I am an American, and as an American, I would speak to America ... Frederick Douglass-1871-1895

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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.

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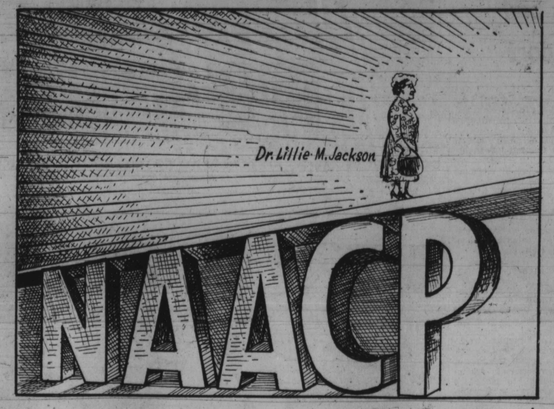

Dr. Lillie Jackson
You always knew where she stood

Nobody ever had to guess where Lillie Mae Carroll Jackson stood. She had the gumption, yes, the gall, to stand up speak up loud and clear against injustice wherever it existed.

Early in life as a bride she returned to her native Baltimore with her religious-film-maker-husband to rear a family.

Not content to be a housewife and confine her activities to her own small neighborhood, she branched out into the community, volunteering her time and services.

Before she died on Saturday at the age of 86, she had earned the title of Baltimore's great lady.

Awards and citations from city, state and national organizations attest she was truly a most remarkable champion in the battle for equal rights for all.

She took over the presidency of the floundering Baltimore branch NAACP in 1938. During this critical period as the NAACP broke discrimination barriers in education, housing and employment, she was the guiding light.

It was her earnestness and enthusiasm which inspired budding young attorneys like Thurgood Marshall, now U.S. Supreme Court justice, to take the issues to the nation's highest court which rendered landmark decisions.

The picture of 'Ma' Jackson lecturing a group of lawyers, waving a finger in the face of a department store owner who barred her neighbors, leading a picket line at a factory marching on Annapolis against police brutality, or to the White House to support civil rights legislation, is indelibly etched in the memory of those who labored with her for nearly 4 decades. She was courageous and outspoken on topics, never hesitated to express her concerns.

Her 'gall' prompted her to call on Gov. Tawes in 1961 and tell him to convene a special meeting of the legislature to pass a bill requiring all restaurants and public places to serve all. She dared and did.

Perceptive 'Ma' Jackson did not hesitate to tell members of another minority group who sought business of their black neighbors in one section of the city but denied them entrance in another that they were as bad as the Nazi.

She withstood all kinds of weather and abuse to lead a picket line and failed to move, even when others taller and stronger held back. "God's storehouse is full," she said. "All things are possible under God."

She was fervent in her opposition to liquor — "it — ravages our people." She called taverns "degrading," particularly when some sought to put them near public schools and churches.

She was adamant in her observance of the Sabbath and her opposition to what she called "swing" music and other "trifling" activities.

She was indeed the conscience of Baltimore. She prodded her fellow citizens to work and fight through the courts for justice.

Thank God for her life. We pray that Baltimore will continue to produce leaders who will not falter but continue the sacred effort of a woman who lived by the philosophy that public leadership, if it is to be effective, must be voiced promptly and without wavering.

A little about a lot — *by madeline w. murphy*
More on fundamental rights, less on hoopla

The contradictions in Hyman Pressman's recent statement that he doesn't object to wiretapping by the police against criminals so long as they don't do it to him, illustrates that the instigators of illegal eavesdropping usually become its victims.

Rather than be indignant about the abridgement of citizens' rights, Mayor William D. Schaefer, in his offhand way dismissed this outrage as if the ends justified the means. It makes one wonder what vested interest he has in its continuance.

The recent underhanded activities of the CIA and FBI prove that wiretapping and bugging slant and fabricate information in order to control the minds and actions of Americans as well as all foreign governments who don't go "our way".

In addition, some of the information gathered becomes the dangerous basis for blackmail of politicians and private citizens.

Moreover, the knowledge of being overheard leads to fear of communicating with outspoken activists to avoid guilt by association. People then fall into the cowardice of the three well known monkeys.

