I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. — 1929-1968.

OPINION

Baltimore Afro-American

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May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful and magnify our Father which is in Heaven.

CARL MURPHY (1908-1967) Editor-Publisher (1922-1967)

Our brothers were there

As is our custom this time of the year, we pause again to note that March 25 was the 342nd anniversary of the founding of Maryland.

Once again, we remind AFRO readers that their forefathers were on the Ark and the Dove, the two ships which brought the first colonists from England.

They landed at St. Clement's Island, (now known as Blackstone's Island) in St. Mary's County on March 25, 1634.

Aboard were 22 passengers, including Mathias DeSousa, a mulatto (black man), who was picked up in Barbados, West Indies, by Leonard Baltimore when the ships had stopped for food and water. He helped navigate the vessels into the Chesapeake Bay.

Historians tell us that it was DeSousa, also referred to as de Sousa, Mathias Tusa and Mathias Zause, who helped the white Englishmen relate to the Indians because he was familiar with the language and had expertise to bargain and get them to understand that the newcomers were not enemies.

"Sidelights on Maryland History" by Hester D. Richardson and published by Williams and Wilkins Company of Baltimore, 1913, refers to two other black men aboard the vessels when Maryland was founded. They were John Price and Francis Peres.

We had hoped that in this Bicentennial year history books would have gotten around to remembering these black pioneers.

An inquiry to the Maryland Bicentennial Commission, however indicates that alas even today Mr. DeSousa, Mr. Price and Mr. Peres are ignored.

This coming June is the last time application may be filed with the Maryland Bicentennial Commission for funds to produce historic work or to commemorate the nation's 200th birthday.

It would be marvelous if a college student or a teacher concerned that Maryland's history books correctly relate the origin of our state, would seize this deadline and undertake a book which goes into depth on the role of the black voyagers aboard the Ark and the Dove.

Mass killings

Five members of a family, a visitor and the family pet were found shot to death, in execution style, in the basement of a home in suburban Bucks County near Philadelphia last weekend.

Earlier last week police found the bodies of a Montgomery County state department official's wife, his mother and two sons in an open pit grave near Jacksonville, N.C.

In Fairfax County, Va., police have charged a suburban Washington man with the murder of his estranged wife's parents and his son.

In New York police discovered the dismembered bodies of two teenage sisters and are searching for other bodies at a Catskill camp run by a self-styled minister known as Bishop Deveron LeGrand who is in jail on a rape charge.

These are heinous crimes which should make us all shudder.

All persons involved in these dastardly acts, except the camp case, are white.

The reference to race here is intentional and occasioned by a call to our city desk. The voice inquired, "when are you people going to do something about your crime rate?"

He was concerned about the case of Anthony Lee Blackwell, convicted last week in the firebomb murder of six persons.

The cases enumerated above suggest to us, and we hope to the reader who called, that crime transcends race. In our sick society there are people of all races who resort to violence and kill without reason.

It is not what we as black people are going to do about the crime, but how we Americans, of both races, are going to work together to eliminate the mental ills, the frustrations and the other problems like poverty and unemployment, which compel people to resort to barbaric acts in a civilized society.

The Muhammad magic

Muhammad Ali is the heavyweight champion of the world. Because of this, and because he is charismatic beyond belief, he commands attention wherever he appears.

As he is willing to admit, he is accepted with open arms at Harvard and Oxford universities one week, and in Watts, Harlem or on Skid Row the next.

On Wednesday, he showed up in tiny Largo, Md., ostensibly to announce an upcoming fight at the area's Capital Centre with little-known, overmatched Jimmy Young of Philadelphia. He talked and talked and talked some more, leaving aghast some 100 representatives of the news media.

Sophisticates and novices alike sat with mouths agape as he philosophized, temporized and chastised.

So hypnotic was the Ali presence that the main purpose of the press conference was completely forgotten. That was to confirm that tickets for the April 30 bout will cost up to $200 apiece.

And, despite the fact that little Largo is situated between economically deprived, predominately black Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md., the tab will be taken in full dose.

That is the Muhammad magic.

