Please, remember this mother on Mother's Day

Can you help this family?

An mother and her three children need the assistance of sympathetic Baltimoreans in furniture and clothing.

The near-destitute family, headed by 20-year-old Mrs. Paula Barnes, was burned out of their home in the 700 block Mulberry St. last Sunday. They are rendered homeless and don't have a penny to their name.

Readers may send their donations to 755 West Lexintron St., Apt. 210. Or they may call 685-4310.

According to Fire Department report the second floor apartment of Mrs. Barnes caught fire shortly after 8:30 a.m. It took firemen about 15 minutes to bring the blaze under control.

Police and firemen speculate the one-alarm fire was started when a 3-year-old tried to cook breakfast while the mother was away to the store.

However, Mrs. Barnes disputes the allegation that her child's cooking started the fire. She told the AFRO: "Everybody here is sure my child didn't set the fire. The neighbors and guards in the project think somebody set the fire."

Three children, Carmen, 3, Andres Barns, 2, and their cousin, India Houston, one-year-old managed to flee the blazing apartment. However, the baby, Toni Barnes suffered smoke inhalation. It has been admitted to the University Hospital.

Mrs. Barnes, on welfare, told the AFRO: "I was away only 15 minutes. I went to the store at 8:20 a.m. and my children were all asleep when I left."

Mrs. Barnes said she was on her way back to her apartment when she was informed about the fire. "I couldn't believe it and I cannot accept that my child was tring to cook. It probably might have been set by somebody else."

Mrs. Barnes stated she has since the fire, been staying by the bedside of her baby in the hospital while her other children stay with friends. When she comes home from the hospital the management of the project will give her somewhere to stay until the apartment is fixed, she told the AFRO.

"Since Sunday, I was kind of scared. My pressure went up. I still feel kind of shook up because I don't believe Carmen set that fire. The Fire Department doesn't know the cause but I don't believe she set that fire."

YOU CAN HELP — Mrs. Paula Barnes, 755 W. Lexington St., and her children, Andre, 2 and the small cook, 3-year-old Carmen, (who will not fix breakfast any more until she is older) are victims of a fire last week wiped out their belongings and furnishings. Call 685-4310 if you can help. Another child is in the hospital for burns. AFRO staff photo by Angela Chaiman.

Senior citizens week

The Waxter Center for Senior Citizens will celebrate its first anniversary the week of May 12. Several important events will take place inside, and outside.

Monday, May 12, an Anniversary Ball for members is planned for the Mason Lord Room at 1 p.m., with "Music by Mr. Clause."

The following are opened to the public:

Tuesday, May 13, the Peaboey String Quartet will give a concert at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, the Waxter Choral Singers perform at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16, the Folk Dancing Class will give a recital at 1:00 p.m.

Waxter Center members will participate in enior Citizens Week at Hutzler's downtown store. They will also participate in the Senior Citizens Hobby Show on May 15 at Center Plaza.

Man pleads guilty to killing wife

John rspoon, 32, pleaded guilty in criminal Court to manslaughter for shooting his wife, Mrs. Mary Helen Witherspoon last October 24, in the chest.

Judge Anselm Sodaro imposed a five year sentence. Court records state Mrs. Witherspoon was shot at her home in the 700 block Woodbourne Ave., following an argument with her husband.

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Recreation Week Schedule

Saturday, May 10 — Junior Municipal Track Meet — Lake Clifton High School — Noon.

Saturday, May 10 — Market Day — Cylburn Park — 10 a m

Saturday, May 17 — City-Wide Declamation Contest — Community College of Baltimore — 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 11 — Market Day — Cylburn Park (Rain Date) — Noon.

Monday, May 12 — Recreation Week Kick-Off Program — Center Plaza Open House at the Bureau — Noon-12-4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13 — Senior Citizen Week at Hutzler (downtown branch). Demonstration of Arts & Crafts; also entertainment by the Senior Citizens — 11 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13 — Special Programs — All Centers — 2-10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14 — Senior Citizens Program at Center Plaza — 12-3 p.m.