Then, as in George Orwell's "1984", group-think and group-speak paralyze the democratic process; rape it of its fundamental rights; and reduce the population to groveling informers.

Clearly, history unheaded is repeated, and the likes of Pressman and Schaefer never learn the lesson, despite the same methods used against 6½ million Jews in German; in the downfall of Allende in Chile, that is causing untold terrorism and misery; in the assassinations of Trujillo, Diem, the wars of imperialism in Mozambique, Vietnam, Cambodia; the Mayaguez incident, Next: North Korea? the world?

It is amazing how one listening device becomes obsolete the moment another is designed, outpacing any sophisticated means of immediate detection.

At the same time, it is ludicrous that depending upon the telephone company to find these devices is like sending the fox to guard the chickens, for Ma Bell has been revealed to have worked hand in glove with law enforcement agencies in numerous illegalities.

Yet, on the pretext that listening devices are necessary to detect crime and criminals, people willingly give up their rights at any cost to be safe on the streets, driven into hysteria by instantaneous crime reporting that merely exacerbates the hysteria.

While television glorifies the CIA and FBI, organized crime is revealed to be the necessary enforcement, assassinating arm of government, competing with multinational corporations.

Against this background, it becomes prime time for policemen like those in New York City to trade upon a "Fear City" campaign to blackmail citizens into maintaining and enlarging a force that oft-times thrives upon crime and corruption.

Inevitably, the police force no longer remains the servant of the people.

As it grows larger and more powerful, as crime rates seem to spiral, it evolves into the dictator for the lunatic fringe, who retreat into their private arsenals, using this newly found raging power to also put down any dissenting voices that would have us examine this corrupting force, and come nearer to a democratic government.

Considering all these horrifying revelations in this much-touted Bicentennial Year, perhaps we should spend less time on hoopla, fireworks and fractured history, and more on how to restore the fundamental rights that seemed so dear to the revolutionaries, the dissenters, who developed the foundation for a democracy in this country, two hundred years ago.

Now and then — *'Playing games' and strange bedfellows'*

By G. James Fleming

As serious and "dedicated" as Rep. Parren J. Mitchell is, he may be accused of "playing games" with his black constituency and their white supporters in his recent charade about being a candidate for mayor of Baltimore city against William Donald Schaefer, the incumbent.

Congressman Mitchell is too smart not to have done his "homework" and to learn, therefrom, that 1975 is not the year in which a black candidate could be elected, competing with a very popular and people-serving white mayor.

He certain must have felt the pulse of the black community — or he should have felt it—indicating that there is widespread satisfaction with the mayor.

Nevertheless, the grand-standed that he would oppose Schaefer, unless the mayor included a black running-mate for one of the other two top positions on his ticket.

This was the old-fashioned "squeeze play." But the mayor responded by not fielding a ticket.

Instead, he is running as a "loner." Thus, the Congressman failed in his objective, a failure that could have been predicted.

A squeeze play is a legitimate device of political pressure, but it must never be taken for granted that the intended victim will drop dead.

Mr. Mitchell orated that he was sure that that he could win against Mr. Schaefer, and he spoke as a man having a mandate from the gods, at least from "the people."

Last week, however, he found all kinds of words to explain and justify why he would not file the mayoralty election and why he was withdrawing from the race.

Chuck Stone, author of "Black Politics in America," has a good word for Congressman Mitchell's abortive gesture. He thinks it was valuable in making blacks "more aware," politically.

But there is another side. One should not fool the people; one should not mislead them; one should not toy with their emotions.

At least, one cannot do these things without "turning off" the people from future enthusiasm and response for a cause. It is the old story of those who cry, "Wolf, wolf."

This column does not believe that Congressman Mitchell ever intended to run for mayor. Certainly, he held on to his congressional seat ($42,000 annually, plus many fringe benefits); certainly he must have read the political handwritings.

Being most charitable, it may be that Mr. Mitchell permitted temper and frustration, and dissatisfaction with "the system" to get the better of him. At worst, it was a case of "playing games."

