"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

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 (1889-1967)
Editor-Publisher (1922-1967)

Birthday time for many

Birthdays and anniversaries are usually happy occasions when people pause to congratulate others because they have reached another milestone.

This week on August 13, 1975, the AFRO-AMERICAN was 83 years old. With this edition today, we are three days into our 84th year.

MINERVA JACKSON

In earlier editions this week we reported the history of how the AFRO was born in 1892. We told about the founder, John H. Murphy, Sr., and the other pioneers, St. James Church minister Father George F. Bragg, and Sharon Baptist church pastor, the Rev. William M. Alexander, played a key role in the early days.

As we do periodically on our birthdays we turned the tables and asked readers who celebrate at the same time to tell us about their special day.

Our mailbox has been full of letters. Relatives, friends of readers and readers themselves have written to express their gratitude, their concern and their hopes and dreams for the future, as well as their gratitude for the past. We have printed many of them and will continue to do so this month.

Actually, that's what birthdays are all about, a chance to pause, to remember, to take stock, and to plan ahead.

Featured in our special Birthday Tribute here is an AFRO reader who has reached the century mark.

We visited Mrs. Minerva Jackson at her Pressman St. home this week to find that she is active, alert and interested in the world about her.

Mrs. Jackson and her late husband, Caesar Jackson had 10 children, four of whom are living. They are Mrs. Carrie Cary, Mrs. Maggie Byrd, both of Baltimore; Mrs. Martha Carey, Willie Jackson, both of Worcester County, Va.

She has 23 grandchildren and more than 50 great grandchildren. On this our 83rd birthday, we are happy to salute Mrs. Minerva Jackson, 100 years young on August 14.

But it's the law

Back in 1954 when the U. S. Supreme Court outlawed separate but equal schools and ordered speedy integration, there were public officials and other well meaning citizens who complained it couldn't work and said, "The heck with Uncle Sam", or stronger words to that effect.

Here we are in this year 1975 with a similar situation. The Health, Education and Welfare Department (HEW) has mandated meaningful integration of the public schools of the nation. Baltimore included, and in institutions of higher learning by fall.

In fact, unless Maryland has an acceptable desegregation plan by October, 1975, the 30 public colleges and universities could lose a who-ping $100 million in federal aid.

In Baltimore City, schools could suffer a loss of $11 million or more U.S. support.

Twenty one years ago, the states and their subdivisions maintained predominantly white school facilities and excluded minority students or admitted them on quota.

Today, because many urban city systems are predominantly black and planners have held to old fashion assignment plans, many of the schools are nearly all black.

It is distressing to hear some public official suggest that the federal government should foot the bill to desegregate schools as Mayor Schaefer did this week when the Board of Estimates meeting turned down the schools request for funds to implement a plan.

It is equally discomforting to hear state officials like Lt. Gov. Blair Lee, talk about ignoring the integration order for state institutions.

Baltimore does not need a Boston here. Maryland does not need disintegration of its higher education system. But both of these events could occur if responsible officials have not studied the lessons of the past and work to obey the law no matter how painful.

There is a bright light in the picture and congratulations are due Baltimore public school officials. They have already taken steps to initiate education campaigns among staff and parents.

In an effort to implement a desegregation plan the Baltimore public schools are arranging a series of workshops and training conferences designed to insure the smooth opening of schools next month.

From August 21-22 there will be a training conference with community involvement and then, August 25-29, school personnel will have intensive training in how to deal with crisis situations which could develop when their schools make changes to conform with desegregation guidelines.

The same thing is true of a town meeting entitled "Integration, Quality Education for All" scheduled for this coming Tuesday, at 7:30 at the Unitarian University Church at Charles and Favette Streets in downtown Baltimore.

Here, it is significant that the keynote address documenting lessons from Boston will be given by Penny Halfpenny who is coordinator of the Massachusetts Alliance Against Races and Political Repression. A panelist will include local educators.

