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
(1892-1967)
Editor-Publisher (1922-1967)

MEMORIAL DAY 1975

Tyrone Wilson remembers

Tyrone Wilson was just ten years old when his father, Staff 4Sgt. James E. Wilson Sr. was killed in action in Vietnam on July 2, 1966.

This Memorial Day weekend is something special for the Lake Clifton High student. He is preparing to enter the Armed Services and follow in his father's footsteps.

Ten years ago when Sgt. Wilson died leaving behind a wife and eight children, there seemed little hope for the end of a devastating war.

This year's Memorial Day celebration is the first one since the Vietnam war ended.

Memorial Day is a time for remembering, not only those who died in the wars, but all departed dead.

In Tyrone Wilson's case, his enlistment at this time of the year is evidence he knows intimately the casualty of war. He goes off to serve his country with our hope that he and others of his generation can learn from the tragedy of Vietnam and bring about lasting peace, the greatest gift they can give to Tyrone's dad and the millions of others who sacrificed their lives.

Pay both holidays

This year's confusion about the date of Memorial Day has meant that in Baltimore some families have had to forego their usual trips to cemeteries or other memorial rites.

Reason: If dad worked for the federal government, his holiday was Monday, while mom's was today (Friday) because she teaches in public school or holds a state job.

One area where the holidays were not observed on either day was explained in a simple memo from the Department of Traffic and Transit, which announced:

"Money must be put into the parking meters on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 1975 (Federal holiday), and Friday, May 30, 1975 (State and City holiday)."

Spying game goes on

Now that the Baltimore Grand Jury has found no evidence of indictable criminal conditions by the police in the spy probe, the situation is about where the AFRO expected it would be at this point.

State Senate probers have resorted to using questionable tactics in what should be a sensitive investigation to determine how far police went in their so-called spying tactics and what legislative steps might best be employed to protect citizens' rights in prevention policing.

When George L. Russell Jr., lawyer for Commissioner Donald Pomerleau and other policemen, went to U.S. court seeking to have the Senate probe conducted in a manner that protects the constitutional rights of policemen, it was learned an attorney for the state investigation committee has used questionable tactics in interviewing a former covert operative for the Intelligence Services Division.

In connection with that, the public got some more of the newspaper reporting that the AFRO long ago noted would not win any Pulitzer Prizes.

One story said Russell's suit mentioned an unnamed ISD operative "who authoritative sources identified as (Robert) White."

What Russell's suit did was to show that White and Leslie Gladstone, Senate Committee co-counsel, had taped their discussion by mutual agreement, and noted that a transcript was being filed with the federal court. The transcript identifies White by name, address, etc.

So why the game of attempting to make something more sinister than publicly disclosed information dictates?

The AFRO still does not know how the probe will turn out, although some good guesses could be made, but the public should continue to be fully aware that the game being played may have a lot more facets to it than are obvious.

Drive in or out?

Residents in the area of Mondawmin Shopping Center have expressed opposition to a re-zoning ordinance which would permit location of a hamburger drive-in on an acre of the complex parking lot.

Residents contend the proposed facility would create a public nuisance. Supporters claim the new business would provide jobs in an area badly in need of new business.

There are those who claim residents are the ones who should decide such matters, but it is also true that sometimes they can not see the trees for the woods.

On the other hand, business interests should solidify neighborhood support before they venture out. If the cause is good, the neighbors will agree and help.

We'd like spokesmen on both sides of this neighborhood hassle to air their views in our Readers Rap column. Should the carry-out go up or not? Let's hear from you all!

By twilight

Employed persons who want to improve their skills or learn a new one will be interested to know that Community College of Baltimore is initiating 'Twilight courses' this summer.

Two days a week, from 5 to 7:45 p.m., students may select from some of the 300 courses available on the Liberty Heights campus in northwest Baltimore.

Housewives, students, unemployed, as well as working people, can find something worthwhile here.

