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

OPINION

Baltimore Afro-American

FOUNDED Aug. 13, 1892 by John H. Murphy Sr., 1840-1922. Published every Tuesday and Saturday by the AFRO-AMERICAN Co., of Baltimore City Inc.

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

(1889-1967)
(1922-1967)

Judge Howard raises very serious questions

Do judges who are sworn to do justice commit injustices by perpetuating racial and sex discrimination in employment in the Baltimore City courthouse?

Judge Joseph C. Howard has raised this damaging charge against his fellow Supreme Bench judges in his call for a federal probe to determine the extent of their responsibility for "the bastion of discrimination by race and sex."

The Supreme Bench, Baltimore City's highest court of record, has 21 judges, just four of whom are black — Judge Howard and Judges Robert Watts, Harry Cole and John Hargrove.

They try cases in the City and Circuit Courts, Court of Common Pleas, Superior Court and the Criminal Courts. These courts and their supporting services are housed in the Fayette and St. Paul St. complex where nearly 700 persons are employed.

Yet, Judge Howard asserts, on five of the six floors there are no substantial number of black and female workers, except in the Juvenile, Criminal and Domestic Probation Departments. And, even in these three units, the numbers are so small as to be insignificant.

On the face of it, and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the situation is critical enough to warrant investigation by the Justice Department and the FBI.

Baltimore City congressmen quickly recognized the importance of the issue. Senators J. Glenn Beall Jr., Charles McC Mathias and Congressmen Parren J. Mitchell and Paul S. Sarbanes have urged Attorney General Edward Levi to conduct a prompt inquiry.

This same sort of urgency is needed on the local levels, not even from black judges.

Gov. Mandel and Baltimore City Mayor Schaefer, who either name the judges, pay their salaries or operating costs, ought to be disturbed too.

Suggestions by a daily newspaper that the situation has been addressed by a judicial reform commission is begging the question. It muffed the opportunity.

There was proof of this just last week when a young, white lawyer was named Juvenile Court master by the Supreme Bench, bypassing Leonard A. Briscoe, a highly qualified candidate who is black.

In this case, Judge Howard criticizes failure of his associates to integrate the personnel committee which nominates candidates and the refusal to outlaw the secret ballot by which such candidates are selected.

Worse yet is the further charge by Judge Howard that one of the state's well-known "kingmakers" used his influence to help swing the vote, ignoring pleas by Judge Howard and Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman who saw this as an opportunity for effective change.

If this kind of racism and sexism is not "rampant" in the courthouse, as Judge Howard alleges, there should be immediate proof offered to the contrary.

For years many of our jurist friends, including members of minority groups, have represented themselves as champions of equal rights for all.

They would, we are sure, want to get to the bottom of claims that virtually no black persons are involved in administration of the courts and next to none occupy positions of power not even on the security force and in the service and maintenance crews.

For many years, AFRO readers have known a number of the Supreme Bench judges as their neighbors and friends and have supported them at the polls and in the Legislature.

If there is discrimination based on race and sex in the courts they supervise, AFRO readers are sure these friends will want to eradicate it quickly.

This is not the time for rhetoric or alibis, not even from black judges.

Judge Howard has made some very devastating charges affecting the entire judicial system in our city.

Is racism and sexism practiced by members of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore? Does it exist in the courthouse where they preside over the most important courts in our city?

These are the elementary questions which deserve open and frank answers, and if need be, remedial action NOW.

It's up to Schaefer

Time grows near when Mayor Donald Schaefer will have to put up or shut up.

All Baltimore has heard from him over the past four years is how charming a city we have and how important it is for all communities and all racial groups to share in its destiny.

As late as Monday evening this week when he announced his formal plans to seek reelection, he was expressing the hope that the enthusiasm shown for him at his hat-in-the-ring party would spread all over the city.

Well, the mayor has it within his power to determine just how widely spread enthusiasm for him will go this election year and in the next four.

Mayor Schaefer is being asked to bite the bullet and integrate his election ticket — or if he hems and haws about a ticket, to support a black candidate for City Council president or comptroller in the Democratic Primary.