This, we submit, is a more meaningful direction in which we should be moving a month before schools are scheduled to open and a new desegregation plan is to be effected.

Further city and state officials should find funds to initiate the HEW orders and to start training workshops for the inevitable.

Meaningful desegregation is the order of the land and should be followed with all deliberate speed.

Now and then by g. james flemming
Roland Park power at City Hall

"Not "Black Power" but "Roland Park Power" was demonstrated a few days ago at City Council. The council chambers were crowded by the leading, most upper-class residents of Baltimore, those who live in the city's most prestigious enclave.

They were low-key in dress and demeanor; they reflected culture, wealth and education; they recalled inheritance from past generations, and they were white.

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People are reading

Books most often requested at the branches of the Enoch Pratt Free Library are listed below.

If the one you want is not immediately available, the librarian can suggest another which you might enjoy.

NONFICTION

HELTER SKELTER, by Vincent Bugliosi (HV6533.C2B83)

THE PALACE GUARD, by Dan Rather (E855.R37)

STRICTLY SPEAKING, by Edwin Newman (PE2808.N4)

WHEN I SAY NO, I FEEL GUILTY, by Manuel J. Smith (BF575.A85S65)

STRANGER AT THE PARTY, by Helen Lawrenson (PN4874.L28A37)

FICTION

THE PIRATE, by Harold Robbins

FEAR OF FLYING, by Erica Jong

REINCARNATION OF PETER PROUD, by Max S. Ehrlich

THE HEART LISTENS, by Helen Van Slyke

OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT, by Sidney Sheldon

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 presented 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).

Joan Little, same old thing

Worldwide coverage is focused on the Joan Little case in Raleigh, N.C.

What is the reason for such overwhelming interest? Is it merely the juicy sex story? Or is it that the testimony has recalled the cases of millions of black women tortured and abused during slavery.

Miss Little, a 21-year-old Washington, N.C., resident, is on trial for killing the white jailer she said forced her to have sex relations with him while she was lodged in jail.

The testimony has increased interest because of the sex angle but for those who have read their history books or heard the stories from their ancestors, black women have been mistreated by white masters and employers for ages.

They have been beaten, raped, forced to work from sun up to sun down and to rear the children the masters made them bear.

Historians and sociologists tell us that circumstances of the Joan Little case are familiar ones to millions of women, now dead, and to some still living.

For a historical review, we recommend, the J. A. Rogers series, "Sex and Race."

For the way things were and are still happening, we recall these recent writings.

Dr. Robert Staples in The Black Woman in America:

"Black women are generally opposed to any sexual liaison with white men. Historically, black women have been raped by white men and have been subject to all sorts of other sexual abuses by them".

And, Dr. Alvin Poussaint, who adds:

Even today when black woman have more freedom from the wanton desires of the white male, she is subject of annoying, obscene approaches of white men, both on the street and at social gatherings.

Smile

A clever wife found out how to remove cooking odors from the house—she quit cooking.

A little about a lot
Upward mobility needed at SSA

by madeline w. murphy

As we look at the theory of unemployment that decrees that the last hired are the first hired, with all the contradictions of affirmative action hiring blacks in the same percentage as represented in the total population) and plant-union seniority, we must direct our attention to government agencies, whose Affirmative Action programs need shoring up.

The last-hired dictum doesn't necessarily apply in some government agencies, rather it is an unwritten rule to keep blacks at middle or lower level jobs until they either quit or retire. Upward mobility seems mainly reserved for whites.

A case in point is the Social Security Administration which is presently reorganizing from the top down.

Of the 9,229 minorities working at the Woodlawn headquarters, there are 46 male and female blacks, who are eligible for the 33 senior executive positions.

So far there are two minorities, one black male and one white female who are being considered for positions in the GS-16 category — $36,000 to $48,000 annually.

Of the GS-16 and above positions that are currently filled by females, all are white.

And so it is time for the community to raise the question again: "What is happening at Social Security in the area of equal opportunity employment?"