Black settlers aboard Ark and Dove in 1634

A little about a lot — by madeline w. murphy

Why so few black judges

For more than forty years, the Monumental City Bar Association has fought for the rights and dignity of the black lawyer to aspire to every kind of legal position in the Baltimore community.

Its strength has been rooted in this independence.

The recent departure from tradition in the MCBM's endorsement of the "sitting judge principle" is because no black lawyers tried to buck the sitting judge principle this time to file independently for one of the Supreme Bench or Court of Appeals seats.

The complaint, as expressed repeatedly in AFRO-AMERICAN editorials that there are not enough black judges on Baltimore City courts, stems from this reluctance on the one hand of black lawyers to run independently to buck the system, and on the other hand, the implied intimidation inherent in the sitting judge principle; where large sums of money are used for sitting judges who campaign together, freezing out independent candidates; where the bar association endorsements are a matter of course; where newspapers representing the establishment rubber-stamp these candidates as if they were sacrosanct.

Although the sitting judge principle works to the benefit of white incumbents, who endorse the thesis that only they should run on their record, we have had the bitter experience in past elections of blacks who have run with them, not being re-elected.

This is not to suggest that the four incumbents on the May 18 Primary Election ballot are not competent or trustworthy judges, but to be on the safe side, the black community had better single shoot for Judge John R. Hargrove to guarantee his re-election.

The constant battle to get black judges elected received its greatest boost in 1969, when Judge Joseph C. Howard was elected by the people to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City; and again in 1970, when Judge William H. Murphy, Sr. was elected by the people to the Municipal Cort of Baltimore (now the District Court of Maryland) — both with the MCBA's endorsement, the first black lawyers to successfully challenge the sitting judge principle.

And against this background of independence, the MCBA must continue to encourage the inalienable right of its members to run for judgeships and support them in their efforts.

What the "sitting judge principle" does is to place the stamp of approval upon the Governor's choices. He is the one who ultimately appoints judges on the advice of his Judicial Selections Commission and on the bar association.

The Governor can ignore these steps, however, and choose a political friend, as was alleged in the case of Judge John C. Eldridge, of the Court of Appeals . . . . the kind of power that is fraught with abuse.

We must ask ourselves when we think of the quality of justice: why must we voters accept the judgment of the Governor by placing the crown of infallibility upon the heads of the mere mortals he favors?

Why set them above the crucible of examination, of accountability, without an opportunity to choose who from our ranks will replace them?

This is the tyranny of the sitting judge principle.

And this is why it becomes clearer, as the sitting judge principle moves toward wider acceptability, even among black lawyers and judges, why there are few black people on the bench and why this policy underpreparation is all that can reasonably be expected from the kind of racist and cynically political system, where abuse of patronage and political power override concern for the good and welfare of the constituency.

Now and then — by g. james fleming

Ignorance marks modern life

There are more schools than ever in the world; more books; more holders of college and university degrees; quicker means of communication. Men and women know more, about more, than the countless generations before them.

Nevertheless, there are more pockets of ignorance than ever before; more areas in which honest people must say, "I don't know," or where the best they can do is guess. "I can't be sure," might well be the slogan of the high-priced "experts."

One could play a game about the different experts, or schools of experts, who contradict each other, although starting with the same raw data. What dollar tag is affixed to these experts has nothing to do with how knowledgeable or how ignorant they may be.

All of us—high and low, educated and under-educated—are ignorant about any number of things.

No father or mother, or the family psychiatrist, can be absolutely certain whether a baby will be a genious or a delinquent, or both.

There is no Geiger counter that yet can predict which one of our two hundred million people will be elected President in 1980, much less in 20 or 40 years from now.

Indeed, there is no prophet who can be sure whether there will be any election for President 20 or 40 years from now.

This writer has been brooding over his ignorances.

What is the real answer to our current inflation—an answer that has not yet been put to work by the economic experts, the fiscal experts, or the political experts?

The "solutions" of professional Democrats, Republicans, and Socialists cancel out each other. Labor and management do not see eye to eye.

The textbook scholars either are not listened to or do not have much to say.

I feel ignorant about the solution to inflation.