The truth, as we see it, is that even with strong backing of the mayor, a black candidate for either of the two slots at best would have only a reasonable chance of winning.

There are those who argue that a white office holder who has done a good, or even a fair job, should not be voted out of office in order to make way for someone else.

That's open-ended poppycock. Thousands of good elected officials are voted out of office every year for various reasons — and some, like former State's Atty. Milton Allen, lose to white candidates of obvious lesser capability.

No one is asking the mayor to support a noncompoop.

What is being asked of Mayor Schaefer is that he take the leadership in attempting to bring about the kind of government in which all community members share in the responsibilities and opportunities — the kind he's always boasting about wanting Baltimore to have.

It's not easy to build that kind of a city. And if the Number 1 man isn't willing to lay something on the line in support of the principle, then Baltimore isn't going to be that progressive city — and a major portion of the blame will belong to the mayor.

Why you must wag your own tail

An African Proverb says, "Living is worthless for one without home and history."

Another says, "You are beautiful because of your possessions." Yet another: "He who does not cultivate his own field will die of hunger." This is about the same as the one which says, "If a dog does not wag his own tail, no one will wag it for him."

A last of the African wise sayings is, "Seeing is different from being told."

Keep these Proverbs in mind as we look at Fort McHenry, Francis Scott Key, the Star Spangled Banner and Orchard Street Church, all in the category of history.

With July 4th approaching, we all plan to go along with the crowd to celebrate the poem Francis Scott Key wrote at Fort McHenry when he saw the flag still flying "by the dawn's early light."

But, think about it. What if some other poem had been highlighted? Didn't other persons, just as inspired, write songs or poems on this occasion? Was Key the only one?

The answer is, there were others but Key's was preserved for history and the others, just as fine, were lost.

Historians blew up the Star Spangled Banner, wagged it, flagged it, dramatized it and preserved it until now we all take it for granted and accept it as the big thing.

History is made by those who write it, dream it up, promote it, sustain it. And, then we go along with the program and accept it.

Forgetting our own "thing" we allow ours to go down the drain, watching others who wag their own tail.

This is the way it is with black history in Baltimore. We haven't wagged it, cultivated it nor possessed it dearly as our own.

Your attention is called to the history we can see, touch and feel — Orchard Street Church, built by our ancestors, free and slave, who were artisans brought here to build for other persons.

Now deserted by us, but still standing proudly, the building at Orchard Street just off Druid Hill Ave., in downtown Baltimore, needs to be highlighted, promoted, dramatized just like Key, the Star Spangled Banner and Fort McHenry.

This is our home and history to make our lives more worthwhile.

If we wag Orchard Street Church and flag it, this priceless, visable history can become as great and everlasting as any other monument, fort, poem or anthem.

Just $1 each from every Baltimore citizen will instantly enable Old Orchard Street Church preservation, "so we can rise beautifully because of our history."

Obvious racial bias damages our judicial credibility

Washington ___ by parren j. mitchell

Why is there a double standard for Dr. Solomon and Dr. Patterson?

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

Black citizens are burdened down with unemployment, high food prices, escalating rents, and all the problems which weigh heavily upon a politically and economically disadvantaged minority.

"In the midst of all of these problems why should we spend so much time and energy on the Patterson case?," some friends have asked me.

In answering them, I can only reemphasize my earlier statement to the effect that Patterson, the man, is not the issue, rather that Patterson, the black victim of a dual standard of justice and a dual standard of due process, is the issue.

Nowhere is this duality better pointed out than in the recent developments regarding Maryland's Secretary of Health, Dr. Neil Solomon.

I beg of black citizens to read and weigh what I have to say to you in this column. If you do, then all of us can better grasp the implications of the Patterson affair.

From the very outset let me make it clear that my personal feelings about Dr. Solomon are not reflected in this column. My intent is to focus in on the process as it affects the Secretary of Health.

Sharp criticisms were mounted against the Secretary's Administration at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Governor Mandel appointed a Special Task Force to investigate and make recommendations on the department.

Rarely has a report been as devastatingly critical as was this one. Just listen to some of the excerpts from the report:

(1) "An inexcusable situation exists in the State Health Department that cannot be corrected by Dr. Neil Solomon and his staff."