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS—The present "love affair" between State Senators Verda Welcome and Clarence Mitchell, III, is a fresh reminder that political does, indeed, make strange bedfellows.

But, it is nothing new, neither in Baltimore nor in the rest of the nation.

The Mitchell-Welcome union is also a reminder that politics is very self-centered and self-serving, regardless of how politicians talk of "serving the public interest," or of "the people come first," or of "I am not interested in myself."

It's no wonder that cynics sometimes say that a politician "will kill his own mother"—a too-extreme statement most of the time.

In the new d'etente between the two senators, they have broken with a previous "bedfellow" alliance with the Metro (citywide) Democratic Organization, noted for its money and its "connections."

The present betting is that Senator Welcome, (and her Fourth District Democratic Organization), stands to lose most of all in the present arrangements.

No one to whom this column has spoken believes that the new combination can defeat incumbent Victorine Q. Adams, of Metro.

In her own right, she has a solid flowing based on her good works, among them being the founder of Woman Power, Inc., and of the Colored Women's Democratic Club, and outstanding as a money-raiser for the new Provident Hospital.

Then, there is incumbent Dr. Emerson Julian, who has also been dropped by the Welcome-Mitchell organization, but who is a substantial vote-getter and whose name is a "household word."

In contrasting a Metro ticket, led by V. Q. Adams and Dr. Julian, the new alliance will have unknowns, except for incumbent Mary B. Adams, city councilwoman.

It cannot be overlooked, either, that while the Welcome-Mitchell togetherness may be palatable and expedient for election time (if it lasts through the City Council election), it contributes little to political organization-building or to community unity.

Political excitement — *Morgan U. applauds Gov. Mandel*

A degree of quiet political excitement is stirring in Baltimore with Rep. Parren J. Mitchell at its center.

There is nothing new about the congressman's decision to strongly support Del. John Douglass for the comptroller's office in the Democratic primary.

But his decision to take to the streets on behalf of Douglass has drawn some most welcome response from black Eastside politicians who are volunteering the idea that this could be the beginning of the end of a dangerous friction that has existed among some of them and Congressman Mitchell.

In addition to the long-run importance of such smoking of the political peace pipe, there could be a crucially important immediate benefit.

It is no secret that powerful black politicians in East Baltimore, such as Senator Robert J. Douglass and Councilmen Clarence (Du) Burns, have been interested in seeing a big black voter turnout for Mayor Schaefer and City Council President Walter Orlinsky.

Now with the black community's top political leaders apparently ready to go for Schaefer, Orlinsky and Douglass, it should be easier to win some sort of backing for Douglass from Schaefer and Orlinsky.

The kind of commitment desired from Mayor Schaefer and Orlinsky is that which puts some of any election money they have behind Douglass and boosts for him in white areas—boosts that include his showing up with them as someone they would like to see as comptroller.

Black politicians, miraculously, suddenly have brought their too-often divided forces to a point where with a little mutual support at the top, Douglass can be a winner.

Douglass needs between 18 and 26 per cent of the white vote, and a man with his demonstrated capabilities (ask any of the state legislators or professional associates) can get that with a little help.

(Following is the citation given Md. Governor Marvin Mandel at the July 3 convocation which saw Morgan State become a university. The salute was signed by Morgan President Andrew Billingsley. It was read to the state's chief executive during the convocation by Dr. Lucia Hawthorne, associate professor of Speech Communication and Theatre Arts. Photos and story of the convocation appeared in the AFRO, July 8, 1975 edition.)

The Honorable Marvin Mandel, distinguished alumnus and friend of Morgan State College.

On this historic occasion, the Morgan community would like to recognize your significant friendship and support over the years.

First, you have been the State's Chief Executive during the administration of four of our presidents: Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, with whom the concept of Morgan State Univessity was born; Dr. King V. Cheek, who further advocated university status; Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, who saw his dream come to fruition during his second term; and our current president, Dr. Andrew Billingsley, who becomes the first President of Morgan State University.

Each of these men has given testimony to your friendship and support.

Secondly, whenever we have requested your presence for special occasions, you have made every effort to join us. When your busy schedule precluded your being with us, you made certain that the Office of the Governor was represented.