In my younger days, I could make a speech, "at the drop of a hat, "about full employment.

I still believe that this is a goal well worth working toward. But, how to achieve it, in freedom, and amid all the technological "progress" that makes human beings surplus?

Then, can there be full employment under our present politico-economic system, or must we live with a national policy calling for some to work and support both themselves and those who cannot work or cannot find work?

There have been tons of studies and years of oratory on full employment, and many billions have been spent in anti-poverty programs, but there is still poverty—58th statutory and real. Can poverty be outlawed or abolished? Can unemployment be reversed?

No one has the answer or answers. At least, no answer acceptable to the substantial majority of our people.

Not even in the Communists countries is everybody equal economically. Too many, in our own country, who mouth glib answers "have never had to meet a payroll," the industrialists remind us.

I wish I was un-ignorant enough to have a workable blueprint to end unemployment and poverty!

This column came into being because I was trying to take a position on whether Baltimore should build a subway system or not.

I had listened to most of the pros and cons; looked at the proposals from "the long run" and the short; but I could not, and still cannot, feel sure how I would vote, if I had the responsibility of voting.

What are the real arguments for a subway?

Is there meaningful conflict between building a subway in an era of rising crime, and when many, many people are afraid of even parking underground?

On the other hand, where would the nation be if we Americans had been scary-crow about venturing, inventing, building, projecting for the years and generations ahead, making the impossible, possible?

In any man's or woman's experience, a long list can be made of our ignorances, even in an individual's field of expertise.

For most of us, there is so much ignorance about national defense and disarmament, about next steps in politics, about the permissiveness allowed our children and grandchildren, about "Why Johnny cannot read," and a thousand other items.

And, there is little comfort in the fact that the more we know or learn, the more aware we become of how much more we do not know.

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).

AFRO employees join Black Press observance

This week, black newspapers all over the country are observing their 149th birthday. It was March, 1827, that John B. Russwurm began the first newspaper, Freedom's Journal.

Today, there are 77 newspapers published for and about black people in 31 states and the Virgin Islands affiliated with the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

The theme of the celebration this year is, "Support the NAACP." Publishers are conducting membership drives in their newspapers in honor of the retiring national director, Roy Wilkins.

At the National Press Club in Washington on Friday, the week's activities opened with a luncheon meeting. There, Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, was the speaker.

She challenged the black press to continue to stimulate, interchange and discuss issues paramount to the survival and well-being of the oppressed classes.

Observance for the AFRO family came on Monday when 14 employees who have worked a total of 265 years were presented service awards.

Five year honorees were, Misses Claudette Newson, Patricia Taylor; Robert Green and Frederick Williams. Marking 10 years was William Waller.

Fifteen year recognition went to Mrs. Helen Bacon, Louis Cox, Charles Tilghman and Clarence White.

A thirty five year award went to Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters. Observing forty years were, Mrs. Mae E. Dyson, William A. L. Lewis and Medford Reynolds.

It is noteworthy that the honorees are proof that the AFRO is indeed a family enterprise.

For example, Mr. Lewis, a photoengraver, is the son of retired mechanical foreman, Arthur L. Lewis. He also worked for 40 years before his retirement three years ago. Young Mr. Lewis's brother, Tazewell, was a photoengraver for 28 years before his death in 1971.

Similarly, Miss Newson is the daughter of AFRO Executive Editor Moses J. Newson. Mr. Tilghman's late mother, Mrs. Madeline Tilghman, was a longtime administrative secretary. Mr. Waller's son, Brian, is an advertising salesman.

During the ceremony, it was observed that altogether of the 200 AFRO - AMERICAN employees, 47 of them belong to 20 different family groups.

In one instance, a father, Edward Smith, his son and two grandsons are employed.

Because this newspaper was founded 84 years ago by John H. Murphy, Sr., and members of his family have been employed through the years, it had been thought that only members of the founder's family worked at the AFRO newspaper office here in Baltimore and in affiliated offices in Washington, Philadelphia, Newark and Richmond.

At the Awards Ceremony this week, however, it was apparent the management is living up to the credo of its founder. He said that this newspaper should be a place where black people (it was 'colored' and 'Negro' in those days), could find a decent place to work at a decent wage and give a service to "our people."