(2) "The lack of confidence in existing management is irreversible;"

(3) "Lack of competence in top management;" and such heavy criticisms go on and on in blunt language.

Upon receipt of the report the governor has given Dr. Solomon six months to get the situation straightened out. Dr. Solomon has announced he will stay on and that the governor will not fire him. The situation, at least for the moment, is "status quo."

The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioner's evaluation of Dr. Patterson is critical in many respects but it is also very positive in many respects. But the power structure has determined that Patterson must go.

The governor's Task Force Report on Dr. Solomon was unanimous; the School Board's recommendation that Patterson be ousted was not unanimous.

But the structure has determined that Patterson must go.

In the fact of a highly critical report, Dr. Solomon has been given time to straighten out the situation (he has been in office 6½ years).

Dr. Patterson, who has been in service as the superintendent for 3½ years, must be crudely and perhaps illegally ousted from office.

My dear readers, please stop and think. This issue is of critical importance to us.

What is the thinking that results in one process being applied to Dr. Solomon and a different, harsher process being applied to Roland Patterson?

Is it a matter of race? If it is, then is it not possible that a black judge who acted to serve the interest of justice in the Patterson case will become an object to be attacked?

If it is a matter of race, then is it not possible that any person who dares to speak against double standards, vendettas and the obsession to control and dictate the lives of black citizens also come under attack?

Now and then

"Nice" things with headlines

By G. James Fleming

Amid the screaming headline stories of press and TV, telling of civil confrontations, the turmoil of war and near-war, and the endless acts of man's inhumanity to man, it is good to take note of some of the "nice things" — the things that sometimes go unnoticed and untrumpeted.

The term, "nice things," is credited to the late Vashti Turley Murphy, wife of the late Carl Murphy, long publisher of the AFRO, who suggested to her daughter, Bettye, that she write a column dedicated to "people doing nice things."

Several of these nuggets have come our way in the past few days, although this column can mention only a few.

It was tremendously information-giving and exciting to follow the story of the Dunbar Community Senior High School at this point in its young history, as televised recently by WMAR-TV.

This was the second of a three-part special documentary on truancy in Baltimore's public high school. But, Dunbar was highlighted to show that truancy and absenteeism can be reduced.

It was heartwarming to learn that the new Dunbar has reduced its daily absentee rate from 30 per cent to 18 per cent, whereas, for the city as a whole, the rate is about 35 per cent.

Most principals and teachers complain of this plague of absenteeism which almost always leads to failure in classroom work and to the kinds of delinquencies which end up with the police and the courts.

The new Dunbar has found a way to involve its students so completely so excitingly, and so gratifying that they just want to be in class.

There are "open" classrooms; there are job-oriented experiences; and there are numbers of sub-offices of most of the social welfare services that the overall Dunbar community needs and uses.

There is also a principal, Mrs. Julia B. Woodland, who sets the Dunbar complex "on fire" — faculty and students — and who believes in the capacity of her young people to learn.

Another teacher who "believes" is Mrs. Evelyn P. Valentine, head of the home economics department at the Lake Clifton High School, and who recently was selected as Maryland's "Home Economics Teacher of the Year."

Where most young people in these days "look down" on what was once called "domestic science," Mrs. Valentine's department has an enrollment of 1,500 — and a waiting list!

It is a home economics department like no other anywhere. Its courses do not consist of cooking, sewing and housecleaning, alone.

They include pre-marital and child-care projects (the school runs a fulltime day-care center).

They include subjects of interest to women and men (150 of the latter are enrolled); and they prepare the enrollees both for college and for post-high school employment.

Showing, here again, that exciting teaching and involvement by and with students can keep young people in school, Mrs. Valentine points to the fact that 90 per cent of the ninth graders who choose a home economics major stay with it.

The principal of Lake Clifton, Boyse Mosley, also deserves kudos for giving the home economics department status and support and for being willing to shift gears in his own view of the subject.

For some weeks now, this column has also wanted to doff its hat to its neighbor, "Salute of the Week," (usually on this page or the next).

