I am an American, and as an American, I would speak to America... Frederick Douglass-1817-1895

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
Editor-Publisher (1922-1967)

The 1975 college grads

This is the height of the college graduation season. In the state of Maryland, some 30,430 persons will be graduated from the state's 50 public and private institutions of higher learning.

Biggest commencement exercise in Baltimore city comes this Sunday when Morgan State College confers degrees on 1,100, largest class in its history.

More importantly, they will constitute the last class to finish Morgan as a college. It assumes its university status, as of July 1, another milestone in its 108-year history.

The 1975 grads have had two (for Community Colleges) to four years of training, and advice to prepare them to step out into a complex world.

How they cope with the problems of inadequate health care, poverty, hunger, unemployment, racism and its related criminal injustices, will determine whether they make it.

To Morgan grads, in particular, we recommend they listen closely to the citations for the honorary degree recipients like Supreme Bench Judge Harry A. Cole and the Alumnus of the Year Winner Earl G. Graves, the publisher.

Judge Cole and Publisher Graves finished Morgan in the class of 1943 and 1958. Times then were just as distressing as they are today.

Morgan's 1975 grads have more opportunities and more understanding than their predecessors who blazed the trail. They should find it easier to 'make it' in the years ahead.

Douglass for Comptroller

Del. John Douglass is eminently qualified to serve in the citywide office of comptroller of Baltimore.

His announced intention to seek that office in the September 9 Primary further supports our view here last week that black citizens are dissatisfied with all of the city's top elected offices which are held and coveted by their white neighbors.

When Congressman Parren J. Mitchell put his hat in the ring for mayor, there were indications that he would withdraw should a serious candidate for one of the top three spots be accepted by a major ticket.

Incumbent Mayor Schaefer and his former running mates, Walter Orlinsky, president of the City Council, and incumbent comptroller Hyman Pressman, may have a problem selling Baltimore city voters another all-white ticket.

Deadline for filing in the Primary is June 30.

The present city administration brags of its commitment to develop Baltimore as a first-class city where race and color do not count and where everyone is involved in conducting the city's business.

In Baltimore, with 53 per cent of the population black, it is time to cut the rhetoric. It is time to involve black citizens at the top of the governmental process.

Del. John Douglass, candidate for comptroller, running on a citywide ticket, would unify this city.

In his mayoralty announcement last week, Congressman Mitchell correctly notes it is time to end lopsided representation or what he calls "lack of political parity."

Another Swisher bloop

State's Atty. William A. Swisher reminds us more and more of the way they do business in South Africa.

This week Swisher asks community newspapers: "Does freedom of the press give an editorial writer the right to castigate a governor, or a police commissioner or a state's attorney and never have to identify himself?"

His beef is that the News American criticized his personnel policy and Swisher wants to know who wrote the editorial. He wants the names of all the paper's editorial writers and their addresses.

That's exactly what the government requires in South Africa. That way it has been able to keep pretty tight reins on the press.

If a newspaper libels the state's attorney we're sure he knows where the courthouse is. But then we thought he knew more about the workings of a free press.

69 years ago we said

Perhaps someday the white man will find out that not all the virtue is to be found under a white skin any more than all the vices are to be found under a black skin.

What we do contend for and will continue to contend for is that wrong doing should meet with it proper punishment, whether done by a man with white skin or a black one. That is all.

Let us have equal justice to each and all, whether white or black. 1906 — John H. Murphy Sr., Editor-Publisher.

Elbow grease needed

If you are tired of dirt, rats and filth in your neighborhood, get out and talk with your neighbors, fill out the coupon in this issue and join the AFRO's 41st Annual Clean Block Campaign.

The primary aim of our Clean Block program is to clean up, conserve and beautify the community with the cooperation of both youngsters and grownups.

Schools, colleges, neighborhood clubs or even just one person may join. So may blocks in the city and in the suburbs.

High rise and low rise housing projects can too. (Urban Services Teen Centers throughout the city have already joined).

During May, the AFRO Clean Block staff will be visiting areas to coordinate and organize the efforts of prospective workers. The official opening meeting will be held on June 20. The campaign extends to August 30.

Everybody can contribute to the rise or fall of his or her neighborhood. Each block must have a captain, co-captain and advisor.

Steps and porches must be kept clean; woodwork painted; sidewalks, alleys, streets swept everyday; thereby transforming otherwise drab streets into things of beauty.