Today the number of employees related to the founder — grandchildren, great-grandchildren and cousins — total 20. Among them, Mrs. Dyson and Mrs. Peters, granddaughters.

It is to our credit that we have not been inbred. As of this payroll date, 20 other family groups are at work. Along with other employees they have helped this newspaper remain in the enviable position of never missing a payroll nor an edition.

On this, the 149th birthday of the black press, there is reason to celebrate.

"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

OTHER VOICES

Watergate attitude alive at OMBE?

It seems only a few months ago when we were taking our hats off to Elliott L. Richardson, then the United State's attorney general, for being a man who took his job seriously and acted with fairness, understanding and strength of character.

Since that time, the political climate has changed and Mr. Richardson, the Great Liberal and now the secretary of commerce, obviously looks at things slightly differently.

A few months ago, Mr. Richardson quit on the spot when his former boss, Richard M. Nixon, ordered him to fire Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor in the Watergate investigation, because Cox was asking embarrassing questions and getting close to White House's involvement in the scandalous political maneuverings.

Now, as secretary of commerce, the second post Mr. Richardson has held under Mr. Nixon's successor, Gerald Ford, he oversees the giant Commerce Department which includes the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, an agency established to aid the low men on the pole in the business world.

Yet, Mr. Richardson seems insensitive to the plight of the career workers in OMBE, and apparently is willing to excuse anything a top administrator does.

At least that is the impression we have been forced to conclude after Secretary Richardson told the AFRO that he would not make any investigation of the demotion of 34 employees at OMBE who are charging they are being discriminated against. This attitude has caused shock waves to flow through the agency as many employees had felt that with the Great Liberal at the helm they would get a better break.

Moreover, it appears that Mr. Richardson is willing to push under the rug any wrongdoing that the executives of the agency may have done as long as they reimburse the government. Again that is what he seems to be saying when he told the AFRO he was satisfied with Alex Armedaris' conduct in office inasmuch as he had admitted the allegation that he wrongfully charged the government expenses but new has paid the money back.

This seems to us a new switch, and in bad business. This kind of thinking makes it appear that Watergate is still in practice and anything goes as long as you please the boss.

The goings-on at OMBE have been under suspicion for sometime, so much so that several congressional committees are looking into the activities there.

It seems odd that the chief of the department would not be interested in, at least, checking to determine what the situation is rather than ignore the complaints of a group of faithful career workers, who, as far as we are concerned, have not been given a fair shake.

We hear that Mr. Richardson is a candidate for vice president on the Ford ticket. If so, he certainly is moving in a curious fashion to gain minority support.

Besides the situation stinks of double justice in the government. For instance, only a few weeks ago another agency executive, H. R. Crawford at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was summarily dismissed because according to reports, he wrote a couple of letters seeking post-resignation employment.

On the other hand, Mr. Richardson and the White House obviously view nothing off-color in the activities at OMBE executives which have caused one congressman to threaten to seek reduction of the budget by 50 per cent because of his concern of the agency's "arrogant attitude towards the black Members of Congress," and a reflection of this attitude in "reprisals" taken against minority businesses which dare to register a complaint against OMBE with their representatives in Congress.

(Reprinted from the Washington AFRO-AMERICAN.)

Ralph Young School a dream destroyed?

Dear AFRO:

Dr. Ralph Young was not only the first black physician to practice at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he was also a friend and servant to countless Baltimoreans.

We Jesuits are deeply grieved to learn about the recent withdrawal of federal funding to the school dedicated to his name and committed to the education of black youths.

Anyone who knows the history of the Ralph Young School will hope that this misfortune is not the final chapter.

Although there is nothing earthshattering in that history, each page does chart out the development of a simple and beautiful concept: community participation, community control.

In the late 1960s, when the Model Cities Program divided the city into regional sections, the residents of Area B took their mandate seriously and agonized at many community meetings about the education of their children.

The residents themselves developed the idea of a junior high school for boys.