Congratulations are due CCP dean for Continuing Education, Paul Beckham, and others responsible for this innovative venture.

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.

DECEMBER 24, 1920)

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

All-white ticket?

A month remains (June 30 is deadline), for candidates to file to run in the Sept. 9 Primary Election.

Already announced candidates are, for mayor, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell; for city comptroller, John W. Douglass; and Frank Conaway, president of the City Council.

Plus, there are indications that a fight will develop with at least three black candidates seeking council seats from the Fifth District.

There are some political experts who declare several black candidates running against the incumbent City Hall occupants may prove disastrous. There are others who strategize this is the best bet.

Of one thing we can be sure, we will not have a politically dull summer after all.

And, we are convinced the present three top white office-holders in Baltimore city government will have a difficult time selling voters an all-white ticket this year, 1975.

Over half of the population is black. This is the time for correcting lopsided representation.

A special memorial to war dead

IN FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS—Eighteen - year - old Tyrone Wilson and his mother, Mrs. Arsenia Wilson of Alhambra Ave., Baltimore, look at photo of dad and husband, S-Sgt. James E. Wilson, Sr., killed in action in Vietnam. This Memorial Day weekend, ten years later, Tyrone enlists in the armed services. See editorial on this page.

(AFRO Staff Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Now and then — by g. james fleming

Banneker is Catonsville Bicentennial theme

Catonsville, that flourishing little city next door to Baltimore, has set a warm-hearting example of hos history, the black experience, brotherhood and the revolutionary period can be tied up in an impressive Bicentennial package.

The American Bicentennial Committee of Catonsville, in other words, has chosen "The World of Benjamin Banneker" as its heritage theme.

Banneker, who was born, lived and died in the western part of Baltimore County, is easily the area's most distinguished eighteenth century resident.

The committee in Catonsville wanted to focus on its most famous men and women and, in casting around for a likely forebear, decided that only Banneker fit the bill.

Whatever prejudice existed with regard to the choice of a black man has been overcome by the importance of the man and the regard with which he is held by scientific circles and other communities.

In actual fact, there was very little resistance to accepting Banneker, this column has learned.

The interest in a black man in this predominantly white community, by an almost all-white committee, is due mainly to the efforts of Mrs. Jean Walsh who, a former editor of the "Catonsville Times" and a history buff, she is most familiar with Catonsville history, and was the first to become aware of the significance of Banneker as a historical figure.

The addition of Dr. Elaine G. Breslaw, associate professor of history at Morgan State College, and a resident of Catonsville, to the committee provided the needed professional support for a Banneker theme.

It was Dr. Breslaw who suggested "The World of Benjamin Banneker" as a theme.

Mrs. Walsh had already begun a campaign to find support for a film on Banneker's life based on the book by Silvio Bedini. Dr. Leroy Morris, associate professor of screen arts at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, prepared the script and Mrs. Walsh has been successful in securing funds from the Maryland Bicentennial Commission for this project.

The Catonsville group became more aware of Banneker's significance, when it was discovered that Ellicott City, in Howard County, was planning to claim him as its own and Oella, a community in Baltimore County, the actual site of Banneker's birth, was also planning to focus its activities on the internationally noted friend of Thomas Jefferson, architect, clockmaker, and almanac creator.

Three communities have been fighting, figuratively, for the honor of honoring Banneker!

One member of the Catonsville committee has recommended that the committee undertake the sponsorship of reprinting Banneker's almanacs and this suggestion has been approved.

Another member proposed that a unit on Banneker be included in the elementary school curriculum and county school officials are now preparing this unit.

The festival division of the committee has recommended a Catonsville coin or medal, with a representation of the Banneker clock on one side and a covered wagon on the other.

One sign of the wide support for the Banneker emphasis is that even the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is giving strong backing to the Banneker theme, both as an organization and as individuals.