You don't need artificial flowers to win a prize in the AFRO Clean Block. Simplicity is beauty. Freshen up what you have in your own unique way.

Elbow grease costs nothing. A spotless street in the oldest section is ready made beauty.

Clean the weeds from around your trees, plant flower seeds now.

Get busy and elect your captains now and enter your block now in the 41st Annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign or call 728-8200 for more information.

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.

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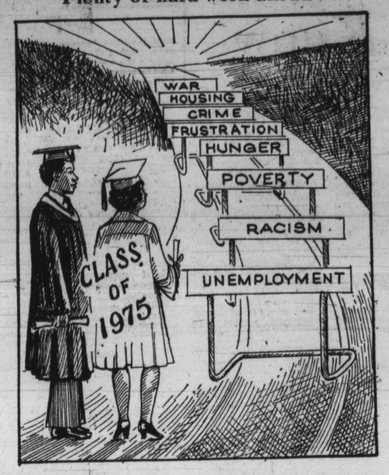
(From the Papers of John H. Murphy Sr., who founded the AFRO-AMERICAN, Aug. 13, 1892).

Plenty of hard work ahead



Washington Report——by parren j. mitchell

H.R. 6516 no good

(Mr. Mitchell represents Md.'s Seventh District in the U.S. House of Representatives).

On Tuesday, May 20, 1975, the House of Representatives was to consider H.R. 6516,a bill to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to include discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and age, and for other purposes.

The bill, though well-intentioned, contained a serious flaw in that Section 3 (b) would have gutted the effective implementation of certain parts of civil rights legislation.

Also, it would eliminate the possibility of proving discrimination by showing a discriminatory effect. Enforcement would be limited to cases where an actual intent to discriminate could be shown.

Under the language of the bill, as it was written, the creditor could be protected against any liability as long as he or she does not openly use certain prohibited classifications in determining credit worthiness.

More importantly, any diminishing of the precedent established in the case of Griggs vs. Duke Power Company, 401 U.S. 431 (1971), that of showing a discriminatory effect, would have implications not only for equal credit but also for equal employment opportunity.

The Federal courts, realizing that intentional discrimination was difficult to establish, have evolved a standard of proof based on "discriminatory effect."

Showing a disproportion in percentages creates a prima facie case. The defendant then has the burden of justifying his practices by showing business necessity.

The statistical proofs have been used primarily in the area of employment discrimination.

During the markup of the bill, I introduced an amendment which would have stricken Section 3 (b). from the bill.

My amendment was defeated in Committee. However, I knew that if I introduced the amendment on the House Floor it would carry.

To my amazement I learned that the bill was to be considered under Suspension of the Rules. This would have meant that no amendments could be introduced to make changes in the bill in any respect.

At 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, I conferred with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Carl Albert, and Congressman Frank Annunzio, chief author of the bill, and persuaded them to pull the measure off the calendar.

An agreement was reached under which the bill will be reconsidered on Tuesday, June 3rd, under Suspension of the Rules.

However, the Floor managers of the bill will give me an opportunity to introduce my amendment and it is my understanding that the committee will accept the Mitchell Amendment without debate.

All too often, legislation which on its face would appear to be beneficial to black people, as is the case with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act., contains sections or provisions which are against the best interest of black citizens.

Our only recourse is to be alert, on guard, ever vigilant in protecting existing Civil Rights Laws.

Now and then——by g. james fleming

What Bicentennial means to YOU

Count this column in, too, as unequivocally in favor of black Americans participating in the observance of the nation's 200th anniversary—its Bicentennial.

We were here, we have been here, and we are here. In addition, we were here for centuries ante-dating the founding of the nation, and we have affected and influenced almost everything in what is now the United States.

We were also an embarrassing "presence" at the Philadelphia Convention.

Observing the Bicentennial does not necessarily mean shouting and celebrating every minute of 1976.

There are moments to shout and to celebrate; there are things to study and learn from; there are still other things to sadden us and make us pledge "Never Again."

But, to act as though any fight for freedom and liberty is somebody else's business is short sighted, is folly.

The ideas of freedom belong to everybody; they are contagious and, even in the midst of slavery, those enslaved found ways to show their concern for freedom.

They loved freedom so much that they risked limb and life in order to escape bondage.