At the request of Area B Neighborhood and through the cooperation of Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro and the leadership and staff of Model Cities, Sampson Green, Father John Martinez, S.J., Father Bernard Dooley, S.J., and the late Walter Carter entered the scene and helped to facilitate the community plan.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese provided the then recently renovated St. Paul's Latin School building as the facility for the program.

Then, in the spring of 1969, the residents invited the Jesuit Fathers, because of their deep interest and educational experience, to begin the program by providing staff, administration and some financial assistance.

In 1970, Model Cities took over the funding. From the beginning it was understood that the Jesuits would be present only on a temporary basis to help the community to realize its dream.

By 1973, the Jesuits had turned over the entire management and operation of the school to the community.

For several years now the community, through its board, has had full control of the school.

Very probably, then, there is scarcely another school in the state of Maryland whose entire history is so bound up with community input.

Like Dr. Young himself, this school, which was named in his honor has offered a tremendous service and inspiration to the black people of Baltimore.

Unquestionably, it will be a genuine loss if it disappears entirely from the scene.

For the need to provide centers of outstanding education for black youths is as real today as it was when the Ralph Young School first opened its doors in the autumn of 1969.

J. A. PANUSKA, S.J.,
(Provincial Maryland Province Jesuits)

YW is 80

Dear AFRO:

Thank you very much for the beautiful spread on the first page of the features section of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, on Friday, March 13, relating to the eightieth birthday of the Madison Avenue YWCA.

The strip of pictures of founders was a charming touch; it was helpful to have a picture of the building; and the pictures of today's participants were lively.

It was a good presentation. We do thank you.

MRS. EDITH C. DALY
(Public Relations Director)

(Editor's note: Madison Ave. YWCA observes its 80th anniversary with ceremonies on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 9 a.m.)

City College

Dear AFRO: About the money which was denied the School Board to renovate City College, I feel that City College needs renovating right now.

The windows are falling out, the plaster is falling from the walls, the heating is poor.

I also believe that if City College's student population were one-half black and one-half white the City Fathers would renovate it. Since the majority of the students are black, the City Fathers will take their time deciding what to do with the money.

Anthony Hall
(City College student.)

Gratitude

Dear AFRO:

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your concern and help in the finding of my children, even though they had gotten themselves in trouble.

You can never begin to know how we had suffered those 10 long days of waiting and praying for their safe return. People like you make us feel their is hope for us in this society.

God bless you, and please continue to have the concern about our children and our community.

Mrs. Annie McLeod and
Mrs. Mildred Jefferson

Editor's note: Writers refer to AFRO stories which appealed for readers to help find Jimmy McLeod, age 12 and Delores McLeod age 14, who had disappeared on March 6. AFRO readers responded and the children were found safe and sound. The writers of the above letter are the mother and the liaison worker at Samuel Coleridge — Taylor School No. 122, where the youngsters attend.)

Register to VOTE

Register now so you can vote in the Primary Election on May 18, 1976 to nominate candidates for President of the U.S. Senate, judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and Circuit Court of Baltimore County and delegates to the National Convention.

April 19, 1976 is the last day to register before the Primary.

General Election is November 2, 1976.

You may register by mail. Application to register may be secured at the Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts., Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration applications are also available at all 21 Enoch Pratt Libraries, Urban Service Agency offices and department stores.

Nowadays — by bill riley

"THIS GAME WAS A LOT MORE FUN FOR ME WHEN YOU USED TO JUST STAY HOME AND POUT."

tell it to Jan

Dear Jan:

I am 20 and my girlfriend is 19. She's pregnant by someone else but I still love her. What should I do about it? — Henry

Dear Henry

What can you do about it? Is the girl still going with the other guy? Are you asking to marry her or just what do you have in mind?

You should think very hard about your future before getting tied up with someone who would have a baby by someone else while going with you.

Dear Jan

I am going with a young man and we love each other. He is 24 and I am 18. The problem is he always wants to boss me. If there is a problem between us instead of sitting down talking about it he wants to argue all the time.

We have broken up many times because of this. The last time we went back together he asked me to marry him.