Thus, Catonsville, (pop. 55,000) is setting an example of how other communities may rediscover their contributing or historic figures—including many blacks and many women—and utilize them as focus, in part or in whole, for Bicentennial emphasis and observance.

Many persons, forgotten or unknown, will thus come to life again.

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. June 30, 1975 is deadline for candidates to file.

62 years ago

The city fathers are being troubled over the fact of losing some of their income because of the number of saloons being cut off.

Wonder if fewer arrests and less expense caring for criminals and other persons caused by the saloons will not even up things in the end. — April 19, 1913 —

J. Kilbury

Editor-Publisher

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)

Salute of the week

(Persons featured in this column may be nominated by AFRO readers. Send your nomination to Salute of Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203)

A 35-year-old mother of four, who was a high school dropout, was among the happy graduates at University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) on Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson of Lauretta Avenue received her BA in Sociology and hopes to find funds to earn a Master's degree in public health at Johns Hopkins in the fall.

A divorcee, Mrs. Johnson was able to work fulltime (2-9 p.m.) as dental assistant with St. Francis Dental Service, care for her home and go to school (8 a.m.-1 p.m.), "because my children helped me," she explained. She carried 12 credits each semester.

The children are Marena, 17, 12th grader at Edmondson; James, 15, 10th grader at Southern; Kenneth, 14, 9th grader at Ralph Young who graduates in June and Michelle, 13, 7th grader at Calverton.

The former Elizabeth Dorsey, Mrs. Johnson is one of 12 children. Her parents were William and Veronica Williams Dorsey. Mrs. Johnson recalls she dropped out of Dunbar High when she was in the ninth grade because her mother had suffered a stroke.

At the time, she was living with a sister who was unable to care for her. She has previously been in a foster home.

So it was that Mrs. Johnson found work in the cafeteria at Greyhound Bus Station. She married at age 17.

As soon as the children were in school, she took the High School Equivalency Test. In 1970, she began her studies at Community College of Baltimore.

The next year, she transferred to UMBC, where she was graduated this week.

Was it worth it? Yes, says Mrs. Johnson, who is a living example that if one has the will, he or she can overcome obstacles and reach a goal.

MRS. ELIZABETH JOHNSON, High school drop-out headed for second college degree.

Afro Line

EDITED BY TRUDY STEELE

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, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. In addition to stating the question you wanted 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.

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

QUESTION: The cleaners in the 1000 block Carey St., has been closed since last winter. There are no signs on the door or any type of notification as to when they will open. We have clothes there and have no way of getting them out. Can you please investigate.—M. M. B.

ANSWER: Sgt. Brown at the Western Police Station told AFRO-Line that cleaner's was closed because of a fire., Reopening is planned next week.

QUESTION: It makes me sick to see people come to weddings with gifts in their hands. Don't people know it is in poor taste to cart gifts to weddings?

Also, what can be done about people who go to things like weddings and receptions improperly dressed. At a lovely graduation party on Saturday at a plush country club, one of the male guests wore jeans and a hat which he did NOT take off. What can we do about people like this? — P. S.

ANSWER: According to "Complete Book of Engagements and Wedding Etiquette" By Barbara Wilson, "one should NEVER take a gift to a wedding or reception.

"Gifts should be SENT well in advance of the ceremony, but may be SENT any time after. If there is a delay in sending your gift.... it is customary to enclose a note explaining what happened."

By the same token, "Etiquette" by Emily Post states ". . . if humanly possible, she (bride) writes each letter of thanks on the day the present arrives."

"Notes of thanks can be very short, but they should be on a sheet or note paper—not a folded card—and in her own handwriting."

As to the jeans and hat wearing guest, AFRO's Reflections editor, Mrs. Maries Cooke says, "There are some dress denim suits that can be worn to receptions or parties, provided they are not the traditional dungarees. Some outfits come with matching hats."

QUESTION: — I read the interesting Salute of the Week on the editorial page of the AFRO (March 22), concerning Miss Catole Lyles, administrator of employee services at Koppers Co.