It seems so right and proper to present, in style, some person who has wrought mightily, although not off-beat enough to make front page, or the bold headlines, or the TV screen.

A teacher who puts her pupils in first place . . . . a foster mother who has nurtured scores of other people's children and sent them on to college or to a good job . . . . a man who has held a job 50 years without losing a day to absence . . . . a present-day Good Samaritan.

"Salute of the Week" is a way of giving flowers to the deserving while they can enjoy them; it is encouraging those who are doing their best against odds; it is presenting "good examples" to those still trying to find the way.

Yes, every once in a while it is good to write "nice things" about people, despite all the ugly in the world.

A little about a lot

Forewarned is forearmed

By Madeline W. Murphy

When Angela Davis was here for the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, she warned that there was a resurgence of violence and terror fostered by the Ku Klux Klan, and that it would grow as the economy worsened.

When more people became unemployed; when they cannot nurture their myths and stereotypes; when they must exercise democracy and be forced to obey laws they abhor (the federal desegregations orders, are an example) they begin to punish those they blame for their problems: first, blacks, then Jews; and finally, Catholics, a progression which hits three strongly political minorities.

Against this background, it is no surprise to read in the Evening Sun that "Women, once confined to auxiliary roles in the KKK are now becoming more active and vocal in some branches of the secretive white supremacy organizations."

And it is this kind of force, particularly in the nearly all white councilmanic districts, that will make this election chilling, as well as frightening.

At the same time, as women gather in Mexico to discuss their future role in the main stream of political, social, economic life, we find that they, who have been separated by oppression and repression, cover the gamut, from the most extreme to the very liberal of society.

Yet, in major discussion of any of the aforementioned problems, they must grapple with racism in all its forms to get to the basic roots of woman's inhumanity to women.

They will be hoodwinked, misled, and done in if they get sidetracked from the main reason wars are fought, jobs become non-existent; housing is poor, hunger is rampant, if they do not pair the problems of racism with feminism; so that they can achieve their identical goals.

Thus, the tone and temper of the upcoming Mayoral election reflects and plays upon superficiality and fears, for it too pits black against white.

It also responds to the extremists, not so much in word, but in deed, that tends to cover up racism with platitudes, high-jinks and sweet serenity, with nothing substantive that promises more full-time jobs for the poor, nor better health and housing — no accomplishments over the past four years that would point to better conditions for the poor and black.

Schaefer crossing the Inner Harbor only diverts our attention from the real needs of our people and makes a mockery of the promise of the Spirit of '76 — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!

Therefore, we must not only work vigorously to elect the right Mayor for this city, now half black and half white, but we must also look critically at conditions for city council. Will they dedicate themselves to programs that will help to solve the serious urban problems we have faced too long?

To quote, Judy Baton, a Klanswoman in Louisiana, "What we've got to do is fight. I don't mean with violence — unless, of course, it is to protect ourselves and our children. I mean fight politically, by electing congressmen and senators who feel just like we do."

If Klansmen would use the power and strength of their terrorist organization to accomplish their goals, we (to bad better take care of business this year) Forewarned is forearmed.

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).

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)

"If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who propose to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean's majestic waves without the awful roar of its waters."
(Frederick Douglass, 1817-1893)

"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

Food stamps free!!

Dear AFRO:

I am writing to express my horror at a Food Stamp advertisement which appeared in newspapers across the nation this week. The Maryland Food Stamp Coalition is concerned that low income, elderly and unemployed people get accurate, free information about food stamps, to which they are entitled by law.

The advertisement presented useful facts about food stamps. But, it ended with what looks suspiciously like the main reason for the paid insert, that people should send $3.50 to an organization in Canton, Ohio, and they would receive a guide to the food stamp program.

Our coalition wants to make one point to all Marylanders: Full and complete information on food stamps is available free.

There is no need whatsoever to pay someone for duplicates of material which can be obtained at no cost from such organizations as the Food Research Action Center (FRAC) in New York, the United States Department of Agriculture and local departments of Social Services.

In addition, Maryland has a Statewide Toll Free Hot Line, Baltimore (685-6700) elsewhere in Maryland (1-800-492-0618).