Historically, it was not until the early 1960s through the efforts of NAACP and Hartz Brown, former SSA employee, that charges of discrimination in hiring and promotions were made.

As a result of the formation of a representative committee, and its findings, the SSA instituted changes in policies and practices to change its racist image.

Special efforts were made to convince SSA employees of the agency's commitment to equal employment through the late Fred Nichols, who developed community awareness of SSA's equal employment program.

Yet, from all available information, the names being suggested for top level jobs are those of young whites who have many years of service left in SSA.

Completely overlooked are the numbers of blacks who have worked hard to get this kind of promotion, believing that upward mobility would be a reality.

Therefore, as the high level positions, that have been vacated by retirees, or created by reorganization, become available, blacks, minorities and females, who have been developed by the agency, should be carefully evaluated.

Moreover, selections for these top positions should be made in a manner that not only should reflect the agency's commitment to equal opportunity, but also should be a genuine and natural response to their Affirmative Action program.

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

(AFRO readers are invited to nominate persons to be featured in this column. Write Salute of Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203)

Eighteen-year-old Orlando W. Brown, who is in the spotlight this week, is an outstanding student and musician who is going places.

He returned on Monday from a European tour with the United States Collegiate Wind Band.

He was among 110 students playing first chair position in their high school or college band and the only Maryland student chosen to participate this year. He played first alto sax position throughout the tour.

Two other black students on the tour were, Julius Rogers of Norfolk, Va. who plays clarinet; and Miss Deborah Jackson of Michigan, a flutist.

At Aberdeen, Md. Senior High School where he was graduated last June, young Mr. Brown was listed in Who's Who Among High School Students in both 1974 and 1975.

This fall, he enrolls at the University of Miami as a music major with a scholarship in the famous "Band of the Hour." His ambition is to teach music in a college.

Young Mr. Brown was recommended for the U.S. Collegiate tour by the chairman of his school's music department, Dr. Jack L. Scott.

In his letter of recommendation, Dr. Scott described Brown as a "dedicated saxophonist who has been featured as soloist with this band and has received consistent superior ratings in solo and ensemble festivals."

Further the citation said, "he has participated in a variety of honor groups including the Shenandoah College clinic conducted by Vaclav Nelhybel."

The group began its pre-tour rehearsals in New York on July 16. On July 19 the group left New York for Amsterdam Holland Parks, London; then to Munich, Venice, Florence; and to Lugano and Lucerne, Switzerland.

What country did he like most? Brown said:

"The most thrilling part of the tour was going to Switzerland because the country is so beautiful. The air is so fresh and everything is so clean. It is really orderly and nice."

"Paris was like New York, so it wasn't that thrilling."

Born February 12, 1957, Brown stands 5 ft. 11 inches tall and weighs 110 pounds. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Brown of James Ave., in Aberdeen.

His mother, the former Miss Agnes Griffin, is formerly of northeast Baltimore where she finished St. Francis Academy. His father is a government employee at Edgewood Arsenal.

His sister, Miss Deborah Brown is on staff at Harford Community College and his brother Vernon Brown Jr. is in computer programming at Equitable Trust in Baltimore.

The Brown family belongs to Swan Creek United Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

ORLANDO W. BROWN

Former AFRO Clean Blocker, works for John Douglass

JOHN DOUGLASS campaign workers, Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Robinson and William Land plan strategy for nomination of comptroller candidate.

(AFRO staff photo by Cynthia Grandison)

Former AFRO carrier and Clean Block captain, the Rev. William Land, is in Baltimore helping to coordinate the campaign of John W. Douglass, citywide candidate for Comptroller in the September 9 primary.

Associated with him are Ricardo and Linda Robinson of Wayne, N.J. All are volunteering their services, all are in their thirties.

They have set up headquarters at the Baltimore Teachers Headquarters building at Garrison Boulevard and Liberty Heights in Northwest-Baltimore. Phone number there is 578-9700.