We take note of your presence at the 1972 Commencement Exercises when you became an honorary alumnus and the 1974 Homecoming Festivities when you paid special attention to the needs of our athletic facilities.

Thirdly, you have been concerned with the larger Morgan family. You have appointed various Morgan Alumni to key positions in the State Government.

In other ways, too, you have responded to the needs of Morgan. Here, we take particular note of your intervention to assure that one of our students received due process and the opportunity to complete his education.

As a man born of humble origin who made his way by hard work and talent to the top echelons of achievement at the state and national levels, we know that you are understanding of the problems of the disadvantaged.

Your support for higher education in Maryland is well known. The State education appropriation has steadily increased during your administration.

The building program has made vast studies under your leadership.

Today, it is almost possible for every Maryland citizen to find an institution of higher education within his own community.

Moreover, through your leadership, access to equality of educational opportunity has steadily broadened through State sharing of some of the financial burden of the cities and counties for construction of elementary and secondary facilities.

All of us in education and citizens alike applaud you for the leadership you showed in appointing and giving broad mandate and support to the Rosenberg Commission on the Structure and Governance of Education at all levels in the State.

We, at Morgan, are confident that your leadership will continue to see the recommendations of this Commission through fruition.

Further, while some southern states have indicated that predominantly black colleges are no longer needed, Maryland has made the decision that predominantly black institutions of higher education should be retained and strengthened.

We confess to being very concerned about the fact that though Maryland is a very rich state, it has not yet provided the highest priority to education that it deserves.

While our State ranks 10th among the fifty states in per capita income, but 39th among the states in per capita expenditure for education, we are confident that the kind of leadership you have shown during the last few years will move Maryland closer to the top of this ranking order.

We, at Morgan, take this opportunity to recognize your outstanding support of higher education in Maryland.

We particularly appreciate your continued interest in closing the gap between the educational attainment of Black citizens and that of other citizens of our beloved State.

This interest was clearly demonstrated when, on Thursday, May 15, 1975, on behalf of all the citizens of this State, you affixed your signature to Senate Bill 354, known to some of as as Welcome Bill, which created Morgan State University effective July 1, 1975.

We will need and will count on your continued friendship and support so that this institution may become yet a stronger instrument in meeting the educational needs of the citizens of this State.

By these acts and commitments, you have incurred a place in history for yourself, your administration, our government and our people.

In honoring you, therefore, we honor the people of this State and pledge ourselves to the fullest pursuit and the most careful stewardship of the opportunities for service which the university makes possible.

Thus, on this historic occasion, we extend to you both our appreciation and our congratulations.

Police and community

The 75-page report released this week by the Baltimore Community Relations Commission, directed by John B. Perron concludes with 20 recommendations designed to encourage the police and the community to work positively together "in the spirit of mutual respect."

In its introduction, the report notes something we have reason to believe is cause for great concern — relationships between the police department and communities, particularly in low income neighborhoods have never been good and are not now good.

For some time, we've noticed an increase in complaints to our City Desk. At all hours of the day and night, callers relate frictions and misunderstandings between residents and those who are charged with maintaining law and order.

The report observes most residents are law abiding on one hand and seed the services of the police for their personal safety, but are fearful of the men in blue. The fear is shared by policemen themselves.

So what to do about it? Recommendation No. 3 in the summary suggests the following:

"The Community Relations Division sole responsibility should be to promote greater mutual respect between the citizens and the Police Department. The Community Relations Division should be free to conduct a continuous objective evaluation of all police actions to insure that the police are doing their part to instill public confidence and a spirit of community cooperation with respect to necessary crime fighting activities."

This suggestion should be implemented promptly.

Two AFRO photographers arrested while covering public events would agree — last month our Ben Phillips nabbed at a School Board meeting, and, this week, our Bob Matthews at the protest demonstration in Uplands Apartments.

The police department's community relations slip has to be showing.

The irony of it is that these two photographers are the only newsmen who regularly cover police graduations and special events.

In our judgement, the police department's underclothes are hanging not only in the instance of AFRO photographers, but in the whole handling of arrests of Uplands residents.