The numerous slave revolts attest to this zest for liberty; the Underground Railroad formalized the effort.

Whether as uniformed soldier or not, Crispus Attucks was the first American to give up his life in the American Revolutionary War.

For a colorful, stirring, historical panorama, all Americans should read "The Negro in the Revolutionary War" by Dr. Benjamin Quarles, the noted historian (available in paperback).

Black Americans did make a contribution, both military and non-military, and both the British and the American regimes recognized this contribution and attempted to reward it, even if only meagerly.

The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History has also published a special Bicentennial issue of its "Negro History Bulletin," giving suggestions on programs and projects for the Bicentennial observance.

Most notable, Black History Week, next February, will be "Black History Month."

As projected, the first week, following the Bicentennial theme, will be devoted to "Heritage" and will focus on the past: Freedoms and government, and on contributions of blacks to American life and to the development and continuance of the nation.

The second week will spotlight the traditions and diversity of the nation's several cultures.

The third week, under "Horizons '76," will address itself to goals, to securing the blessings of liberty, and to citizen-to-citizen involvement.

The fourth week will emphasize programs looking to the future.

The 4-week program was described in more detail in Baltimore last week by the executive director of the history association, J. Rupert Picott, when he spoke to the Frontiers International.

According to Dr. Picott, it is the hope of the organization that all communities will explore plans to see that blacks are included in the countless events celebrating the 200th birthday of the nation. "But, he warns, "blacks will need to have some plans of their own."

He sees opportunities for projects built around arts and letters, education, government, business and industry, religion and the church, health and medicine, labor and labor unions, newspapers and other communication, and a score more fields.

For black people to boycott the Bicentennial is for them to say that they are not Americans, that they were not present and had no effect on the times out of which the Revolution grew, and that they have made no contribution to the United States during the years since.

Where black citizens are not on state, city or county Bicentennial committees, they ought to bring pressure to obtain representation. And, they should seek to get funding for some projects by and in the black community.

A little about a lot

by madeline w. murphy

Delightful Mary Carter Smith

No one who has heard Mary Carter Smith (and who hasn't!) can deny that she possesses that unique quality which transfixes both child and adult.

Her voice is mellow, soft, yet articulate, and her tales, though simple, carry to the heart the longing and then the sudden awareness of being somebody.

Her dress and words carry forth the image, colorfulness and seriousness of the place of the griot — that indispensable historian, whose value carries forth the history and life-line of the African peoples; whose position in the tribe is revered even more than the ruler.

But more than this, Mary Carter Smith, like the griot, touches the lives of children, her most privileged listeners, who remain spellbound by her songs, poems and stories.

Equally delightful is her latest album: "Mary Carter Smith Interprets Songs and Folk Tales From Many Lands."

This is a long-playing, 33-1-3 Stereo record that has been contributed to Big Sisters International, by Ms. Smith to help young people under the wing of Big Sisters International, a non-profit organization, that Board member Carter, helped to found.

From "Natives", Native American chant, through folk tales of Norway, songs from Israel, Spain, French Canada to African legends, she presents a pot-pourri of enchanting tales, in song and word, that give all children the sense of oneness.

For instance, in her introduction to Native Americans she recites, "Our lands are like a forest, growing green. Many kinds of trees are seen. Their roots going back to many lands. Together in peace may we stand."

And later, "Of all the trees in the forest, you, our young trees, are the most precious."

She has tried in this album, to cover all bases, to show that there is much more likeness in the fables of the world than differences, and in so doing, spreads the seeds of brotherhood.

My only regret is that there is no booklet with the album, so that the words and music may be committed to memory and act as a guide for mothers at home with young children.

But because this is a non-profit venture, it is understandable that the added cost might be prohibitive.

The album sells for only $4.00 and has been included in the libraries of the public elementary schools as a resource.

It is custom pressed by Recorded Publications Company, Camden, N.J. — a treasure that all growing families should secure for their record libraries.

Correction: In this writer's column of May 17, it was stated that Dr. Emerson Julian had four children in private school. The writer was in error since he had one in private and four in public school. I apologize for this error. MWM.

82 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)

Smile

If it's true you can't take it with you, how come people are so anxious to make sure you don't?

Sign on an administrator's desk: "Do not get the idea that I'm inefficient. The secrecy of my job doesn't permit me to know what I'm doing."