In your story she said there are no jobs open except for trained mechanics, but I thought I read somewhere that Koppers just got a federal grant for jobs. Is there anything to this? — M. R.

ANSWER: Miss Lyles told AFRO-Line that since our interview, Koppers has been awarded a $132,000 state grant to train current employees for semi-skilled and supervisory positions in the firm's local metal plant.

Further conversation with Koppers' Mark Vincent revealed that the firm has expanded its plant and if the economy holds up, they expect some growth over the next couple of years.

He said that about 370 Kopper employees will be given on-the-job training, many of whom are in-house employees.

He added that it will also be for new people. At the present time, 15 new employees are receiving training, as well as another 20. The program will involve old, new and intermediate employees.

WHERE TO CALL

BALTIMORE ANSWERS YOU (BAY)—for help in problems with city agencies—396-1234—(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 — 467-9905.

EMERGENCY—Housing, heating, light—234-2413; 234-2172—after 4 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, 396-5211; Transit and Traffic, 396-3049; Drug Abuse Counseling, 396-2720; Job, 383-5468; Legal Aid, 539-5340; Rumor Control, 837-1183; Rape Center, 366-RAPE; Pension Reform, 962-3914.

MAYOR'S STATIONS—Govans, 396-6084; Greater Homewood, 396-6080; Northwest, 396-6207; Steuart Hill, 396-6207.

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

SERVICE—Ambulance, 396-1111; Animal Removal, 396-6215; Defective Sidewalk, 396-3168; Food Stamps, 234-2751; Fire, 685-1313; Oil Furnace Check, 396-4429; Rats, 396-4418.

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION—233-4700.

"I am a man of peace; God knows how I love peace: But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace."
—Hungarian Freedom Fighter Kossuth

PAGE OPPOSITE

Baltimore Afro-American

Make it official

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

Those with 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

The Martin D. Jenkins years

Dear AFRO:

The dedication of the Dr. Martin D. Jenkins Behavioral Sciences Center, (incidentally designed by a black architectural firm) at the Morgan campus, marked an important milestone in the history and development of higher education in Maryland.

The Jenkins year, 1948-1970, covered the most exciting and memorable decades in the growth of this truly great institution.

Dr. Jenkins' predecessor, President Dwight O. W. Holmes, (1937-1948), brought Morgan out of its private status into recognition as a good public State college (1939).

Building on the Holmes' years, President Martin D. Jenkins brought outstanding scholars to the faculty, stressed quality education, and established a quiet pride among its students in their Black heritage.

His message was that Morgan needed to make its impact felt on every phase of Baltimore's life.

He established an Urban Studies Center, an Institute of Public Affairs and strong courses in the behavioral sciences.

Dr. Jenkins placed equal emphases on the physical, biological and chemical sciences, for he believed that Black scientists needed to grow in numbers.

All of this produced for Baltimore and Maryland quality lawyers, physicians, clergymen, engineers, teachers, political scientists, social workers, and artists who enriched the lives of all persons.

When opportunities for black citizens increased in the 1950's and 1960's, the cry, "employment of minorities wold take place if only the personnel were available," became meaningless.

There was a Morganite ready for every job opening; and if prospective employers didn't bang on his door, then Martin Jenkins' students would bang on theirs.

Indeed, Morgan students banged on many doors in the 1950's and 1960's.

They banged on restaurant and department store doors to get respected and equal service.

They banged on movie house doors and tennis court gates, and on more than one occasion they aroused the ire of then Governor Spiro T. Agnew by banging on his Annapolis door.

But though President Jenkins sometimes accompanied them on these ventures, he insisted with his students that banging was not the ultimate response.

He preached that academic and political power were the more responsive roads.

So, today, Morganites are in the State Legislature, the City Council, and Congress. You will find them on practically all major State and local administrative boards.

Dr. Jenkins was the symbol and the substance of the institution for over 20 years.