Friday, May 16 — Scooter Skate Box Contest — Frankford Plaza — 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 — City-Wide marbles Contest — Mt. Royal Rek — 11 a.m.

Hello to mom from the Armed Forces

Airman Tony Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Wilson of Argonne Drive, has been selected for technical training in the U.S. Air Force administrative field at Keesler AFB, Miss. He is a 1974 graduate of Forest Park High School.

Air Force Reserve (AFES) Airman Bernice Duckett, sister of Janice Duckett of E. 36th St., has graduated at Lackland AFB, Tex., from Air Force basic training. She attended Eastern High School.

Airman James P. Coston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Coston of Barclay St., has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He is a 1974 graduate of Lake kclifton Senior High School.

Airman Wayne B. Walker, son of Mrs. Dorothy M. Walker of Albanene Pl., has been selected for technical training in the U.S. Air Force supply field at Lowry AFB, Colo. He is a 1974 graduate of Northern High School.

Air Force Reserve (AFRES) Airman Miriam Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Alethia A. Kelly of South St., has graduated at Lackland AFB, Tex., from Air Force basic training. She was graduated from Howard High School in 1965 and attended Morgan State College.

Air National Guard (ANG) Airman Charles E. Allen Jr., son of Mrs. Joseanna D. Gray of Linnard St., has graduated at Lackland AFB, Tex., from Air Force basic training. He attended Fairmount Hill High School.

Airman Glen A. Howard, son of Ellwood Howard of Columbus Drive, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. Airman Howard is a 1970 graduate of Carver Vocational-Technical High School.

Selected Outstanding Airman of the Month in his unit at Kadena AB, Okinawa, is Airman First Class Larry D. Dickens, son of Mrs. Mamie Dickens of E. 23rd St. He is a 1973 graduate of Dunbar Community High School.

Call Mom after 12 or early morning

If you're going to say "Happy Mother's Day" by long distance this year, try to call in the afternoon.

"The volume of calls is usually not as great then, so you should have a better chance of getting your calls through right away," a C&P Telephone spokesman said. "The next best time on Mother's Day is early morning. But don't wait until Sunday evening, when calling volume really builds up."

Here are some more tips about Mother's Day calling:

— Dial direct if possible.

— If you receive a "fast busy signal" or a recorded announcement of a circuit delay because so many people are calling at the same time, wait a few minutes before dialing again.

— If you're placing a call through an operator, allow a little extra time for an answer.

— Check your perwonal number list ahead of time to be sure you have out-of-town numbers you will want to call.

This May 11, the Bell System expects to handle more than 12 million long distance calls.

In addition to the volume of calls, Mother's Day is different because of the pattern of the calls.

On an ordinary day, long distance calling is heaviest between metropolitan business centers. But the calling pattern shifts on this special day, with people talking from their homes in suburbs, small towns, and rural areas as well as cities.

To meet the needs of callers on Mother's Day, a full staff of operators will be on duty, and special circuits will be added.

Also, the flow of telephone traffic will be watched closely at Bell System network management centers throughout the country. The staffs at these centers watch for 'traffic jams" and see that calls travel over paths that are open whenever possible.

Get ready now for the Vote-A-Thon

The Baltimore Urban League and the Community Parent Organization of Region VII will co-sponsor a Vote-A-Thon Kick-off on Thursday, May 15 in Mondawmin Mall at 11 a.m.

The goal of the Vote-A-Thon is to register as many eligible persons as possible who have not yet registered to vote in the September primary.

Numerous representatives from community groups and concerned persons will man the Mondawmin booth and other stations throughout the city.

Stations will be located in schools, churches, libraries, and social service agencies.

Persons manning the various stations will be equipped with voter registration materials.

Any individual or organization interested in providing assistance or manpower may contact Miss Redessa Harris at the Baltimore Urban League, 1150 Mondawmin Concourse, 523-8150.

Long hair OK but no beards for county cops

TOWSON, MD. (UPI) — Baltimore County police officers are now allowed to grow the moustaches and hairstyles they desire, but beards are still taboo.