The Rev. Mr. Land reveals:—

"I first got my experience selling AFROs as a youngster when my family lived here in Baltimore in the 600 block of Brune St. off Fremont Ave. in West Baltimore, now the site of a public school."

He is the son of the late Rev. Benny Land who was the Baptist minister and worked in Sparrows Point, and Mrs. Alma Land, who now resides in the 4100 block of Belview Avenue in northwest Baltimore.

After finishing Maryland State College in Princess Anne, Mr. Land moved to N.Y., where he works for the Commission on Racial Justice for the United Church of Christ as an assistant executive director, and the Children's Village at Dobbs Ferry, New York.

He got his feet wet in handling political campaigns when he worked for the late Adam Clayton Powell, the flamboyant U.S. Congressman who was elected three times from Harlem's District and later for other black elected officials.

He was the field director for the campaign of Atlanta Mayor, Maynard Jackson.

Baltimore relatives of the Rev. Mr. Land include his wife, Shirley Newby. They have no children. Also a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Joyner on Belview Ave. and is employed as head nurse at Western Electric.

Four brothers are Sylvester who is in the Air Force in Colorado; Joseph who owns a construction company in New York; Erike, White Plains, New York School employee.

The secret of Mr. Land's success in managing campaigns is very simple — dealing with people on a one-to-one basis. Each one organizing one dealing with blocks on a one-to-one basis.

Further, he believes, one must conduct a campaign with "a high level of integrity, telling people exactly where you are and what you want them to do, creating the feeling that people will work for a candidate if the candidate is basically honest and is with the people and of the people."

Here in Baltimore, the Douglass campaign for comptroller will pick up speed in the remaining three weeks with massive infiltration of ranks.

Mr. Land is committed the belief that people in his native Baltimore understand that results in all white people in top city positions, and are prepared to correct it.

"I believe," he said, "that both black and white citizens will rally to our call and nominate John Douglass as comptroller. This is an important citywide office and John Douglass is more than qualified," he added.

When Mr. Land was selling the AFRO, single copies were 15 cents. His AFRO money was put aside to finish Carver High School where he studied electrical wiring and maintenance.

He sold 150 copies a week. He picked them up in the 500 block of Brune Street from a distributor by the name of Mrs. Cole.

"I learned to organize from being a co-captain of an AFRO clean block in the 600 block of Brune St for five years and that helped me to organize." He won a $50 prize and a flag at one time.

He would recommend to other young people if they want to get started in business that they get an AFRO route work in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign or any other similar community endeavor."

(Editor's note: The Rev. Mr. Land was also president of the Baltimore Boy's Choir for five years and a member for 14 years. This group was directed by the late W. Meredith Birch Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the husband and wife team working with Mr. Land are dedicated to working in the Douglass campaign, because as Mr. Robinson said:

"My experience in working with the New York Post as reporter in 1963 gave me the expertise to work in the field of public relations. And I am therefore lending my total support to the campaign of John Douglass for Comptroller.

"I think it's high time now that black and white voters decided that a qualified black candidate for top city office should be elected.

"I think John Douglass is the best candidate. He's a young candidate, an eager person who really can go out there and do the kind of job that now needs to be done in the city comptroller's office."

Mr. Robinson is a native of New York and a graduate of C.C.N.Y.

Mrs. Robinson, the former Linda Dickens, has Baltimore ties. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses (Lillian) Dickens of Callaway Ave.

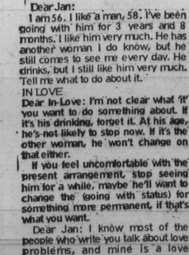
Her dad is an employee of American Stores Co. and mother is a social security employee.

Her sisters, Mrs. Rachael Kellum, a nurse at Sinai Hospital, Mrs. Carol Ford Coleman, a housewife, wife of William Coleman, a manager at International Harvester Co.

Mrs. Robinson attended Douglass High School and is a 1967 graduate of Morgan State, where she was vice president of her senior class.