Serious-Minded

Dear Serious Minded

If you really love this man then you will have to do your part too. Remember it takes two to argue. If you try to stay calm and just let him blow off steam and not argue back maybe he'll get tired of talking to himself.

The reason your boyfriend might be so bossy is because he is a lot older than you. If things don't get better I certainly would not marry him. Believe me, marriage doesn't change people. If you can't make it before it isn't likely you will after marriage.

Dear Jan:

I am 15, and the guy I care for is 17. We talked for about 3 months and during that time we made love once. My problem is that I love him in my own special way. Given a chance I could love him and make him feel loved more than ever. But, I don't know how to reach him.

Do you have any ideas on how I can get him to love and give me love in return?—

NEEDING HIS LOVE VERY MUCH.

Dear Needing His Love:

I am not quite sure I understand you when you say, "given the chance." Perhaps you lost your chance during the three months you mentioned. Remember "making love" is not love. Love grows out of niceness, respect, friendship, charm, and many, many things other than physical contact. If you want a guy to become your guy, concentrate on other things.

STARS AND YOU

ARIES "The Ram" (March 21-April 20) Conversations with Gemini may inspire you and make your wishes come true. Avoid all arguments.

TAURUS "The Bull" (April 21-May 21) If you are objective you can solve your problems. You have the ability.

GEMINI "The Twins" (May 22-June 21) Devotion to your family and loyalty to your mate will bring fine results.

CANCER "The Crab" (June 22-July 23) Entertain at home more. Show others you are capable too. Don't be impatient.

LEO "The Lion" (July 24-Aug. 23) Your clever ideas should enable you to accomplish a great deal. Aries is impressed.

VIRGO "The Virgin" (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Don't beat around the bush. Direct methods will yield better results.

LIBRA "The Scales" (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Be yourself and others will accept you better. You will be more comfortable, too.

SCORPIO "The Scorpion" (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Contact persons with influence to help you in your career. Don't delay.

SAGITTARIUS "The Archer" (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should pursue whatever inspires you. Use your own judgment. Avoid gossipers.

CAPRICORN "The Goat" (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Stop worrying about your obligations. Make plans to fulfill them.

AQUARIUS "The Water Bearer" (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Check your agreement with others carefully. Make sure both sides understand. Don't compromise on principles.

PISCES "The Fish" (Feb. 20-March 20) Engage in activities that will help your future, but take time out to relax. Depend on a Taurus.

Salute of the week to Alfred E. Johnson

(Editor's Note: AFRO readers are invited to submit names of persons to be featured in this column. Write Salute of the Week, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203).

In the spotlight this week is 37-year old Alfred Edward Johnson, Jr. of Wilern Ave., a division manager of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

In this post, he is responsible for the largest claims center of the fund in Maryland.

The Claims Center's 138 employees handle expenditures of the State of Maryland monies exceeding $45 million per year.

Mr. Johnson's wife, Mrs. Virginia L. Johnson, is a social worker.

She told the AFRO:—

"My husband is a worderful person, dedicated, sincere and very humble. He does not accept praise for his position, nor does he allow his success to sway him in being a part of the community and becoming involved.

"He works hard and diligently to insure racial harmony and promote opportunities and advancement for black people.

"Being in an industry which has less than five per cent black participation, I am sure you realize the road to his position was not easy.

"Nor has he ever relented in striving and stressing equality for minority employees.

A native Baltimorean Mr. Johnson is the son of Alfred and Emma Scott Johnson. His father is a retired Maryland Drydock employee, and his mother is a Social Security employee.

His grandparents are Mrs. Clara Small and Howard Scott.

He has four sisters, Mrs. Delores Colbert, hospital employee; Mrs. Lillian Jennings, dietician, Mrs. Clara Jackson, patient at Montebello Hospital; and Mrs. Joyce Pollard, social worker.

The Johnsons have three children, Carl, 18, a senior at Poly-Western; Demetria, 16, 10th grade, Northwestern; and Jacquelyn, 14, 9th grade, Pimlico.

A graduate of Dunbar High School and the Baltimore Institute, Mr. Johnson has attended the University of Maryland, Colorado State College, New Mexico State and the University of Maryland in Europe.