The Hot Line workers have complete information on eligibility, on where to get free written materials, and can provide assistance to people with food stamp problems.

MARY JO KIRSCHMAN
(Chairperson, Md. Food Stamp Coalition)

Exempt tax rebate

Dear AFRO:

Currently most Marylanders are happily either spending or banking by the way of the back door, "President Ford's $100 to $200 tax rebate program.

But lest not celebrate too fast, perhaps as the states like Maryland, make us stipulate as earnings our normal federal tax refund, they will also have a line for adding the tax rebate for total gross income.

We can't wait to see if this happens. Write your state senators and congressmen in Washington, as I have already done.

The populace let the White House over a decade ago pass the legislation which had us pay taxes on interest earned from bank savings. This money had been taxed once, and only placed in the bank for safe keeping, not to get rich. Our government personally placed us in a form of double jeopardy.

Let us not let them have us again; the rebate was an emergency situation. We didn't ask for it, so why should we suffer additional taxes.

JOHN F. BAILEY

Volunteers needed

Dear AFRO:

Woman Power will conduct its Voter Registration Drive beginning Saturday, July 12 through August 9, 1975, at the following eight locations:

Lafayette Market, Reisterstown Plaza, Cherry Hill, Broadway Shopping Center, Super Pride, Brown's Supermarket on North Ave., Northwood Shopping Center, Edmondson Village.

Volunteers are needed from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Although this is being sponsored by women, male volunteers are asked to join as well as teenagers.

All volunteers may contact Mrs. McKinnon, 383-0281; Ethel Rich, 685-7411; and Mrs. Vera LaCate, 297-6749.

MRS. EARL A. McKINNON

The Patterson issue

Dear AFRO:

Baltimore City is dealing with the largest issue of the moment, that of the Baltimore City school superintendent, Dr. Roland N. Patterson. I wish to make a few suggestions:

1. Let the City Fathers bear with the reality that one black man is making his type salary, and let everyone be aware that this is the underlying issue.

2. Consider the uniqueness, in that, out of the great number of senators, councilmen, ministers, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, educators and general citizens, there is only one — Baltimore City Public School superintendent. Support him.

3. Have this "unique" superintendent conform (not bend).

4. Have causes for the upper, middle and lower class citizens care about the education of the Baltimore City Public School children.

5. Cut the "noose," so that our young people will not have to witness the horrible, authentic lynchings of yesteryear.

6. Make the superintendent accountable.

7. And — when someone finds the time, eliminate the "designed" confusion in the entire system; teach the children, which is what the Baltimore City School System is really all about.

MRS. LORETTA L. TAZWELL

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.

Lacy column

Dear AFRO:

For years, I have been reading Sam Lacy's columns in the AFRO-AMERICAN, but I cannot recall any that has been as touching as the one he recently wrote as a Father's Day tribute.

It was magnificent and I do hope that many fathers and sons read it.

It took me back to my boyhood days and the wonderful relationship that existed between my late father and me; and for a while, I almost wished that it did not have to end.

To Sam Lacy: — Keep on writing in-depth articles.

C. R. CAMPBELL, M.D.

tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I am 16 and I have this problem with my boyfriend who is 19. We have been together for 1 year and 2 months.

I love him more than I even thought I could and he says that he feels the same way about me. But he doesn't come around me like he used to and we never go out anymore.

He calls just about every day, the reason for this, he says is because he's working 2 jobs and going to college.

He also tells me that things will get better but it takes time. He says he's planning for our future. I want to believe him because I have faith in him and the way I long to see him and he's always busy only hurts me.

I've talked it over with him and he tells me not to worry because he still feels the same way now that he always did. He treats me nice but I only want more of his time.

I hope I don't sound childish by saying that. But I do love him and can't afford to lose him. What can I do, sit and wait?

Worried But Keeping the Faith

Dear Worried:

If you want to keep him you will have to stop begging him. He's planning for your future. If you haven't finished high school, start cracking your books while he's studying or working. Get yourself a summer job and save your money so you can go to college too. If you're not careful he will outgrow you. Plan now to grow with him so you can communicate, understand one another and you'll be the kind of wife he needs.