An end to most grooming regulations went into effect May 1 after a federal appeals court ruled against dismissal of an officer who challenged the hair regulations.

The new policy says "Determining and maintaining a professional appearance concerning haircuts and moustaches shall be placed upon each individual officer within the department."

The department's old standard required hair on the top of the head to be no more than two inches long, tapering off to a point at least one inch above the collar.

Hair could not hang over the ears.

A part of the old standard that remains prohibits beards.

Police spokesman John Metzger said the new rule "speaks for itself" and declined comment on the possibility of differing opinions of "professional appearance."

The new policy follows an April 10 decision by the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The court ruled that the 1972 dismissal of former police officer Frederick A. Schott Jr., for violation of old hair standards was "arbitrary and capricious."

Schott, a 10-year veteran at the time of his dismissal, is working to obtain reinstatement, which the court said he is entitled to seek.

New NAACP program director is on the job

Mrs. Doraethea CRenshaw is the new program director of the Baltimore Barnah of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), by recommendation of Mrs. Enolia McMillan, branch president and approval by the executive board.

Mrs. Crenshaw has been a resident of Baltimore three years, working as part of the residential enrolee support staff of the Maryland Job Corps Center, Woodstock, Md.

In earlier years, she was involved in variety of community activities in Chicago, especially the Metropolitan Housing and planning Council.

With this agency, she was director of the Westside Tenant Education Program.

She was also active in all levels of the PTA and in the training of youth and adult groups in singing, drama, and other group activities.

She has attended and conducted several community leadership institutes.

Mrs. Crenshaw is the mother of three children.

The NAACP president, Mrs. McMillan says she has great expectations from the new program director because of her past experiences in urban problems, especially in Chicago, and her recent employment by the Job Corps. In addition, she brings marked enthusiasm for her work, Mrs. McMillan states.

NAACP PROGRAM DIRECTOR, Mrs. Doretha R. Crenshaw, is mother of three.

$2 million in unclaimed lottery

The Maryland Lottery Agency has more than $2 million waiting for the holders of winning tickets who have so far failed to claim their prize money.

Those possessing a winning ticket have one year from its particular drawing date to collect their rize.

After one year, the money is put into a prize pool and used for bonus promotions and other prizes.

Several of the unclaimed prizes are of large denominations.

One $100,000 winner from the drawing of April 3 of this year has yet to notify lottery officials.

Also, two $50,000 prizes remain unclaimed: one from the drawing of Aug. 21, 1974, and the other from February 19, 1975.

The Maryland Lottery Commission, urges all ticket buyers to carefully check their numbers every week. Lists of all past winning numbers can be obtained by writing the State Lottery Agency at 711 West 40th Street, Baltimore, 21211.

Mardi Gras

The Fourth Annual Community Mardi Gras of the Urban Services Agency, Council "E" is set for Friday, May 16 from noon to 8 p.m. Arlington and Carrollton Aves.

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AFRO Mother of the Year

AFRO Mother of the Year is Mrs. Jean Causion (seated center). Mrs. Causion, mother of 14, was selected from a letter sent to Reflections by her son, Gary. Pictured here from L to R: Donne, 15; Tony, 5; Tia, 8; Monte, 3; Dana, 11, Karen, Sheila. Standing: Audra, 20; Sharon, 21; Deborah, 16; Wilbert. Seated: Mrs. Audra Amos, who is Mrs. Causion's mother; Mrs. Causion, and her husband of 25 years, Wilbur Causion, a dispathcer for a daily newspaper.

(Reflections photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

HONORABLE MENTION

A contempory reflection

By G. T. Hurtt

As I listened recently to the beautiful blending of strengh and sensitivity expressed in the recording of William L. Dawson's Negro Folk Symphony, I thought how blessed are Baltimoreans that this work will be performed here on Mother's Day. . . . and my thoughts wandered to imaginings of Dawson's mother.

—How powerful must have been the questing blood and motherly blessing that sustained that fragile, black, 13-year-old man-child departing his Anniston, Alabama home, penniless, but determined to get an education that he might survive in the real world.