Mr. Johnson spends his leisure time bowling. He serves as treasurer of the Dunbar High 1956 Reunion Committee.

The family worships at City Temple where the Rev. W. W. Payne is minister.

ALFRED E. JOHNSON

If YOU ask ME by bettye moss

When you get members of the Carver High family together (faculty, students and parents), add to them representatives of Hampton Alumni, Douglas Memorial Church, and Omega Psi Phi, plus an array of school executives, past and present, you have a gathering of beautiful people.

It was so on Friday evening at Blue Crest North—when nearly 500 attended "A Tribute to Henry C. Johnson." The occasion marked his retirement from the Baltimore city public schools, where he served 34 years—retiring last June from the Carver principalship.

Some 32 persons saluted Mr. Johnson in word and song. The program was so inspiring that all of the guests remained until after the benediction at 11:09 p.m., to congratulate the honoree.

On behalf of the AFRO, this writer presented Mr. Johnson a framed achievement award. Because speakers were limited to one minute, we curtailed our remarks in the interest of time and promised the audience we'd print them here.

So, here is what we wrote to say about Henry C. Johnson:

I am happy to be here to join you in saluting Mr. Johnson for his outstanding professional career—his reputation as a cabinet maker par excellence—his skill as a teacher, administrator and friend to many whom he has taken extra time to help and demonstrate by example that one can succeed if he tries.

As a member of the Baltimore city school board from 1961-74, I had occasion to work on personnel recommendations and to share in discussion of prospective appointees.

I had no difficulty when the time came for my vote to promote Mr. Johnson as he moved up the ladder.

I admired him for his work which resulted in accreditation of Carver and for helping to build a school which is recognized as one of the finest in the nation.

And, you know, there were many difficult times convincing some people that there is indeed excellence in a predominantly black school.

Henry Johnson has paid his dues in the struggle for recognition of the dignity of our young people.

I heard a speaker in Philadelphia last week say something which is appropriate here. He noted that there is a dimension in who you are, in relation to really caring about people. What ties it all together is there's an attitude of mind and spirit that transcends economy, budget and promotions so that when you boil it all down what happens is that you are going to touch some human life.

You have a choice, Henry Johnson had a choice, you can be a miser in life or a lover in life.

A miser is a man who takes and bleeds all of those around him. He gathers and he stores and when he gets to the end of his life he has all the "things" but in the language of Apostle Paul, he possesses nothing.

But, the lover is the man who gives himself away, a man like Henry Johnson who loves and loves and loves, so that he has more than he ever had before because there is no way you can empty yourself of loving.

Henry C. Johnson has been a lover all his life. He has been one of those who has the knowledge that life is more than bread for he has touched lives, changed things and has given old and young alike an opportunity to live.

On the mend: Mrs. Vivian Williams, AFRO subscription clerk. She's out of Lutheran and recuperating at her Bruce St. home.

Cheer, please to another AFRO-ite, Louis Cox, pressroom foreman. He was unable to attend Monday's AFRO awards ceremony, where he would have received his second 15-year award.

The awards and flowers were presented at his home.

Special cards, please, to Mr. Cox at 5407 Dennlyn Rd. In the last four months he buried his brother, his sister, his nephew, his sister-in-laz, and his son-in-law.

Another AFRO staffer on the sick list is Miss Lolita Carter of the business office. She's at her Beryl Ave. home.

Mrs. Robert Matthews (Vashti), an AFRO stockholder, and former staffer, is in Provident Hospital, where she is undergoing tests.

She is singing the praises of the hospital dietician, Claude Bonaparte, whom she says has the knack of making a salt-free diet taste delicious.

Also in Provident, Mrs. Alene Duff of Roland view Ave. She's a member of the Flower Circle at Mt. Moriah Baptist.

Another Provident patient, Mrs. Mary Cole. She's the mother of Mrs. Zelma Cole Brown, the dance teacher.

"Thinking - of - you cards to Mrs. George V. Lottier Sr. (Lillian), one of our grandest senior citizens. She will be remembered as a longtime civic worker. She'll be 95 next month.