Salute of the week

Persons featured in this column are nominated by AFRO readers. Send your nomination to Salute of Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P. O. Box 1837, Baltimore, Md., 21203)

Fifteen years from now Kim L. Dodson, may be a practicing physician—perhaps a pediatrician (baby doctor). At least this is the present plan of the 17-year-old Western High senior.

A recent competition in which she received a $1,000 scholarship, may help her realize her ambition. She plans to enroll at Dartmouth University this fall.

The college scholarship was awarded by the Baltimore headquartered United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., one of the nation's largest insurers.

The award was sponsored by USF&G, in conjunction with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's (NMSC) program, for recognition of outstanding college-bound black students.

Miss Dobson, is one of 394 National Achievement Scholarship winners from schools in 35 states, the D.C., Puerto Rico and overseas schools that enroll U.S. citizens.

All scholarship recipients are chosen by an NMSC selection committee, which reviews the students' academic and extracurricular records, test scores, and recommendations of their high school principals. Winners are picked from six geographical regions.

Miss Dobson is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon N. Dobson. Her father is pastor of Union Baptist Church and prominent civil rights leader.

Miss Dobson sings on the Young Adult Choir at Union.

Of her award, she says:

"I was quite surprised and very pleased because $1,000 can go a long way towards a scholarship.

I was notified that "I was a semi finalist after taking the Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test in my Junior Year and then after taking the Scholastic Achievement Test, I was told that I was a finalist . . .

Miss Dobson has three sisters, Mrs. Rosalind Hite, Miss Sandra Dobson, both of whom are research analysts and Miss Donna Dobson, 15, a ninth grade student at Western.

Her three brothers, are Michael, manager of a local company; Keith who plans to enter Towson State in the fall; and Kevin, an exchange student from Morgan at the University of Pennsylvania. Miss Dobson likes children, likes to write and enjoys working on committees in church and the community.

She says she doesn't dislike anything.

KIM DOBSON

Make it official

The writer's name and address must be included in all Letters to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

Those writ printed or typed names and initials will not be considered.

All letters MUST be signed.

The AFRO reserves right to edit all letters.

AFRO readers RAP on many issues

This year THE time to vote

Dear AFRO:

Black Baltimoreans, it is finally time for us to rid ourselves of our pomposness. Our past asinine feelings relating to the fact that "my one vote won't count" must cease this year.

We, citizens in the 53 per cent majority of Baltimore City, are certainly in the opportune position to make this the first year that we have true representation. Black people we have sat idly by, year after year and watched others vote for our representation. Let's do our own voting for our own representation.

I strongly urge all so-called black sororities, fraternities and social organizations to stipend your monthly partying and do half of those things that you preach, namely, serving the communities of which you are part.

In relationship to serving our community, or at least relating to our community, in politics, we, black organizations, have done simply nothing.

I would like to challenge my sisters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and my brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. to show our true colors, not just the blue and white either, the black also.

Those others of you, most of whom outnumber us, I need not mention who, get involved for once. I would also like to demand that those sisters, fathers, ministers, clergymen and women, pastors and lay persons, etc., be so concerned with the representation of the people that you take collection from weekly.

You have the apparatus, the means and certainly the masses.

Our struggles began with church gatherings and they must indeed continue. Many fruitful women, men, ideologies and achievements have come from the servants of God. But, collectively the churches in Baltimore have not lived up to their full potential.

I charge each and everyone of you, women and men of the cloth, to allow your congregations to become cognizant and concerned with those things that they go back into, after you have cleansed their hearts and emptied their pocketbooks.

Let's lift up our every voices and get representation by the people.

And finally, I would like to see all non-professional and professional workers get committed by educating the masses for voting purposes.

Many have died to allow us this opportunity to vote. We are not utilizing our voting power as we should and must. Let's be concerned, let's get involved and please stay committed.

Those of you who feel somewhat offended by the aforementioned, scrutinize your own specific involvement. What have you done, and what will you do? There is always room for improvement.

I ashamedly recall us, a few months ago, struggling to undo a wrong that we allowed to come about, simply because we did not go out to vote. We must not ever forget that victorious effort but reiterating defeat.

To those of you who have constantly given up of yourselves, your time, your money and your patience, please do not take this year's election lightly. I am extremely proud, pleased and honored that Baltimore has so many black contributors, and I am certain that Baltimore is too! "LET US MARCH ON TILL VICTORY IS WON."