There ought to be a plan developed where police officers should not be asked to serve as rent collectors.

Herb Moseley, M.D.

Many physicians are so concerned with helping others they fail to follow their own advice.

Herbert Lee Moseley, M.D., was a dedicated mentor and doctor who pushed himself, sometimes beyond endurance, because a friend or patient needed him.

His own ailing heart gave out on July 4. He was 66. Fellow Baltimoreans whom he served for 30 years, will miss a great and good friend.

AFRO credo

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the potential it represents. 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 21, 1929)
(From the Papers of John H. Murphy Sr., who founded the AFRO-AMERICAN, Aug. 13, 1892)

67 years ago, we said

One of the greatest troubles with which the Negro has to deal is with that large, but we are thankful to say, but rapidly decreasing class that are still fighting the battles of the Civil War. Too bad, but it seems that they have not found out that the war is over for good and all.

JOHN H. MURPHY SR.
Editor-Publisher, 1908

"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

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Principal Ike White

Dear AFRO:

Contrary to Principal Isaiah White's reasoning, many persons retired because of 30 or more years of service and the remuneration was adequate for their styles of living.

Regardless of Dr. Patterson's policies—sanctioned by the School Board (?) I doubt that anyone retired who could not AFFORD to do so!

As to "favoritism," why didn't Mr. White investigate the principals, assistant principals, and supervisors who prior to Dr. Patterson's regime were without credits in supervision, administration, reading?

There were those who were without even a four-year college degree but had been in the system between 20 and 30 years.

Tonight's television reports (July 2), showed Messrs Schafer, Owens and White giving hearsay information—"a person I know," "two or three people said to me."

It's hard to believe that leading citizens are doing this type of reporting and evaluating. There should be some remedial teaching for those people who dare set in judgment upon a person of Dr. Patterson's calibre.

Incidentally, is it that the superintendent doesn't know how to "talk" to people or that those to whom he speaks are easily offended and-or grossly misinterpret the remarks of the speaker?

Sign me as a happily retired supporter of Dr. Patterson.—T.V.

(Ed's Note: The writer signed name and address. Name withheld at writer's request)

People need help

Dear AFRO:

I write as a humanitarian, and for men and women of conscience; and I base my right to speak out on the dangers of nuclear weapons and their cost when people need help.

I am constantly haunted by the knowledge of children and old people suffering from hunger, poor housing, and lack of clothing while billions of dollars are wasted on scientific futility and nuclear weapons to be used in international power politics. The arms race is quite frightening.

Poverty does not only mean hunger, poor housing and lack of clothing. Poverty eats into the very soul of people. It is a soul-degrading experience.

All of us need to become more deeply involved in exhibiting greater awareness of human needs, a deeper sense of responsibility for our fellowman, and to take a firm stand for government to shape a way of life to halt the misery in which thousands of Americans live.

The short-sightedness of the Government, and above all its apparent inability to discard outworn ideas are leading us into further social ills and injustices.

Much change in governmental policies and public opinion is still needed. The awakening and fostering of the principles of decency, justice, fair play towards every form of life capable of suffering.

The strength of concern and anxiety about unfavourable situations for the poor and the needy is something Congress should not trifle with.

The people are tired of arms-chair talk, idle promises and empty words. They want ACTION in social consideration and FAST.—Dr. SHEILA WATERS, Hon. Secretary, The Society for Humanity and Social Reform (Int.)

PAC banquet

Dear AFRO:

Although I'm extremely late in doing this I do want to extend to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kindness in giving extensive coverage to the Wards Banquet of the Parent Advisory Council of ESEA Title I Schools in the June 17 edition.

The sheer joy and delight you brought to the members of this organization can never be fully expressed in a letter but the numerous calls to this office revealed complete satisfaction on the part of those pictured.

We had anticipated a picture and a short write-up but never front page coverage. Mrs. Annie Chappell expressed her gratitude in tears when she saw her picture.

Many of the PAC members bought extra copies of the AFRO to send to friends and relatives out of town.