—A world, some 60 years later, much changed—yet, not much changed for the Black mother who must nurture her fledglings.

—I listened to the tolling of the bell—a bell Composer Dawson will have shipped from its Alabama soil that it may echo its message here in Baltimore on Mother's Day.

—I thought of my own departed mother . . . but comforted by the realization that the beautiful, though sometimes painful bond which links us all embraces the boundlessness of the eternal, for . . .

—My mother is the childless slave who reared her sister's son to manhood that he might seed our race . .

—My mother is she whose sweat and tears saturate closed doors and spiral heavenward in "O, le' me shine, shine lik' a mornin' star. . . "

—My mother is the answered prayer from the mother of 'My Everything' . .

—Yet, my mother must be she who bled with me through every Watts, every Attica, and countless assassinations of leaders and laymen . . .

—My mother is, thus, the modern wife who focuses perspective for the arrogant, ambitious spouse whose bleached outlook would grind his black brother into dust for a sip of the betrayer's wine. . .

—My mother is the now sister who challenges "the molders of tomorrow" who would make mindless, monolithic masses of the children of today . . .

—My mother is the stooped stanger-Grandma who reads my heart and says "Don't expect your son to be perfect. Just keep him close to God. 'In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path. . . ."

—My mother is my beautiful daughter who links our love to the link eternal . . . because they are, my mother is. . . .

'Our mother is the greatest'

—"I'm Garry Causion, one of 14 children who belong to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Causion. My mother's name is Jean. I'm one of her twins out of two sets, two boys and a boy and girl. There are eight boys and six girls in all.

"Our mother is the greatest mother in the world to us. She is an active member in her community and church. She is secretary of the youth trustees board, youth advisor and works diligently in helping her church function properly."

This is one the letters received a few weeks back by the AFRO Reflections department in response to the "Salute to Mother's Contest."

This letter accompanied the poem centered inside this story.

After much deliberation over the many letters we received, the Reflections Staff chose Mrs. Jean Causion as AFRO Mother-of-the-Year.

Mrs. Causion, the wife of Wilbur Causion, a newspaper dispatcher for a local newspaper in Baltimore has feated 14 children, nine of whom have graduated from the Baltimore Public Schools and five who are still attending school.

A member of the Wilson Park Christian Community Church, Mrs. Causion serves as one of the advisors to the Junior Usher Board, financial secretary of the church, advisor to the Santuary Choir and is a member of the Willing Workers.

An only child she is the daughter of Mrs. Audra Amos of Baltimore and the late Wilson Amos.

"My father was one of 23 children and my mother was one of four. As a mother of 14 children I find that being around young people keeps you up on 'what's happening' in the world and keeps you young," says Mr. Causion.

She added, "With a large family you have your ups and downs, your good days and bad days, but all in all it's really been a joy.

"We've all really grown up together. I've taken care of lots of children for working parents to help meet ends and I've really enjoyed it."

Reflections asked, "if you had it to do all over again, would you still have a large family?"

Mrs. Causion replied, "In this day and time I don't think I would, but then I didn't know any better. Now the children are grown and able to do for themselves and help me and their father along too."

"Holidays are the best time for a large family. Everybody gets together to plan and prepare for the big day. It's just great to see them all receiving gifts from each other and being thankful that they came from a large family."

Children of the Causion family include: Tia, 8, and Dana, 11, both students at Winston Elementary; Carl, 13, Roland Park High School; Don 14 and Deborah, 16, both students of Mervo High School.

Others are Sharon, 18, Audra, 20 and Garry, 21, all graduates of Mervo High; Wilson, 20, Poly graduate; Larry, 21, Northern graduate; Rodney, 22, Poly graduate; Karen, 24 and Shelia, 27, both graduates of Eastern High; and Wilbert, 26.

Wonderful Mother

By Garry Causion

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He place bright shining stars,
In her cheeks, fine roses you see;
God made a wonderful Mother,
And He gave that Dear Mother to me.