Black Baltimoreans, ask yourselves when was the last time you saw or heard from the individuals that you allowed someone else to vote to represent you.

If it was one of many city officials, you most likely saw them either at a fund-raising affair or during election time. You did not, you do not and you will not see them until you can do something for them.

It is my contention that our top city officials, namely the mayor, the City Council president and the city comptroller are not true representatives of the total black community for the essential reason that the total black community did not go out and vote. Go out and vote and place someone of your choosing into office.

MARVINL, CHEATHAM SR.

Off-Shore drilling

Dear AFRO:

I have written Michael D. McDonald, executive director of the Md. Petroleum Association, as follows:

"I want to commend you and your association for sponsoring a most informative public briefing on offshore-drilling in the mid-Atlantic. Acknowledgements are extended to Maryland Watermen's Association and the College of the Johns Hopkins University.

"I would like to suggest that the association consider sponsorship of a similar forum for urban organizations, institutions, and leaders.

"Regrettfully, the public—particularly in the black community—has not placed considerable interest in this issue, yet, it affects all Marylanders and obviously we are consumers of the product, too.

"If this suggestion has merit to your association, I stand prepared to assist in developing the idea further.

"I'm looking for information and references that will be available to all the people and let the pros and cons be secondary, believing an informed electorate will in all probability do what is "right"?

DELEGATE LARRY YOUNG

(Editor's note: The writer represents Baltimore City's 38th Legislative District in the House of Delegates.)

School board

Dear AFRO:

It seems unbelievable that the School Board can assume the attitude that they know all that is best for 180,000 students and their parents.

I am no longer in public schools having graduated right after Dr. Patterson's arrival, but I see the programs that my brother now has as compared with what I had and there has been a great improvement.

I heard students speak out last Thursday. Surely these students know the advantages they are getting.

One reason why we can never make progress is because it is always middle-aged, middle-class hypocrites who continue to decide the fate of the masses.

The Board should take heed and listen to the parents and the students. I hear the grumbling now and if Dr. Patterson goes, and the students go on the rampage, the consequence will rest on the heads of the Board.

Having watched the unrest in August, 1974, and watching the undercurrent now, the Board would do well to remember that "the calm is just before the storm."

I think the best thing this Board can do now is to resign in toto.

JOANN HINES

Idea for Ford

Dear AFRO:

With the not too distant graduation of High School students adding to the mounting unemployment figures, why doesn't President Ford re-initiate a volunteer Civilian Conservation Corps for both young men and women?

ELISSA WARD JOHNSON

Mr. Bumble prayer

Dear God, We thank Thee for keeping us through the long winter months and we ask that you spare us, if it is Thy will, to enjoy the wonders of your handiwork throughout the summer months. Amen.

(This week's prayer suggested by Mrs. Lillian Dorsey of Brooklyn.)

Share your favorite prayer with the AFRO's Mr. Bumble, care of Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P. O. Box 1837, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

If YOU ask ME meets the Veep——by bettye moss

'Toward Full Employment, A Viable Economic Goal,' was the title of the ad hoc Congressional Hearing sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus.

So it was 'Tuesday found us in Washington at the impressive Rayburn House Office Building (Room 336-340—meaning basement level.)

Maryland's Seventh District Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and all the 16 other black lawmakers were present.

Rep. Charles B. Rangel, of N.Y., chairman of the Caucus, and Eddie Williams, president of the co-sponsoring Joint Center for Political Studies, welcomed participants including elected officials, educators, social workers and public service experts from all over the country.

It was a day-long frank discussion of the need for full employment, with emphasis on suggested solutions which government at all levels can pursue.

This writer was proud to watch our black lawmakers as they questioned the witnesses (experts), and elicited answers not in their prepared texts.

It was good to rub shoulders with a group of men and women who are taking an unprecedented leadership role in the halls of the U.S. Congress.

At least twice during the hearings, a bell rang, and all hustled out—to vote, of course!

Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller was the luncheon speaker. His arrival was heralded with the bright TV lights and appearance of security personnel.

We went to the head table to greet him.

He has a warm handshake and a friendly manner, although he is not an eloquent speaker. He read his prepared text so-so, but got better when he gave his 'extras.'