Again, many thanks for honoring us with your presence at this the first annual Award Banquet of this distinguished group of parents. (Mrs. BARBARA J. PATTERSON, ESEA Title I Disseminator and Prent Advisory Council Liaison

Tri-State Elks

Dear AFRO:

I beg you to accept our appreciative thanks for your great kindness to our Tri-State Association.

Especially do I want to thank Mr. Benjamin Murphy Phillips, for the fine photography. — DAVID A. SHOCKLY

Thanks

Dear AFRO:

We, on behalf of the members of the Baltimore Youth and Young Adult Community Organization, wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for your recognition and help given to us since our formation.

STEPHEN T. MILBURN
President
(Editor's note: This program is headquartered at the Druid Hill YMCA, 1619 Druid Hill Ave.).

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Sentences

Dear AFRO:

I wonder how the Watergate men, who have served relatively short terms, would have felt if they had received indeterminate sentences for their offenses, their families disappointed countless times when they said they were coming home, and after many years were still in prison waiting until their minds were "in tune" with the system?

What a loud and strong cry for prison reform would have been heard! Think about it . . . .

ELISSA WARD JOHNSON

Liked Salute

Dear AFRO:

Thank you for the very nice "Salute of the Week" to my daughter, Joyce A. Miller.

The well-written article more than compensated her for the recognition she failed to receive on her graduation night.—ALYCE B. MILLER

Dear Jan,

I think I have a very serious problem. My boyfriend is in college. Everytime he comes home, he ask me about a girl friend of mine.

He has only seen this other girl once and she won't have anything to do with him, but he doesn't know that.

He doesn't know that making love is not my thing. Jan, I know that he doesn't really care about me. Please tell me what you think I should do. I am 16 and he is 20.. WHICH ONE

Dear W.A.O.

What you should do is tell him to get lost. He thinks you're young and dumb because he is in college. So you be smarter and don't fall for his line.

Dear Jan,

I am 2 weeks pregnant, but I don't know want to save the baby because I already have a small child. Tell me what to do. I am 17 and still in school and I want to finish. I can't take the pill because of other health reasons. No one knows that I am pregnant but me. HELP FAST!

Dear Help Fast:

Call the Health and Welfare Council, 752-4146 and tell them your problem. They are a referral service and will tell you where to go and how to solve your problem. Their services are free.

SALUTE OF THE WEEK
Peter Carter, 100 years old

On Saturday, July 12, Peter Carter of the 1500 block of N. Milton Ave. will be 100 years old.

He attributes long life to having walked every day and having "a little taste" every morning.

And although he does not walk as much as he used to, he is thankful that he is in good health and has his own teeth.

A visitor is struck by the fact that his skin is like velvet and that he walks very straight.

Mr. Carter, one of sixteen children of Ned and Ellen Carter, was born in King William County, Va. One sister, Mrs. Mozelle Miles, in her nineties, is confined to Baltimore City Hospitals.

The family settled in Baltimore in 1904, the same year as the great fire.

Mr. Carter recalls that he worked as a stevedore for years for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Dundalk Iron Foundry. He retired after forty years' service.

His wife Mrs. Nettie Arnetta Wilson Carter died in 1928.

Five generations of the family are living—4 children, 20 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great - grandchildren and 2 great, great, great-grandchildren.

The four children are Rodney Carter, retired government worker who lives in Glen Burie; Mrs. Hazel Cross, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Bennett, both housewives, and Arnett Carter a truck driver.

Mr. Carter recalls vividly the horse drawn milk carriers which traveled the streets in west Baltimore where the family lived until the mother died.

They resided near the old Western Maryland Dairy on Linden Ave.

"We used to hear them about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. We were neighbors of Josiah Diggs. In fact, we lived three doors from him.

(Editor's Note: Josiah Diggs was the well known pioneer businessman).

Mr. Carter comes from a family of long livers. He remembers that his brother, Thomas Braxton, was 101 when he died in 1961.

Except that he has slowed down a bit in his walking and his legs have "swelled a bit," and, in the last few years he has had to take heart pills, Mr. Carter is in pretty good shape.

His longevity could be due to the fact that he used to make his own medicine:—"He'd go down to Glen Burnie and get wild cherrie from his brother's place and then he'd buy gin and mix it with some kind of clean sticks he would buy in the drug store.

