—Behind all the violence

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mulated and nurtured in the family, he said. When children are allowed to express aggression within the family in socially accepted ways, they avoid "becoming anti-social persons," he declared.

A reporter asked how, within the black family, tensions might be lessened. He responded, "There must be social, psychological and economic support for the family."

Though admitting that increasingly both parents are working outside the home, he acknowledged there is less time for the mother to provide the type of nurturing and security-providing care that allows children to feel secure within the home.

He felt too often aggression within the family has no harmless way of emitting itself. Family members then, he felt, "take it out on the nearest person."

Dr. Pope's assessment fits in with innumerable reports documenting that most black crime, particularly homicide, occurs between and among blacks who know each other well, or at least have some acquaintance.

Better education and better training which allow for better jobs could help break the pattern of violence in the home of many low-income blacks, Dr. Pope said.

Moreover, "I expected there to be a 'Roots Effect,'" Dr. Pope continued. "What's that?" a reporter asked.

"A number of blacks had their aggressions and frustrations depicted on the recent television showing of 'Roots.' There were a number of blacks who couldn't deal with it. In fact, had that show been aired during the summer, I would have expected riots. There were, and are, just some blacks who can't deal with their anger," he explained.

"You think 'Roots' had that effect?" the reporter said. "Well, I don't think that 'Roots' by itself or 'Roots' alone was solely responsible. But, it could have served as a catalyst for many of these people, who are border-line people, who need just one thing to push them over into violent, anti-social behavior," Dr. Pope said.

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"We are still studying the effects of cold from this winter and the inability to acquire heat for homes," he added. "This is sure to have some effect. People feel helpless to do anything about it. Think of this in terms of the fact that even when you turned your thermostat down to 65 degrees, when you got the bill, it had almost doubled. They feel as though they want to do something about it. Some see no way to do anything about it, but violent acts," he explained.

These question of violent behavior arose prominently last week when the AFRO reported the story of the Douglass High School teacher who murdered his girlfriend and then killed himself.

Seemingly he had everything going for him. Education. Sports ability. A challenging profession as a high school teacher. From all measurable standards set by today's society he was a success.

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None the less, almost methodically, Sunday evening, Feb. 27, Alexander Clarence Watson III, a 28-year old mathematics and biology teacher at the Gwynns Falls Parkway school, whom relatives had described simply as "depressed," shot his girlfriend and less than 24 hours later turned the weapon on himself with a bullet to the head.

The next question is why?

Dr. Denis Madden, associate director, Clinical Research Program for Violent at the University of Maryland Hospital offered this opinion recently, while noting he did not have knowledge of the dead man's medical record and background:

"He may have felt himself limited; that is, he may have felt limited about his future possibility. This then becomes a social problem."

Dr. Madden said this after a reporter asked him to frame his response in light of Alexander Watson's position as black male in a largely white society.

"There may not have been an outlet for him to challenge his drives. Aggression when challenged normally is healthy. But during the summer, I would have expected riots. There were, and are, just some blacks who can't deal with their anger," he explained.

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trying to close in on him because we felt he was going to surrender after the conversations we had with his family."

Watson was a 1966 graduate of Douglass and completed undergraduate and graduate degrees at Coppin State. While at high school and Coppin, he received many trophies for basketball. He was honored as "Man of the Year" and most valuable basketball player at Coppin 1972.

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Getting people who commit violent acts off the street into a hospital for treatment and observation can be difficult.

A greater emphasis on patients' rights makes it harder to hospitalize and retain violent people in medical institutions, Dr. Pope said. And, with increasing malpractice suits being brought against physicians, doctors are more hesitant in committing persons to mental hospitals, he added.

"People are being released on legal technicalities. And, there is pressure to prove that people are dangerous. If you put a person in a hospital for treatment, the final decision rests with a hearing officer, who often is a lawyer, who is not a medical doctor. So there is a difficulty in hospitalizing people."

Dr. Pope has a great interest in treating people before they become major problems to society. "But, he said, "if patients' rights are keeping them out of the hospital and people avoid going to community mental health centers; there is the problem."

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He agreed that the mental health field is complex and complex for the average person to understand.

As soon as people start having problems, usually which begin at home with close relatives, they should seek help, he said.

Listed below are hospitals with open service mental health clinics where the fee is pro-rated on the patients' ability to pay:

Sinai, Provident, University of Maryland, Baltimore City Hospitals and a north Baltimore center at 25th and Calverts Sts.

Two-thirds of all Americans who have had military service make up today's veteran population of 29.7 million, the Veterans Administration reports.

The Veterans Administration is sixth among all federal agencies in budget outlays, with annual appropriations exceeding $18 billion.

—Acquitted

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started hitting Dr. Scott because his children had been complaining to him about a man (Dr. Scott) coming to their house hugging and kissing their mother in front of them.

When Judge Kelly asked the defendant "Why did you hit Dr. Scott?" he answered, "I love my children and I had asked him to respect them. I have seen him at my wife's home before.

Dr. Scott testified he was at the Hi Fi Gas station on Route 40, Feb. 14, when Fant approached him and said, "I'm going to kick your a--."

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"He told the court, "I could have run but I decided to fight him. I ended up on the ground and blood was on my eyes and face.

"The sight of blood made him stop hitting me. He kept swinging at me with his fist and punched me in the chest 10 or 12 times.

Dr. Scott testified he later discovered he (Fant) was the estranged husband of a "lady who works with me and I have gone to dinner with her several times."

Dr. Scott, who had a patch on the left side of his face told the court for several days after he was assaulted he had pains in his bin and chest.