Mrs. Robinson became interested in managing the Douglass campaign because "I feel that a child with a percentage of black population which is over 53 per cent in Baltimore should have representative black political figures such as Mr. Douglass in the year 1975."

All three of the volunteer coordinators told the AFRO that they felt it was "unfortunate" that the encumbent candidates had not included on their ticket qualified black people and recognized that a city which is half and half ought to have people of both races in top spots in city government.



Dear Jan:

I am 56. I like a man, 58. I've been going with him for 3 years and 8 months. I like him very much. He has another woman I do know, but he still comes to see me every day. He drinks, but I still like him very much. Tell me what to do about it.

IN LOVE

Dear In-Love: I'm not clear what 'it' you want to do something about. If it's his drinking, forget it. At his age, he's not likely to stop now. If it's the other woman, he won't change on that either.

If you feel uncomfortable with the present arrangement, stop seeing him for a while, maybe he'll want to change the (going with status) for something more permanent, if that's what you want.

Dear Jan: I know most of the people who write you talk about love problems, and mine is a love problem in a way. You see, I belong to this club with a number of fellows I have known since we were growing up.

Recently, we took in a new member and he is obnoxious, which is put putting it mildly. I want to get out because of him, but my friends keep saying 'don't break up the club,' but it is just not not any fun any more with him in it. What do you think I should do?-CLUBBY

Dear Clubby: If you've been friends with the other guys all this time, take their advice and stay in. As for the obnoxious one, you can handle that—just ignore him and keep on being yourself.

Dear Jan:

Will you tell me what to do I have a problem with my boyfriend. He says he loves me and I really love him but he can't trust me.

Do you think he loves me or is just living me around? He always accuses me of messing around with other boys when he's not around. What shall I do? — TRUSTED

Dear Trusted: In your letter you fail to say how old you and your boyfriend are. If you're 18 or under, he could be a big liver, scared of settling down. Then, again, aren't you partly responsible of he gets the idea you can't be trusted? Try being good friends and then things may fall in line.

Special note from Jan to Flo: Rush, I mean rush to the nearest doctor and tell him your problem. Don't fool around a minute longer with those patent medicines.

Serious candidate

Dear AFRO:

I would like to take issue with a statement in the G. James Fleming article entitled "Same-name" old political trick" in the August 2, 1975 edition of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

The statement was that there are only two serious black candidates for City Council in the 5th Councilmanic District.

I, along with my supporters and other citizens of the 5th councilmanic District, would like to know the criteria that he used to determine what constitutes a serious candidate, when he obviously has not interviewed, nor had interaction with all of the candidates.

Is his support of these two individuals objectively or subjectively motivated?

I strongly suggest that you correct his erroneous statement to include all serious candidates after he has utilized some objective criteria of evaluation.

Sincerely yours, a very serious candidate for 5th District City Councilman.

FRANK D. BOSTON JR.

Voter registration

Dear AFRO:

The voter registration newspaper application forms were received fairly well by several thousand potential new voters.

As chief sponsor, and on behalf of my colleagues who co-sponsored HB 1458, I want to express our appreciation to the AFRO-AMERICAN for publishing the form as a public service during the pilot days requested by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.

I believe we can make registration easier still. More about this later in the year.

Again, the AFRO rightfully deserves acknowledgement for the printing of the Voter Registration Newspaper Forms.

I trust now the pilot program will enable the State Board to provide for the establishment of a program for the publication of voter registration request forms in the newspapers in those sub-divisions which have adopted voter registration by mail.

DELEGATE LARRY YOUNG

(Editor's note: The writer represents the 38th District of Baltimore in the Md. House of Delegates. He sponsored the bill which authorized register-to-vote forms in newspapers).

People, things . . . by betty moss

If YOU ask ME

"The officers and directors of the Md. State Fair and Agricultural Society Inc., cordially invite you and your lady to attend the press party to be held in the Grandstand Dining Room, Timonium Fair Grounds, on Sunday, August the 10th, at 6 p.m."