"He called it stick gin and he would take a little bit every morning in a wine glass," a daughter said.

What does a man of 100 do to pass away the time of day? In Mr. Carter's case, a friend goes to the store to pick up a paper every morning, and sometimes he watches television. He likes black comedians.

The daughter, Mrs. Bennett, with whom he resides confides that her daddy "doesn't like me to cook for him. He is mostly a vegetarian so he doesn't eat much meat. He makes his own bread, rolls and cornbread.

"I don't let him do too much but when he gets to stirring, I let him go ahead and do it."

PETER CARTER
100 years old with skin of velvet

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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—I would like to see the AFRO publish on a regular basis a list of all places that have been hauled to court by the Health Department for food violations. This report would be most valuable to the consumer. — H.R.

ANSWER—A Bureau of Food Control advises that such information is available to the press. If the reader or the neighborhood group in the area has a complaint about a particular food outlet, AFRO Line will follow through. Write us.

QUESTION — The picture page of Morgan University Day was superb. I notice that the Billingsley girls are both 11. Are they twins? — N.R.

ANSWER: No, they are one year and one day apart. Bonita born May 25, 1964 is 11 and Angela born May 24, 1963 is 12.

QUESTION: In the June 17 edition of the AFRO on page 12 is a picture, "Love A Parade" which refers to dates in May. Is there a special reason for this or was it a mistake? Mrs. M.D.

ANSWER: A Mistake. We're sorry.

Special note

To "Unhappy at U. of Md.'—Your letter is interesting, but as we have said repeatedly on this page, the AFRO does NOT print unsigned letters and-or letters with typed signature.

Sign your name and address and send us another letter. If you make your complaints official, we'll print your letter and we'll withhold your name if you so request.

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 — 467-5005.

EMERGENCY — Housing, heating, light — 234-2172 or 685-6525 — after 6 p.m. and weekends, 396-2726, 396-2853.

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, 396-3700; Rape Center, 366-RAPE; Pension Reform, 962-2914.

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POLICE — Emergency, 222-3333; Community Relations, 396-2719.

FIRES — 685-1313.

SERVICE — Ambulance, 396-1111; Animal Removal, 396-6218; Defective Sidewalk, 396-3168; Food Stamps, 234-2751, 234-2413; Oil Furnace Check, 396-3429; Rats, 396-6418.

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 235-1700.

If YOU ask ME — *by bettye moss*

Pleasant visitors in our B-more town are Father and Mrs. Lionel Bowen of Pill, England, where he is minister of the Christ Church, the Episcopal mission. Her first name is Grace.

This month, Father Bowen is exchange minister at St. James Episcopal Church, whose pastor, Father Donald O. Wilson is serving as exchange minister at the England Church.

While in our town, the Bowens are guests at the Wilson home. Mrs. Wilson (Theda), and two of their daughters, Millie and Sylvia, remained here.

Daughter, Juana, accompanied her father. So did two of St. James acolytes, Ashley Johnson and William (Beaver) Slater.

Cuff note: It was Father Bowen who officiated at the Tuesday morning rites for Dr. Herbert L. Moseley Jr., assisted by the associate minister, Father Joseph Forrester.

Perfectly beautiful English-speaker is he.

Impressive—the choir music directed by Maurice Murphy who was at the organ. Tenor soloist Sylvester Graves was magnificent in his rendition of 'There Is A Balm In Gilead.'

More visitors in our town: The Aaron Ellises (Mary), are hosting her sister, Miss Laura Weaver, the Rome, Ga. teacher; and her cousin Mrs. Louise Gooden, the retired Birmingham teacher.

Grad note:—Marshall Berteam Murray, son of Mrs. Burnetta Murray, and the late Marshall Murray, was graduated recently from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

The—graduation activities were attended by his mother and other relatives and friends from Baltimore.

Among them, Mrs. Slewellyn Walker, aunt; Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Husketh, uncle and aunt;

Also Mrs. Alvena Davis, aunt; Mrs. Kay Patterson sister, Mrs. Rosa Bowles and Mr. and Mrs. William T. Candy.

