, 383-4568; legal aid, 539-5340; rumor control, 837-1188.

MAYOR'S STATIONS. Govans, 396-6084; Greater Homewood, 396-6060; Northwest, 396-0224; Steuart Hill, 396-6207.

AN EDITORIAL

Woman president for Morgan State

The Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State College will be receiving nominations and/or applications for the job of president of Morgan State College until November 15, 1974.

The committee, which is composed of four board members and one representative each from the faculty, student body and the Board of Visitors of the college, will conduct personal interviews and then finally, recommend a candidate to the full nine-member board.

In the public announcement regarding the position it states that, "A candidate should possess the earned doctorate, have higher education administrative experience, be dedicated to serving the needs of a largely urban student body, and have the ability to maintain successful relationships with diverse community organizations."

Nothing in the announcement prevents women from applying. Emphasis is put only on the fact that the state is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer.

In the past, few women have sought such a position as chief administrative officer of a liberal arts college. Women have limited their scope to women's colleges.

At pre-ent no state college has a woman president. Only one woman serves on the Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Colleges.

The Maryland Council for Higher Education (which only has two women on its 13-member board) reveals that of the high school graduate planning to enter college in 1973, 45.2 per cent were female while 46.7 per cent were male.

The Council states that in 1973 there were 32,108 men and 31,388 women enrolled in all of the Maryland public institutions of higher education. If both public and private institutions were included, the total was 40,323 men and 36,873 women.

Yet the faculties at all of the state colleges and the University of Maryland are male dominated with men in many cases receiving higher salaries than women.

If Maryland is to reverse the male domination in higher education a good place to start might be with the next president of Morgan State College. It's worth a try.