He developed graduate studies to such a high point that students from all over the world—and of all colors—came to study advanced science, mathematics, and teaching methods.

In music, art and drama the college excelled.

In athletics the stamp of Morgan meant one could be sure of victory.

When Martin Jenkins left Morgan in, 1970 it was no longer necessary to debate the question as to whether the institution should become a university.

It had already become one: in quality, in character, in mission, in purpose and in accomplishments.

The Morgan University bill passed by the Legislature this year, and signed by Governor Mandel, merely gives recognition to what the academic world has long known, viz., that the years 1948-70 with President Martin D. Jenkins at its helm, had already brought greatness to the institution.

(President, Community College of Baltimore.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The $3.5 million Jenkins building is the work of black architects Frye and Welch of D.C.)

Fire Department

Dear AFRO':

Some people feel as though members of the Baltimore Fire Department just sit around doing nothing, because they pass by and see them playing checkers, watching TV or relaxing.

These men put in long hours and when the alarm is sounded, which may be every hour on some days, they have plenty to do saving lives, preventing houses from being burned to the ground and even assisting in childbirth.

The recent episode on Argyle Avenue is a splendid example of this. Sometimes the fireman's lives are sacrificed.

When a fireman has to respond to a false alarm, he is not only wasting valuable time, he is being prevented from saving someone's life, plus, he could be involved in an accident and people could be hurt or killed.

I hope this message will clear up any misunderstanding some people may have about the Fire Department. We should be proud of the Baltimore City Fire Department.

BERNARD BURNETTE

Bike - Ride

Thank you for your interest and support during the planning and promotion of Bike Ride '75.

The city ride almost doubled its figures for riders and funds.

Close to a thousand riders have turned in pledges amounting to over $27,000.

We feel that this was due largely to the efforts of your fine newspaper, The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN. Please express our appreciation to all concerned.

GRACE A. NICHOLS
Director of Volunteers
Baltimore City-
County Bike Ride Coordinator

Elated

Dear AFRO:

The members of the Jazz Society and Ensemble are elated over Fred Douglass' recent article covering our Andrew White Jazz Concert.

We were tremendously impressed with the entire write-up. It is not often that our school or activities are spoken of with a positive tongue.

From all of our family here at Coppin, please accept our warmest thanks.

RUFFIE LONDON
(Coppin State College.)

Superb

Dear AFRO:

Dr. Fleming's article "Maryland's Human Relations Commission" (May 30, 1975), was superb and truly "a real vote of confidence" in its own right.

Not only did he explain that MCHR is recognized nationwide for its "high quality" and "professionalism" by being the first human rights agency to sign a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Revenue Sharing, but he also pointed out the nemeses which plague this vitally needed state agency.

Thank you very much.

ELBERT L. A. GUILLORY,
(Executive Director)

Schaefer

Dear AFRO:

Mayor William Donald Schaefer sincerely owes the public an explanation about what he is trying to accomplish by handpicking various school board members.

And City Councilman Emerson Julian trying to bring slander upon Dr. Roland N. Patterson's name.

These tactics give me the impression that Mayor Schaefer is trying to play the role of a political boss. He's just trying to strengthen his name for this fall's election.

Political bosses never meant nothing but trouble and this city could do without them.

If Mayor Schaefer has any personal grievances against D. Patterson, he should come out and say so.

Dr. Patterson has done a fine job even with all the pressure that he has to face.

Mayor Schaefer has some questions to answer concerning handpicking people and using them to his advantage.

KARL S. CROSBY.

Smile

The new neighbor was calling on Mrs. Smith. "I hear your son is a fine football player," she said. "What position does he play?"

"Oh," Mrs. Smith answered, "I think he's one of the drawbacks.

tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I have a problem. It's this dude that I've been digging for a month. I think he's nice looking and easy to get along with. But my mother doesn't think so. I'm 12 and he's 13, we are in the same grade. He and my father get along real well. One day I overheard these girls talking. They said he had 26 girl friends and that I made the 29th.