Mr. Bumble prayer

"God Sends the Thread," by Alvena Hallett, is prayer of week. The spider starts to spin it webs
Without a thread in sight. . . .
But as it works, God sends the thread,
To weave the dream so light.
Be not afraid to start to weave,
That dream you would achieve
Trusting in God just go ahead,
He knows your need. He'll send the thread.

(Submitted by Mrs. Evelyn Gray of Lake Drive. Share your favorite prayer with AFRO's Mr. Bumble, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Salute of the week

(Readers are asked to submit names of persons deserving salute. Address letters to Salute of Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203).

Joyce A. Miller deserves the week's orchids because she has managed to smile despite a mistake which cost her the honors she earned when she graduated from Baltimore's Northwestern High School earlier this month.

One of 600 seniors, the 18-year-old Hanlon Ave., student should have been recognized as one of the top ten graduates of the class because of her 3.81 average.

However, a mathematical error computed by a faculty member, credited her with just 3.333, and so she didn't get proper recognition on graduation night.

Of course, she was disappointed that her name was omitted as one of the top honor students on the graduation program but two days after graduation things were corrected. Through it all, Joyce Miller has kept a game attitude about the whole thing.

School officials did a manual check of Joyce's grades, found the error and offered an apology which she accepted graciously. Principal Paul Gorman had a special ceremony to present her with the Merit Scholarship Award she deserved.

Other awards Joyce Miller received for academic scholarship include, the Foreign Language Department prize (which she shared with another student); the 'It's Academic Scholarship,' and a $500 four-year state scholarship from Senator Verda F. Welcome.

This latter award will enable her to continue her studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), where she will major in foreign language.

Miss Miller is the daughter of Mrs. Alyce B. Miller and James Miller. Her sister, Faith Miller Brooks is a May graduate of Morgan State College.

JOYCE A. MILLER
She smiled through it

S AND YOU

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Avoid rushing to conclusions. Conditions, may be in confused state. Means contracts, past agreements are likely to be radically revised, if not overturned.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Have fun without scattering efforts. You will be popular, socially active — but there are also responsibilities to fulfill. A secret is revealed and you could be in position of trust.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Restrictions, can be dealt with if you maintain steady pace. Avoid sensationalism. Be specific, factual — Don't promise more than can be delivered.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Seeking abrupt changes now might be an error. Key is to work with material at hand. Don't shake up authorities by making what might be considered unreasonable demands.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Maintain even, steady pace. Be diplomatic especially where family home relationships are concerned. Be aware of details, fine points — take nothing for granted.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't be deceived by money promises statements. Protect your own interests. See situation in realistic light.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You get action. You find that your judgement is accurate, although circumstances hurl obstacles in your path. Key is to recognize priorities — and to organize them. You'll get cooperation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Employment picture may be emphasized. You are finishing one phase of activity — and should be preparing for new regime. Be gracious. You will receive proper credit for correct summary.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Friend with problems may not be thinking too clearly. Know it and don't get caught up in confusion. Avoid basing actions on impulse. Highlight creativity.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You get cooperation by confiding in one who is older and has taken an interest in you. There is room for you at a more elevated position. But first, there might appear to be rejection, a set-back.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Confusion reigns — enjoy social activity without becoming involved in senseless controversy. Long-range plans, especially connected with vacation travel, could be subject to abrupt change.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Conserve energy — and cash. Someone wants something from you for nothing. Be gracious, not foolish. Don't give up valuables for mere whispered flattery. You must hold what you have in high esteem.

If YOU ask ME, ___ by bettye moss

Love note: Iris Mapp and Dr. Robert C. Lloyd have a July date with the parson.

She's the beauteous educator who retired last year as educational psychologist in the city schools.

He is the assistant superintendent personnel in the Baltimore city schools.

People being kind to others: Persons retiring from Morgan State College faculty and staff in mass transferees, will be honored at a dinner party this Sunday (cocktails at 6, dinner at 7).

Event is in the new McKeldin Student Center. Planning committee has tickets at $12 per.