This is how this writer and her gentlemen ended up at a delightful affair and how we met some fellow Marylanders who proved to be quite charming.

We shared a table with Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Allison (Lillian) of Towson. He's a physician (gynecologist), who serves as doctor at the track.

He told us Timonium is unique in having services of a physician at its track full time during season and he's enjoyed the work these last 17 years.

Maybe that's why he keeps so young looking. He and his lady claim they're 70, but they look much younger — outdoor life agrees with him.

Cuff notes: The Allisons have a son, Robert Jr., who is a salesman for Johnson and Johnson in San Jose, Calif., where he lives with his family.

More pleasant people seen about: The Paul Hampshires, (he's chairman of the Md. State Fair); the John Worthingtons, (he's president); the Bill Lintons (Emma); (he's executive vice president); and the Howard M. Mosners (Nancy), (he's general manager of Timonium.)

More people and things:—

State Comptroller Louis Goldstein extended his usual warm greetings.

There was music for dining and dancing by ye ole favorites, the Rivera Chambers Combo, (Buster Brown et al). And they do play "Tenderly" so beautifully!

Entertainment was by a delightful comedy dance team, Hayden and Rogers.

Food was sumptuous — most tantalizing — the lobster, one of many delicacies served.

Unique feature of the annual Timonium Fair will be the 4-H Horse and Pony Show — some 3,000 members have registered to compete with 750 animals during the 4-day horse show, August 23-26.

More pleasant people met at the Saturday evening dinner dance at Hunt Valley where Iota Phi Lambda Sorority held its national convention this week:—

Mrs. Rosalind Bray, Mrs. Catherine Gordon and Mrs. Roberta Kirk, all of Cleveland. Also at our table, Mrs. Ophelia Taylor of Hampton Va., who, by the way, is a sister of Baltimore's Mrs. Beautine DeCosta.

Scallions to the not-gracious person at that dinner theatre where Iota delegates were guests.

One California visitor reported there was a mixup in seats and he was treated rudely . . . and he's not coming back to Baltimore.

Del. Kenneth Webster called us about the visitor's complaint so we asked our AFRO Line to give Oregon Ridge's office a call.

The lady box office manager gave our AFRO Line answers which went like this: yes, she was familiar with the incident . . . yes, the visitors reservations but there were 3 over the number of seats reserved . . . and, they tried to make a racial thing out of it, but we were sold out, and they ordered 192 seats but 195 came . . . etc . . . and, yes, we told them we would call the police if they did not move. . . . Ho hum!—

New resident of our town whom we met at that luncheon a week back, is Miss Georgia Graves, formerly of Greenville, Miss.

She's doing volunteer work with the Red Cross and takes a medical social work post at City Hospitals this fall.

Miss Graves is living with her sister and brother-in-law, Freda and Everett Whitney of Bowers Ave. She's the teacher, he's the policeman.

People being kind to others: It was so on Tuesday evening at historic St. Katharine's Episcopal Church. They filled the chapel for family hour and wake services for Mrs. Houston R. Jackson, (Connie).

She was the wife of the former assistant superintendent of Baltimore city schools who died at her summer home in Cape Cod on Saturday.

She was a perfectly beautiful corpse and the floral tributes which banked the mahogany casket were so numerous.

Actually, there were three services — one on the Cape before the remains were shipped home, the family hour, the requiem high mass on Wednesday morning, and the graveside rites at the family plot in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Cuff Note: Mrs. Jackson, the former Constantia Wharton was a member of an old Baltimore family which has given over 200 years service to public education in this state.

Her father, Herbert Wharton, was one of the first black principals. Her mother, the late Mrs. Hermione Brown Wharton, 29 years a music teacher, and sisters, the late Pauline Bond, and Miss Hermione, (Lemmel High), who survives, have been teachers and principals for years. Mrs. Jackson herself had 30 years in the classroom.

Those readers who are over 40 and who grew up in the Baltimore schools can attest that learning in a classroom under the Wharton sisters or their parents was a real joy.