So, I asked him was it true and he said no. I just couldn't take his word, so I had five of my friends check up on him for a month. They said he was clean. I asked him again did he have anyone on his case, he said no, that the girls were just jealous. Jan, I believe he is for me, and only me. But how can I get my mother to believe it?

Dee Dee

Dear Dee Dee:

You don't. Your mother may know something you don't. I'm sure glad you're not on my case. Either you believe the dude or you don't. You both should be playing the field. You are showing a nasty trait having your friends check him out for a month. If I were this dude I'd hang up your case forever. Friendships are built on trust, not suspicion.

Dear Jan:

I am 16 years old and I am in love with an 18-year-old boy. The only problem I have is he is an identical twin. Everytime I call his house someone says he's not home. One day I decided to take a walk around his house. And come to find out that the twin was telling me that he wat not home. What shall I do?

Trouble

Dear Trouble:

I suspect the twin is jealous and resents your calling. Stop creating trouble between them. Wait for him to call you.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sun-set glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch—be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

JOHN McCRAE

In memoriam

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the lives of Thy servants who have departed this life. May their souls rest in peace. Bless for us their memory that we may follow their example in all good works. Bind us more closely together that we may live in peace and harmony, working together in mutual respect, absolute honesty and with affection all our days. — AMEN

(From the Papers of Carl Murphy, 1889-1967)

WORLD'S GREAT BLACK GENERAL REMEMBERED

HANNIBAL's bravery cited *by graduation speaker*

In his commencement day address to Morgan State College's 1,100 graduates on Sunday, Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, noted educator, minister and now director of program officer for the Ford Foundation's Higher Education and Research, reached back into ancient history to tell the grads:

The unemployment situation is bad. It's always been bad for blacks. The unemployment situation is bad, but it's somewhat different for blacks.

"The unemployment situation is bad but as Hannibal said as he approached the Alps, "We must find a way to cross. If we can't find it, we will have to make one".

"The challenge facing the Class of 1975 is tied into the challenge that has faced black Americans down through the years."

Who was the Hannibal to whom he referred?

J. A. Rogers in his book, (World's Great Men of Color, calls Hannibal of Carthage (B.C. 247-183), the "father of military strategy."

The chapter on Hannibal, beginning at page 42, recounts that 'Hannibal has the reputation of being the greatest military leader and strategist of all time.'

Napoleon, after selecting the seven supreme geniuses of the world ranks him as 'the first in daring . . .' 'And this Hannibal,' he said, 'the most audicious of all; the most astonishing, perhaps; so bold, so sure, so great in everything; who at 26 conceived what is hardly conceivable, executed what one may truly call the impossible."

Napoleon had also crossed the Alps, but by an easier route, and under much more favorable circumstances.

Hannibal was born in 247 B.C., when Carthage, then the greatest maritime power, was beginning to decline. The Cartheginians were descendants to the Phoenicians, a Negroid people who were great merchants. They traded with Indians, the peoples of the Mediterranean and the Scilly Isles.

HANNIBAL, shown on ancient coin, called by Napoleon, the father of military strategy. He lived from B.C. 247-183.)

Carthage was founded by them as a central base for their commerce.

What did Hannibal do to earn Napoleon's praise as the world's greatest military leader?

The AFRO recommends you read the Rogers book to find out. Here are some excerpts:

Rome felt sure of victory. She was impregnable. Her navy, stronger than that of Carthage, would prevent a landing anywhere on the Italian coast.

As for the northern approaches, they were guarded by the frozen fortress of the Alps, the crossing of which with an army had long been pronounced impossible.

When the war opened, Hannibal, who was in the north-east of Spain, decided to attack the Roman outpost in Gaul, and marched toward the Pyrenees.

He had 80,000 infantry, 12,000 cavalry and 40 elephants.