To be cited are: Mrs. Irene Watson and Mrs. Amber Taylor, Library; James Murphy, director of Off-Campus Housing; Dr. Alexander Walker, political science; Sam Legg, Counseling;

Also, Dr. Bredahl Peterson, history; and Irving White, Mrs. Sinar Gibbs, Andrew Gibbs and Frank Stokes, maintenance.

Military transferees are Major Lovie M. Pearson and LTC John H. Branch.

Leaving for other posts, Donald Young, post office; and Ethel Stewart, Center For Continuing Education.

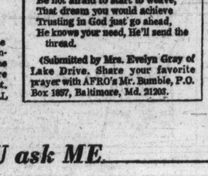
So-glad-you're better cards to Dr. William M. Garner, who was released from University Hospital on Friday after several weeks of confinement.

He is doing oh so much better. His friends and patients—who know him as a devoted and kindly friend, (who has administered to many of them, often without pay), will be happy to learn that lung ailment is much improved, and will want to encourage him to mind his doctor and get plenty of rest before he returns to his office.

Hellos will reach him if addressed to his Cold Spring Lane home.

People being kind to others: When John ("Junky") Wood announced his retirement, faculty at Joseph Briscoe School, parents and friends wanted to honor him.

But "Junky" would not have it. They did prevail upon him to join them on a recent Thursday evening out at the Ramada Inn where they pulled a surprise.



TO WED—Mrs. Iris Mapp and Dr. Robert C. Lloyd's plans told in accompanying Ask Me column.

In addition to school associates, his club, (Guardsmen) buddies were there. Also, his wife Dot, his brother, James (Biddy) Wood, who brought along the Sphinx Club orchestra and his wife, famed singer, Damita Jo. It was a lively party and a deserving tribute to a grand fellow.

Cuff Note: Mr. Wood is son of Mrs. Virgie Wood Waters and the late Dr. Francis M. Wood. His father served for 18 years as Director of Colored Schools, 1925-1943.

Another brother is following in the family tradition. Albert is a supervisor in the State Department of Education.

What is he proudest of during his 41 years in the system is question we put to the retiring principal, John (Junky) Wood. He told this column:

"The fact that I was able to see some of the students who had been under me, come back and do so well. That was my greatest aim. That's what education is all about."

Good News: Mrs. Anne Reed was honored as Mother of the Year by the Grace United Presbyterian Church and her daughter Frankie was graduated cum laude from Howard University School of Communication.

Three of our students were named to the Dean's List at Frostburg State College. They were, Miss Bonnie S Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin C. Edwards, Park St., Frostburg;

Edward M. Richardson, son of Mrs. Geraldine W. Brown, Springdale Ave., and Miss Joyce C. Worsley, daughter of Mrs. Christine Worsley, Duvall Ave.

People moving about: Navy Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Hayward Farrar, son of Mrs. Gloria Farrar of N. Linwood Ave., recently returned from San Francisco where he represented the Navy at the National Newspaper Publishers' Association annual convention.

The theme of this year's conference was "The Black Press as a Catalyst for Black Unity."

LTJG Farrar, presently assigned to the Navy's Office of Information at the Pentagon in Washington, is a special projects officer in the program coordination division.

He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and a Master's from the University of Chicago. Farrar previously served aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy.

Good News: Two Baltimore youngsters, Jerrilyn Keene, 12, and Charles Coleman, 10, won trophies as finalists in the National Marbles Tournament held last week in Wildwood, N.J.

Annual event involved some 2,000,000 children nationwide and was called the "Big Blue Championship" after "Big Blue Marble," the award-winning children's TV show sponsored by ITT.

More people traveling:

Ms. Charlotte R. Little of Randallstown, Md. is attending an American Home Economics Management Seminar at Trinity University in San Antonio, Tex. Ms. Little is a Supervisor of Home Economics with the Howard County Public Schools headquartered in Columbia, Md.

The management seminar precedes the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) convention in San Antonio June 21-26.

Another grad note: Miss Patricia Turner has received her master's degree in social work at Fordham University School of Social Service in NYC.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Rosie Turner and granddaughter of the late Rosie and Isiah Turner, South Baltimore pioneers.