Mrs. Lottier is a resident of Dukeland Nursing Home. On Wednesday, she gave her family quite a scare—she was rushed to Lutheran for emergency care, but is back at Dukeland and holding her own.

Good news about a good neighbor: former Baltimore city police captain, Dennis P. Mello) is proud as can be of his family. Had a chance to chat with him at the Johnson testimonial mentioned above. He was one of the speakers.

Mello and his wife, Belle, the beautician, have two children, Mrs. James Peters Marlene), of Columbia, wife of the State Department employee; and Earl Mello, principal of the Md. Training School.

The Peterses have five youngsters, Brian, 19, who attends Northwestern University; Fern, 18; James Jr., 11; Glenn, 8; and Stephen, 6, all of whom attend school in Columbia.

Earl and his wife, Betty, a teacher, account for the other two grandchildren, Peri Denise, 16, Western High student; and Fawn, 8, pupil at St. Katherine's.

Cuff note: Capt. Mello was able to rattle off names and ages of his grands without batting an eye, something most dads and grandfathers are not able to do, so you know he is proud as punch.

Wise words to remember

(From the writings of famed Abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, born in Easton, Md., on Feb. 14, 1817; died Feb. 20, 1895).

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.

Afro Line

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AFRO-Line is an effective AFRO community service to help you solve problems. You may also report errors in news stories, request corrections and complain and inquire about AFRO news stories and policies.

You need only to write a postcard to AFRO Line, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203, stating the question you want answered. Include your name, address and telephone number.

QUESTION: There is a male dog in my neighborhood which other male dogs believe is a female. They hang around him the way they do when a female dog is in heat. They worry him so badly he has to jump up on cars to get out of their way. Is there such a thing as a homosexual dog? — R.B.

ANSWER: A veterinarian told AFRO "Yes, there is but we go by another term. What usually happens in cases like this is that the dog has tumors of the testicles, which we call "serotolic cell tumors" and they will attract the same as a female in heat does.

The only way to cure this is castration which may be done by a veterinarian (animal doctor.)

Where to call

AFRO readers who fail to get help at these numbers are urged to let AFRO-Line know. Call 728-8200.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION — for complaints of discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental disability; for report of tension in your community — 396-3141.

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

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION FUND—resulting from robberies or assaults — 523-5000.

EMERGENCY — housing, heating, light — 234-2172 or 234-2412; after 6 p.m. and weekends, 234-2172, answering service will direct you.

FIRES — 685-1313

FOOD STAMPS — 234-2413, 234-2751, 234-2763.

HOT LINE — 539-5151 — for abandoned motor vehicles, bulk trash pickup, clogged sewers, dirty alleys and yards, garbage collection, muddy water or water leaks, street lights.

INFORMATION — city jail, 396-5211; drug abuse counseling center, 383-2720; legal aid, 539-5340; pension reform, 962-2011; transit and traffic, 396-3049.

POLICE — emergency (day, night, weekends, 222-3333; Community Relations, 396-2710; Homicide, 396-2721.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION — for complaints about phones or gas and electric services — 383-2374.

RAPE CENTER — 366-7273.

RUMOR CONTROL — 837-1188.

SERVICE — ambulance 396-2111; animal removal, 396-0218; defective sidewalk, 396-3160; furnace check, 396-4429; rats, 396-4418.

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.

NON-FICTION

HELTER SKELTER, Vincent Bugliosi (HV6533 C2B83)

WHEN I SAY NO I FEEL GUILTY, Manuel Smith (BF575.A8SS65)

JUDY, Frank Gerold (ML420.G253.F7)

HOW THE GOOD GUYS FINALLY WON, Jimmy Breslin (E265.B73)

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

FICTION

RAGTIME, E. L. Doctorow

LOOKING FOR MR GOODBAR, Judith Rossner

SHOGUN, James Clavell

CLARA REEVE, Leonie Hargrave

BEYOND THE BEDROOM WALL, Larry Woiwode

CENTENNIAL, James Michener.

Any time the speaker begins with the statement: "There are two sides to every question . . ." he is sure to ignore the third side, which is usually the correct one.

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