Crossing the Pyrenees, he marched eastward until he reached the River Rhone at what is now Avignon, France. The Rhone, at this point, is a deep swift stream.

The problem of crossing was heightened by the masses of the foe on the opposite bank.

With the craftiness of a born general, Hannibal laid his plans. Calling one of his most trusted aides, Hanno, he gave him 10,000 men and bade him cross the river several miles further up. When this was done he was to make it known by sending up a column of smoke.

Hannibal, in the meantime, had his rafts prepared and when he saw Hanno's signal he gave the order to cross.

At that the yelling barbarians on the opposite bank pressed forward to repel him but Hanno attacked them in the rear, throwing them into such confusion that Hannibal crossed over and won an easy victory.

After this he marched south until he reached Massilia, now Marseilles, which he captured from the Romans. He was now on the seacoast, and only a few days march from Italy. But Rome blocked him with her fleet.

There was but one course: to retreat northward. When the Romans saw this they grew even more confident. Hannibal retraced his steps until he reached what is now Tarascon, France.

From here he must either return to Spain or strike at Rome over the formidable, snow-capped peaks of the Alps. Unhesitatingly, he chose the latter.

Then began the most painful, arduous and terrifying march in the history of war. Hannibal, himself, had never see the Alps before and knew nothing of its dangers.

For more of how Hannibal achieved his great feat, see the J. A. Rogers book.

If YOU ask ME *by bettye m. moss*

By Bettye Moss

Good news about people, places and things: — It's Dr. Caryl Mussenden Jackson now. She received her degree from Howard University Medical School a Saturday ago.

She is the daughter of Baltimore's Mrs. Lydia Mussenden and the late Dr. Glenford P. Mussenden, a practicing physician here for many years. She finished Eastern High and Morgan State College.

The new physician is the wife of Dr. Hampton J. Jackson Jr., chief resident in orthopedic surgery at Howard University Hospital where his wife will begin her internship.

Cuff note: The Drs. Jackson have a seven-month-old daughter, Camille Elizabeth.

Good news from a-far: Note in the mail from Baltimore's E. Lloyd Davises now living in Caracas, Venezuela where he is First Secretary in the American Embassy, in charge of budgets and management.

Mrs. Davis (Becky) reports this has been a happy period for them.

They observed their 25th wedding anniversary.

Son, Lloyd Jr., was graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont where he majored in drama and creative writing, plans graduate study after joining an experimental theatre group.

Son, Howard, finished Mass. Institute of Technology in three years — finished magna cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He enters Harvard Medical School in September.

Daughter, Kathy, was graduated from the International High School of Caracas, plans to enter Goucher College here in her native Baltimore this fall.

Extra mail from the Davises to their Baltimore friends — "We appreciate the years of friendship that we have shared with you. We ask for your prayers (please do not send gifts), as each of us begins a new stage of life."

Your hellos will reach the Davises if addressed to them at Embassy of the United States, Caracas, Venezuela.

More grad notes: Derek Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neal (Connie) of Piedmont Ave. here in Baltimore, finished with honors from Western Md. College where he majored in dramatic arts. His parents honored him at a reception afterwards.

Marine Pvt. Winston A. Hawkins Jr., son of the senior Hawkinses of Collington Ave., has graduated from recruit training at Parris Island, S.C.

People being kind to others: "Join us in an afternoon of appreciation and cheer," said the invitation signed by John and Susan King.

So it was two Sundays ago, a number of relatives and friends gathered to fellowship and to wish him a happy birthday at their Mondawmin Ave. home.

Mrs. King is counselor at Lake Clifton, Dr. King has been professor of biology at Morgan for 29 years. (Friends may recall he was ailing at birthday time a year ago, but is doing fine now).

Among those about: His mother, Mrs. Cassie King, Va. Beach, Va., who was observing her 83rd birthday; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Baltimore.