Sample: 'I want to identify myself with you . . . I don't think . . . any of us can solve our problems isolated and apart from others today . . whether it's within the community or within the states . . . the nation . . it's got to be with an awareness of the interrelationships which exist and the forces of change which exist, which are worldwide . . "

Cuff notes: After the luncheon speech, we overheard two young pretties in the powder room bemoaning what they called 'the Rockefeller rhetoric—all talk; no action,' they said.

More cuff: When this column greeted Vice President Rockefeller, Black Caucus Chairman Rangel reminded him the AFRO has been in the forefront of the civil rights struggle for years. Rocky acknowledged he knew.

Pretty good-looking bunch of folks are our black Congress people—gracious in her greeting was N.Y.'s Shirley Chisholm.

Other members of the Black Caucus are: Rep. Augustus Hawkins, Ronald V. Dellums and Yvonne B. Burke (she's a looker), all of Calif., Louis Stokes, Ohio; John Conyers and Charles C. Diggs Jr., Mich., Walter E. Fauntroy, D.C., Robert M. C. Nix, Pa., William Clay, Mo., Barbara Jordan, Tex., Harold E. Ford, Tenn., Andrew Young, Ga., and Cardiss Collins and Ralph H. Metcalfe, both of Illinois.

More cuff: Two members of the prominent Baltimore Mitchell family were program participants—Congressman Mitchell, mentioned above, and his brother, Clarence M. Mitchell, director of the Washington NAACP Bureau.

The congressman introduced the NAACP leader who testified about unemployment and affirmative action.

Also a witness on this subject, a young N.Y. black sister, Eleanor Holmes Norton, a N.Y. Human Rights Commissioner. Right on!

Another outstanding speaker was a black Yale University Child Study Center exec., Dr. James Comer, who identified areas of concern in public service unemployment and how it affects the family.

ROCKY—greets Ask Me writer, AFRO publisher Elizabeth Murphy Moss. Details in accompanying column.

Washington AFRO photo by Cabell

A whiz of a speaker was blonde Carol Foreman, Consumer Federation for America — who told it like it was: "A Full employment program . . . must effect basic changes . . . to eliminate the greed and monopolistic control which has fostered widespread exploitation of the average consumer . . ."

Also telling it like it was—Renault Robinson, of the Afro-American Patrolmen League: "There is not enough money being spent for police departments throughout the U.S. to equate the weight that the police do play . . . Too much money is being misdirected for hardware, electronic equipment, community relations programs and other kinds of situations that over a period of time from today back have never worked to reduce crime."

His white counterpart, Patrick Murphy, of the Police Foundation added: "I think the police have improved, but we know very well there continues to be attitudes that are very unbecoming among many police . . ."

Pretty young lady spied busy assisting in arrangements for the day's events turned out to be Barbara Williams, Executive director of the Black Caucus. Her Afro is saying something!

Cuff note to our Capitol Hill co-workers: How come you news guys who cover downtown Washington events have to pay parking fees and hail cabs to get to Congress.

We found attentive parking attendant to greet us as soon as we drove in the down-under parking facility in the Rayburn building and had to walk only a half block to the elevator.!

Back home notes: Happiness is watching Community College Dean Christine Moore do the latest dance steps with ease and charm.

She was the center of many eyes as she tripped the light fantastic at the tenth anniversary dinner dance the Upper Ten Club held Saturday at Hunt Valley Inn.

Of course, the Wilbur Phillips Orchestra played the oldies and our favorite 'Tenderly,' and had the floor full most of the evening.

Thanks to Manager Fred Anderson we were able to secure space for a surprise birthday salute to the head of our house there on Friday evening. Our teenagers and friends joined us adults to cut the cake and sing happy birthday to Paul.

Since we were quartered with Upper Tenners at Hunt Valley, we had decided to forego the Preakness on Saturday, but changed our minds at the last minute.

Glad we did . . . got there to join the Sam Ovinger and their party of 24 shortly after the fourth race.

Just as we started to the grandstand, Biddy Wood called our name and that's how we ended up with his 'Soul Ticket.'

And that was lucky. He had at least two winners in each race before we got there so we played him the rest of the time (only $2 to place or $2 to show), and got back what we put up.

Note: Biddy's Soul card had the Preakness winner Master Derby.

Glad you're better hellos to Mrs. John Shoen (Merita), the teacher. She's out of the hospital, resting at home.