Young Murray is a graduate of Forest Park High.

People doing nice things for others: When Dr. and Mrs. Emerson Walden and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Thomas H. Briscoe hosted a debutante reception on Sunday at the Rouse Building in Columbia.

Daughters presented were: Carolyn Ann Briscoe, a student at Samuel Readdy, who plans to go to Fisk University; and Celonia Arguene Walden, Wilde Lake grad who plans to study law at Howard University.

The Waldens also presented a foster daughter, Nancy Jerute Bomett of Kenya, who is also a student at Wilde Lake High in Columbia.

* Send get well cards, no visitors please, to Richard T. Bennett at Sinai Hospital, Mt. Pleasant Building, Room 189.

Many know him as the retired postal clerk and member of Christ Methodist Church. Also, his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, the principal of Rosemount Elementary School No. 63.

Good news about good neighbors: Word from Provident Hospital is that the following are improving:

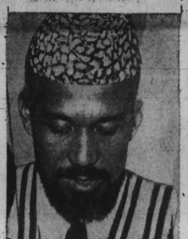
Dr. Evan Gilkes, the physician; Mrs. Margaret Wheatley, the housing exec.; and Mrs. Ivora Gibson and Mrs. Winona Collins, retired teacher.

Sad note: John Akar, M.B.E., the former Sierra Leone ambassador to the United States died, June 23 in Kingston, Jamaica. He was 49.

Baltimoreans may remember him as the tall, distinguished-looking scholar in residence at Morgan State College in 1966.

Remember how he thrilled folks when he appeared as guest artist at the Pierian Club's annual affair?

Remember how he was much in demand at colleges all over the U.S., and most popular in embassy circles in D.C.?



JOHN AKAR
Famed scholar dead

A member of Most Distinguished Order of the British Empire, Dr. Akar was noted as lecturer, playwright and director. His friend, Morgan art head, Dr. James Lewis, who brought him to Morgan, was shocked when he heard news of the unexpected death of the young genius.

Grad notes— A. Edward Franklin, former Hilltopper, received a master's degree, with honors, in Public Administration from Northeastern University in Boston.

Now Director of Management with the Federal Energy Administration in Boston, Mr. Franklin served for several years as an executive with the Baltimore YMCA, and the Baltimore Community Action Agency.

He and his wife, Rose, live in Hollston, Mass. Their two children are Eddie, 11; and Karen, 8.

More grad news. Eunice U. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Phoenicie C. Smith was the first black female graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry.

She was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools, and did her college work at Morgan.

Cuff Note: During her senior year at Western High School Miss Smith worked as a part-time dental assistant for two prominent orthodontist in the northwest section of Baltimore.

She confides this was a motivating factor which led her to pursue a career in dental hygiene.

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

(From the AFRO-AMERICAN, April, 1893)

'S AND YOU

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Doubts assail you and you must make a special effort to clear up matters. Color Pink.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relax—this will be a pleasant day in good company. Color Blue

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep Calm and do something you enjoy. Forget your worries. Color Red

CANCER (June 21-July 20): Put some of your bright ideas into practice. Matters of the heart intensify. Color Gray

LEO (July 21-Aug. 22): New horizons open up and there is a chance of a journey. Matters of the heart leave a lot to be desired. Color White.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't get tensed up. Avoid unpleasant arguments. Romance goes well. Color Purple

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get organized so that you can achieve some results. Considerable support from friends. Color Green

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will achieve a great deal. Personal affairs require careful handling. Color Yellow

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some upsets likely. Cut down on engagements and avoid getting irritable. Color Brown

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you know exactly what you want, you will get on and conclude something worthwhile. Color Gold

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Studies and travel plans are important. Big plans mature. Only private affairs need careful handling. Color Orange

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You tend to brood and create problems where there are none. Be more optimistic. Color Mauve

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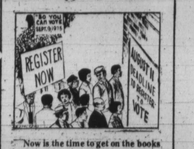

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Applications are also available at all Enoch Pratt Libraries, all Urban Services Agency offices and all major department stores downtown and in the outlying areas.

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

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