They had a deep and abiding interest in children — all children were the same to them — and they made learning real. They knew how to cope with pupils' problems and how to inspire them to reach their potential.

Many a brilliant educator, business person and mother active in their communities today are products of the Wharton instruction given lovingly and generously.

Cuff note: There was standing room only at the Jackson requiem mass on Wednesday morning.

Temperatures outside were in the eighties, but not inside the church which is comfortably air-conditioned.

As I sat there, my mind went back several years to the day when the late Dr. Louis E. Harmon — the physician and civic worker — and his wife, Marguerite — made the church a gift of the cooling unit. . . .

More cuff: Mrs. Harmon still resides at their Madison Ave. home.

Dr. Harmon, in his modesty, would not allow members to make public acknowledgement that he and his wife gifted the church with the modern air conditioning and heating unit. Bless his soul.

GET WELL CARDS, PLEASE TO: Mrs. Arnita Woodlon, former retired principal of the former School No. 104, now George W. Kelson, No. 167. She's in room 7004A, Provident Hospital.

Also to Paul Roller at Provident Hospital, Room 7032B. He was stricken while on a vacation in Hawaii.

On prayer

Dear AFRO:

If we all pray, it would be a better world. We need prayer in school and we need prayer in our homes.

We wonder why we have so much trouble, people killing one another, and can't find jobs. It is because we have forgotten about God.

Miss BARBARA JOSEPH
1202 Young Court Apt. A-2

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Your report will get prompt attention by top management.

QUESTION:—There is this most repulsive smell at the Lexington Market near the front door on Eutaw Street. It almost caused one person to pass out today. What is this odor? Also what about the bathrooms? Thank you — R.P.

ANSWER:—A spokesman in the manager's office told AFRO-Line this odor comes from old produce when the men are loading and unloading the trucks. With the extreme heat, the smell from fruits and vegetables is more intense.

The spokesman added:

"We have janitors to come in from 8 until 4:30 and clean all day. After the market closes at 6 o'clock we have another crew that comes in from 6 to 11 at night to really clean the floor.

"The bathrooms are cleaned every morning. It's just like any public place. You can clean now and go in an half an hour and find the people have just messed it up.

"I have more than one time come out and found men using the stairs for a bathroom and believe it or not we saw a lady.

Of course, when we see these things we call a porter, but if someone comes while we are waiting for the porter, we have a complaint."

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 — 234-2172 or 685-0525 — after 6 p.m. and weekends, 396-2726, 396-2053.

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, 837-1188; Rape Center, 368-RAPE; Pension Reform, 962-3914.

MAYOR'S STATIONS — Govans, 396-6084; Greater Homewood, 396-6080; Northwest, 396-0207; Stuart Hill, 396-0207.

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

FIRES — 685-1313.

SERVICE — Ambulance, 396-1111; Animal Removal, 396-0218; Detective Sidewalk, 396-3148; Food Stamps, 234-2751, 234-2413; Oil Furnace Check, 396-4429; Rats, 396-4418.

WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION — 233-4700.

Stars and You

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Financial questions can be settled. A delightful surprise. Stick to a diet. Color Blue

CANCER (June 21-July 20) An important day. Keep calm and don't spoil your excellent chances. Color Orange

LEO (July 21-Aug. 22). You will be kept busy today. Don't neglect something important. Color Red.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A certain project can make much progress. Friends will be helpful. Color Pink

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Face up to family problems, but you are able to adapt yourself. Color green

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). A longstanding misunderstanding can now be cleared up. Color Yellow

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-Dec. 21). Show understanding for others' problems. Color Black

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You must come to terms with yourself. Good news. Color Purple

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Persevere with your projects. Minor setbacks must not worry you. Color Brown

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may have to fight tiredness, but you feel sufficiently enterprising to cope with your problems. Color White

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will find it difficult to concentrate. Much personal success. Color Gray.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Try to settle a very delicate matter. Don't postpone what you can do today. Color Gold

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