Still in Provident, but much improved, is Miss Harrison, the Lemmel principal. He has resigned himself to missing his plunkem cards working in D.C., this weekend, but friends have promised to supply him and Mrs. Harrison (Bernardine), with a picture report.

Get-well cards to Milton Dugger, the CCB dean. He is in Room 251D, Baltimore County General Hospital.

And, to Provident Hospital for J. Arnett Frisby, the veteran businessman and civic leader.

And, to Hopkins Hospital for Mrs. Mary Mandes Gordon, the retired teacher.

And, thinking-of-you cards to Mrs. Samuel Blackwell (Pauline), who buried her sister, Olive Caulk, the social worker, today. They were such great pals and so kind and thoughtful to each other.

And, to Mrs. Madora James Lefore. Her mother, Mrs. Florence Collie died on Sunday, and was buried Thursday.

Be kind to somebody this week note: The Madison Ave. YWCA Center's membership drive is now on. Please take out a membership for a teen so she or he can enjoy summer fun and benefit from meaningful programs. And, better still, send in your own membership today, please.

Orchids to members of Camp King's Landing Women. That bash benefit cocktailer they held a Sunday ago netted some $1,700, already earmarked to purchase equipment for the YMCA's Camp King's Landing in Huntingtown, Md., Mrs. Gwen Clark is president of the group. Mrs. Marjorie Green chaired the benefit held at Club Venus.

S AND YOU

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Misleading statements, false directions and numerous distractions. Avoid extremes, maintain steady pace. Health can improve.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Break red tape. Make known your views in positive manner. Accent is on love, change. You learn truth in many areas. Can you take it?

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Family, home environment basic changes, adjustment in payment schedule, these are spotlighted. Talkative individual, although sincere, has facts wrong. Know it and be skeptical.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Travel plans subject to change. You become stronger as more truth is accepted and fantasy is put in proper perspective.

Leo (July 23-August 22) — Count your change. Money, personal possessions spotlighted. There is pressure to spend quickly in hope for quick results. You'll get better service now if more reluctant to spend.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) — You get down to business. Facts are put on table — legal affairs are examined, past documents are examined.

Libra (September 23-October 22) — Now you complete, finish, conclude project. Your style is enhanced. You imprint personality. Popularity increases. You could be making special appearances.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) — Be direct, creative — highlight originality. Get to heart of matters. You will have to be more independent. Trust your own judgement.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) — Be consistent. Maintain pace that takes you toward goal. One in authority desires special favor. Have faith in word of one who has been loyal in past.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) — Communications could be disrupted if you don't double-check. Forces tend to be scattered if you attempt too much at one sitting. One you care for is trying to tell you something. Listen.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) — Money, costs, valuables, special collections command attention. Be specific, direct and become more aware of possible economy measures.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) — Emphasis is on direct action confrontation and debate. Clash of ideas dominates. You dig beneath layers of superficiality. You get answers to questions, if quietly persistent.

tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I am 16 and I am in love with this man 20. He is in love with me. We have been going together for a year and four months and he is asking me to marry him.

He's so nice to me, I don't want to let him down. We are so in love. What am I going to do?

Worried

Dear Worried:

If you love him, marry him. The age difference won't matter. Check this out with your parents, then both of you go for pre-marriage counseling with your minister.

Be careful and don't marry him just because he's nice or you'll really be sorry.

Dear Jan:

I'm 15 years old. I have had trouble all my life making friends because I'm so shy and quiet. I have never even had a girlfriend. I'm getting tired of being lonely every day of my life. Please help me.

SHY-QUIET

Dear Shy-Quiet:

Go to your local Teen Center, YMCA, YWCA and look up the many free clubs and activities. Here's where you can overcome your shyness by taking part in group activities.

The best place to meet girls is in church and Sunday School. Honest! When you start taking an active interest in a hobby such as camping, photography, sports, you'll get over your shyness and make new friends. Try it!

Fire tips

1. Make a floor plan of the entire house.

2. Plan for alternate exits from all bedrooms.

3. Practice: have regular fire drills with everyone participating.

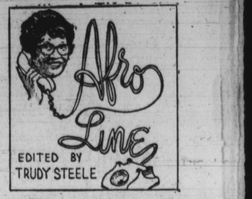
4. Sleep with bedroom doors closed, feel door for heat before opening. Keep calm and don't panic.