For a good girl: Mrs. Anne C. Fuller presented her daughter, Leda, with a new Toyota-Celica. Leda is a June graduate of Western High School and the first black student to graduate from the Peabody Conservatory School of Ballet.

She has already begun studies at Goucher College, majoring in industrial psychology. She was admitted with advanced standing.

A quick glance through your old copies of "Young World" will further illustrate that this young lady is on her way up the ladder of success. Good girl!

People are reading

Books most often requested at the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library this week are listed below. If the one you want is not immediately available, the librarian can suggest another which you might enjoy.

NONFICTION

THE PALACE GUARD, by Dan Rather (E856.R37)

STRICTLY SPEAKING, by Edwin Newman (PE2808.N4)

THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE, by Charles F. Berlitz (G525.B48)

HELTER SKELTER, by Vincent Bugliosi (HV6533.C3B48)

FICTION

THE PIRATE, by Harold Robbins

THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT, by Sidney Sheldon

FEAR OF FLYING, by Erica Jong

THE REINCARNATION OF PETER PROUD, by Max E. Ehrlich

THE GUARDIAN, by John G. Heath

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.

QUESTION: I enclose for you a May 7, 1975 informational memorandum No. 28, regarding inquiries from news media which is posted in the University Hospital.

It is odd to me that the restrictions outlined here come after the discussions about the coronary care unit.

Is this an attempt to put a "gag rule" on employees? — G. F.

ANSWER: The University Hospital director's office assured AFRO-Line this is absolutely not a "gag rule" but a restatement of policy which dates back more than ten years.

What it means is that the Office of University Relations is the official spokesman to make sure that accurate statements are released to news media.

QUESTION: I saw on television that the Rent Control Law was passed in City Council this week. Today I received a letter from my landlord that there would be an 8% increase in my rent beginning July 1st. Does the law affect me?

In addition, I have been trying to get the wall repaired in my bathroom for the past year and have never missed a rent payment and it is still in need of repairs.

MRS. P. M.

ANSWER: A spokesman from the Consumer Protection Division told AFRO-Line that this new Rent Control Law does not go into effect until July 1. It is possible that this letter was mailed to you before the law was passed on Monday night.

With regards to repair problems or any other landlord-tenant problems, call Housing and Community Development, 396-8035 for advice.

Dear AFRO:

We are planning a silent march to protest the Army's use of beagles to test methods of toxic gas disposal and need the cooperation of your interested readers.

The march will be held at the main entrance to Edgewood Arsenal on Saturday, July 12, 1975, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Anyone desiring more information can obtain same by telephoning Animal Welfare League, at 426-2321 or 489-2028 or 686-1420.

B. J. SMALL

WHERE TO CALL

BALTIMORE ANSWERS YOU (RAY) — for help in problems with city agencies — 396-1234 — (19 a.m.-12:30 p.m.).

CONSUMER PROTECTION — for questionable business practices — 383-2702.

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND — Resulting from robberies or assaults — 539-6349.

DISASTERS — fires, floods, hurricanes — 685-6926.

EMERGENCY — Housing, heating, light — 234-2172 or 685-6926 — after 6 p.m. and weekends, 396-6726, 396-2035.

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, 396-3849; Drug Abuse Counseling, 396-2730; Job, 383-5485; Legal Aid, 539-5340; Rumor Control, 837-1182; Rape Center, 366-RAPE; Pension Reform, 962-2614.

MAYOR'S STATIONS — Govans, 396-0664; Greater Homewood, 396-6860; Northwest, 396-9297; Stewart Hill, 396-9297.

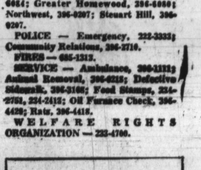
POLICE — Emergency, 222-3333; Community Relations, 396-3710.

FIRES — 685-2312.

SERVICES — Ambulance, 396-3232; Animal Removal, 396-6125; Defective sidewalk, 396-3180; Food Stamps, 234-2782, 234-2412; Oil Furnace Check, 396-6439; Rats, 396-4416.

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 232-4700.

August 11



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.