Also, his sister, Mrs. Cassie Wells and brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Matilda King, all of Va. Beach; and aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galloway, Kilmarnock, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crawley, Willingsboro, N.J.

More people being thoughtful: Mrs. Ruth Williams of Detroit is here to comfort her sister, Walta (wife of Dr. Elroy Young) who has been ailing.

Remember Mrs. Young had breast cancer surgery this year and then just this past month came out the hospital to bury her son, Ricky.

Just the same, she remains in good spirits. She told this column, "The Lord is taking care of me." Good girl!

More kindness: Mrs. Ethel Bennett Williams, now of Wildwood, N.J., was back home to attend funeral services of Olive Caulk, an old family friend.

May may recall when Mrs. Williams was a nurse in training and later on the nursing staff at Provident Hospital (1931-44).

More people being kind and thoughtful: Members of the Educational Secretaries' Association changed the format for the annual salute to bosses.

This year, instead of one big affair, the secretaries gave special events at individual schools and-or honored their particular principals in their own way.

One of the most feted was Carter G. Woodson No. 160 principal, Ruth J. Pratt. Secretaries gifted her and took her dining, special — as a sort of testimonial because she is leaving soon to take her new post, senior educational assistant to Superintendent Patterson.

Cuff note: Mrs. Pratt's mother, Mrs. Perry M. Jones, has been hospitalized for a spell. She is now in Sinai Hospital where she is due to have skin grafting on that troublesome foot.

Many know her as the long time member of Sharon Baptist Church.

More being kind: Former associates and friends honor the retired principal, Charles Michaels, on June 6 at Holiday Inn.

More thoughtfulness: That was quite some wedding Mrs. Lavolia W. Valls of Washington, widow of Army Col. Valls gave on Saturday for her daughter Wanda. She was married to Baltimore's Dr. Miles G. Harrison Jr. at the St. Augustine Episcopal Church.

A number of Baltimoreans attended. Highlight was the wedding dinner afterwards at Ft. McNair Officers' Club. Out of sight!

The bridegroom's father, Miles Harrison Sr. (the Lemmel principal) was still confined to Provident Hospital here with ticker trouble, but the wedding party was cheered when word came he was much improved. Guests paused to acknowledge his absence and to wish him well and listened to these greetings he sent the newlyweds from his hospital bed:

"Here's to a world you'll build together through the power of prayer that gives the consoling strength of peace.

"Here's to the blessed ease that releases all pain, that comes through love that grows through faith and respect. God's richest gift to you.

"To that glorious world of happiness that can only be achieved by two made one.

"Bless you! — our son — and our new daughter — One!"

Cuff note: — The bridegroom's witty uncle, Dr. Heywood Harrison, read the message, correctly noting guests were in for a treat, because Miles Sr. had shown talent. He wrote his class ode at Dunbar High.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): It's the kind of week for gains in almost any field. Wind up your work early. Take off for an entirely new scene.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Older people and their problems aren't solely your responsibility. Let someone else help too, with both money and time.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Over optimism has a blurring effect that generates errors. Earning improvements depend on continued attention to details.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): People and projects seem more interesting, and there's a special touch of glamour about everything. Sentimental journeys are favored.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Home and family have top priority and problems of both promise to resolve themselves.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You learn more of your unsuspected talents as they're put to use in coping with other people, their difficulties and questions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can sell ideas to strangers quite easily. Those who know you disagree with what you're doing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bring in expert opinions and get appraisals. Tact is necessary to make sure those you cherish don't misunderstand.

Sagittarius' (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wherever feasible, work by yourself. Finish neglected chores, improve home or on the job facilities and bring in new equipment.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Tomorrow is a good day for easing up on old conflicts or trying to get cooperation. Review and resettle family arrangements.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An emotional experience dominates and takes you far off your regular beat. Stop and think and try to get a better perspective.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Romance thrives while most other aspects of your life seem to be chaos. Be generous in many ways except when it comes right down to spending your hard-earned cash.