5. Alert persons in the house by any of the following methods: Choice type whistle; pan and spoon or smoke detectors.

6. Pre-arrange a meeting place outside. Be sure everyone is accounted for.

7. Know your Fire Department Telephone number, 685-1813.

8. Know the location of the nearest fire alarm box. Have a family escape plan to get everyone out of house safely and quickly.



AFRO-Line is an effective AFRO community service to help you solve problems, whatever they may be.

All you have to do is write a post card to AFRO-Line, 628 N. Eutaw St., P.O. Box 1837, Baltimore, Md. In addition to stating the question you want answered, include your name, address and telephone number.

SPECIAL NOTE: You may also report errors in news stories, request corrections, complain or inquire about AFRO news stories and policies by contacting AFRO-Line by phone or letter.

Weekdays call 728-8200, Extensions 64 or 50, between the hours 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and talk in person to AFRO-Line service.

Your report will get prompt attention by top management of the AFRO Editorial department

Or write, AFRO-Line, P. O. Box 1837, Baltimore, Md., 21203; or drop in to see AFRO-Line at 628 N. Eutaw St.

QUESTION: I read somewhere that the Greater Model Community Council, Inc. (G.M.C.C.I.), 1320 W. Lexington St., is planning to move. Is this true?

The Council has been our friend for a long time now and they have to move, we will have no one to help us solve our many problems in this area. — MRS. P.

ANSWER: Frank Pettaway, director of G.M.C.C. told AFRO-Line that some consideration has been given to move the Council but they will certainly do anything they can to prevent it.

He, too, is concerned and he feels that they have "identified with the residents of this community" and if they had to move it would "destroy in part their ability as an organization."

QUESTION: My gas and electric has been turned off for a long time. The bill is $433 and I don't know where I can get that kind of money. I have two children, one is a baby and I have no heat or any way of fixing food. Is there any way you can help me? — R. E.

ANSWER: A spokesman at Emergency Services, Department of Social Services advised AFRO-Line that you can receive help at 1510 Guilford Ave. Go to them and explain the situation.

QUESTION: I have a very kind neighbor who has some personal problems; he is elderly and is timid about asking for help. Where can he go? — J. R.

ANSWER: AFRO Line received just this week a reminder from the Information and Referral Service for the Aging that they do provide help for elderly citizens.

A phone call to 685-0825 is all that is required and there is help available on problems relating to housing, legal aid and health care. The service is free and persons in need can be assured trained counselors will hold any information in confidence and direct applicants to the proper agency.

Call 685-0825 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At night and on weekends a recorded message is taken and the call returned the next working day. Persons who prefer to write, should address letters to 200 East Lexington St., Baltimore, Md. 21202.

WHERE TO CALL

BALTIMORE ANSWERS YOU (BAY) — for help in problems with city agencies — 396-4234 — (10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

CONSUMER PROTECTION — for questionable business practices — 383-3700.

CRIMINAL INJURIES" COMPENSATION FUND—resulting from robberies or assaults — 539-5340.

DISASTERS — fires, floods, hurricanes — 467-3905.

EMERGENCY—housing, heating, light — 234-2413; 234-2172 — after 5 p.m. and weekends.

HOT LINE — 539-5151 for abandoned vehicles, dirty yards, garbage collections, clogged sewers, street repairs, bulky trash pickup.

INFORMATION — City Jail, 396-8211; Transit and Traffic, 396-3049; Drug Abuse Counseling, 396-2720; Job, 383-5468; Legal Aid, 539-5340; Rumor Control, 837-4188; Rape Center, 366-RAPE; Pension Reform, 962-3914.

MAYOR'S STATIONS — Govans, 396-4064; Greater Homewood, 396-0080; Northwest, 396-6297; Stewart Hill, 396-6397.

POLICE — Emergency, 222-3333; Community Relations, 396-2710.

SERVICE — Ambulance, 396-1111; Animal Removal, 396-0116; Defective Sidewalk, 396-3168; Food Stamps, 234-2751; Fire, 685-1313; Oil Furnace Check, 396-4429; Rats, 396-4418.

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 235-4700.

Register now

Now is the time to get on the books so you can vote for the next mayor and city council persons to represent YOU.

Register to vote now at Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts. Office open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applications are also available at all Enoch Pratt Libraries, all Urban Services Agency offices and all major department stores downtown and in the outlying areas.

Next primary election is Sept. 9, 1975. Deadline for new voters to register is August 11, 1975.

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