Third place

Third place winner in the Salute to Mothers contest is Mrs. Eunice Everett, top left. Her daughter, Cynthia (bottom left) wrote the winning essay. Also pictured is Pamela Everett, 16, top right; and Garon Everett, 4 at bottom. (Reflections photos by Benjamin M. Phillips)

Second place winner

The poem entitled "My Mother" written by Mrs. Sharon Vaughn, won second place in the Salute to Mothers contest. From L to R: Kevin Green, 12; Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Delores Green, her mother; Charlene Green, 18.

(Reflections photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

Now I Know

By Theresa E. E. Pratt

There were times when I wanted to hide in a tree
I would ask myself, "Dear God, why me? ? ? ? ?
Everyplace that I wanted to go
The answer was always "NO."
I didn't know that the places I wanted to go to were bad
I just knew that the word "NO" made me mad.
Out at nine, in at three, there was no recreation for me
She always said, "Someday you'll see! ! ! ! !
I didn't understand what she was saying
I just knew the price I was paying.
As I grew older I began to see
She was only doing what was best for me.
"Now I know" why it was all done
She didn't want me to go where she was coming from.
So on this day, I salute you mother because now I see you did it for me. I love you and you love me, and that's the way its gonna be, because "Now I know" . . . .

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Circle your calendars for the Provident Hospital benefit fashion show to be held Sunday, May 18 at Martin's West. Designs from many of the spring collections of this area's top fashion designers. Shown here is Joyce Dixon in a Mary Buster creation. Ms. Dixon is only one of the models who will be featured in the major fund raising affair. (Reflections photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

Community calendar

MAY 8-11
National Convention of Girl Friends, Inc., Baltimore Hilton Hotel, downtown.

May 9
Lambda Iota Tau International Honor Society and Sigma Tau Delta National Honor Society, installation and initiation ceremonies; Coppin State College Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 10
Baltimore Chapter of J.U.G.S., Inc. benefit concert; Peabody Insitutute, Leakin Hall, 21 E. Mt. Vernon Place, 8 p.m.

MAY 10
Masonic School of Instruction, Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, May Ball; Baltimore Civic Center, Howard Room, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Gamma Chapter, "Seminar on Issues in Nursing;" Holiday Inn-Downtown

MAY 11
Mother's Day Fashion Show, Cherry Hill Union Hall, 111 Cherry Hill Rd.; given by Dynamite Super Stars, 5-10 p.m.

MAY 12
Kids Bizz Chapter, Child Study Association, meeting, 814 Highknol Lane, 8 p.m.

MAY 16
Eastern High School Class of 1960; 15th Year Reunion, Martin's Eudowood, Towson, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

MAY 17
Meeting of Douglass High School Class of '26; Quality Inn Baltimore, 2 p.m. Call: Lillian B. Reid, 531-5669.

MAY 17
Delta May Ball, Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ramada Inn, Belmont Ave., 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

MAY 18
Cherry Hill Recreation Center, 29th Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, 2:30 p.m.

MAY 20
Child Study Association, Yours and Mine Chapter, meeting, 3825 Pikeswood Drive, Randallstown, Md., 8:15 p.m.

DuBois Circle closing dinner, 6817 Dogwood Rd., the Honorable Mary Arabian, guests speaker, 6 p.m.

Representative of the American Red Cross to speak on, "Teaching Your Child to Swim" at a meeting of the Child Study Association of Maryland; 3825 Pikeswood Dr., Randallstown, Md. 8:15 p.m.

MAY 21
Momy Chapter, Child Study Associationo of Md., to meet; home of Joan Penle, Arbutus Rd., Pasadena, Md. 8 p.m.

MAY 24
Maryland Association of Ministers' Wives, Annual Meeting, Zion Baptist Church, 1700 N. Caroline St., featuring "The Minister's Wife-of-the-Year," 1 p.m.

May 25
Grand United Order of Tents, annual banquet, J. R. Giddings and Jollifee Union; Baltimore Hilton, 4-7 p.m.

May 30
Arean Players, Inc., 10th Annual Awards Presentation, honoring Esther Rolle of "Good Times"; Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Rd.

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