Assistant State's Attorney Peter Crisp told the court, "Mr. Fant was not worried about what Dr. Scott and his wife were doing. He was only worried about how it affected his children. Mr. Fant did approach the victim and I think he was entitled to defend himself and it's clear it was a case of assault and battery.

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PLAN BULK TRASH PICK-UPS IN SIX CITY AREAS

AFRO Clean Block war on garbage begins

War on trash and rats was declared this past Friday when the AFRO Clean Block program held a planning session in the Board Room of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

This city-wide campaign is being conducted for the 42nd year by the AFRO. Mrs. Ida Peters is director; Mrs. Arnetta Lottier is deputy director.

The meeting was called to discuss bulk trash removal; rodent control and the free breakfast program.

Edward J. Moore, chief Baltimore Bureau of Sanitation in response to questions about why the inner city seemed to be so full of trash reported that bulk trash calls to his department have fallen off 50 per cent.

He stated there are bulk trash collections twice monthly. Clean Block Captains replied they were not getting results calling the central complaint number, 539-5151.

Mr. Moore gave numbers to call for bulk trash pick-up. Northwest, 396-6070; Southwest, 396-3367; Broadway - Fallsway, 396-8163; and Gay Street, 728-3300.

Mr. Moore also reported the streets were very dirty because of the end of the Model Cities Program and there were now fewer than 200 men picking up trash.

The war on trash and rats can be fought better if Baltimore residents would place trash and garbage in proper metal containers.

It was pointed out by Mrs. Peters that the city, during the past two years and various garbage strikes, encouraged citizens to use plastic bags which only feed the rat.

The AFRO Clean Block program pledged to urge block captains to ask their members to purchase metal trash cans.

It was also pointed out by the AFRO and Captains that the changes in trash days have resulted in confusion as many residents hold to their old trash days. Where trash days have been changed to Monday and Thursday in the city, residents still put trash out on Friday which gives a messy city over the week-end in many areas.

CLEAN BLOCK Planning Meeting—Top from left, Mrs. Pearlieu Marcus, Don Torres, Mayor's office; Mrs. Minnie Mitchell, Mrs. Douglass Campper, Fo-Win-Ash Garden Club, Delano Williams.

Below: Jerry Bullock of Urban Services talks to school breakfast program. Far right, Mrs. Alfreda Pinckney, former principal of Cherry Hill and Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, Mayor's office.

New numbers for trash

Mr. Moore and the Health Department Rodent Control in the next four weeks will concentrate on bulk trash pick-ups in eight areas.

The AFRO Clean Block will run maps in the AFRO and distribute flyers to civic groups giving exact days for bulk trash pick-ups in the following areas:

Lower Govans, Patterson Park-Jefferson; Druid Heights, Park Heights, Fremont-Edmondson; Calloway-Garrison, Riggs-Fulton, Edmondson-Hilton, Allendale-Wildwood Phy.

Charles Gilliam (396-4420) and Claude Patterson of the Baltimore City Rodent Control spoke on the need for removing bulk trash before scheduling baiting for rats.

The AFRO pointed out to the Health Department the need for cutting high weeds and grass on city-owned property as well as the many neglected lots owned throughout the city by the bankrupt Pennsylvania Railroad.

It was pointed out the baiting was useless if the city and other large businesses failed to get rid of places that harbor and breed rats.

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Other consultants present were Jerry Bullock of Urban Services who talked on the need to get the breakfast program in city schools; Mrs. Marguerite Campbell and Don Torres of the Mayor's office; Mrs. Carolyn Colvin of Housing and Community Development (396-4136) who took complaints on city owned lots and houses; Mrs. Arlene B. Fisher, Lafayette Square Community Center.

Mrs. Naomi Camper, of the For-Win-Ash Garden Club gave a demonstration on planting of Petunias and Marigolds. These flowers should be started now, indoors, for beautiful window boxes this summer.

Captains attending included:

Ms Angela Noil, Argyle Ave. Delano Williams, N. Loudon Ave.; Mrs. Annie Thomas, Edmondson Ave.; Mrs. Matilda Koval, CTA, N. Port St.; Mrs. Frances Douthat, CTA, Patterson Park Ave.; Mrs. Elinor Powell, Grayson St.; Mrs. Leona Daniels, Giles Road; Mrs. Pattie Boyd, Holbrook St.; Mrs. Pearlieu Marcus, E. 22nd St.;

Also Mrs. Mary Sawyer, Braddish Ave.; Mrs. Minnie Mitchell, W. North Ave.; Mrs. Sadie Green, Sanford Place and Mrs. Louise Floojl, N. Gilmor St.

$8,500 bail set for car theft suspect

Bail in the amount of $8,500 has been set for car theft suspect that led a score of patrol cars on a 20 minute chase Wednesday afternoon through central and northwest Baltimore.

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The suspect, Elmer Green, 21, if the 100 block Albemarle St. was arrested in the 3400 block of Park Heights Ave. after police had to subdue him in the backyard of a bewildered homeowner.

According to the police report, the incident began when two police officers began giving chase after they witnessed a car weaving in and out of traffic in the 1700 block of Druid Hill Ave.

Police said that the chase ended when the car crashed into a tree, resulting in the injury of a month old baby that was riding in the car with an unidentified woman and a two year old child.

The baby, identified as Myra Turner, was admitted to Provident Hospital and listed in fair condition.

Police seize $2,134.50 in lottery raid

Police report they have conducted six lottery raids on homes since March 1 and recovered a total of $2,134.50 in cash and more than 10,000 illegal lottery bets.

Clarence Walker, 70, of the 3700 block Woodhaven Ave. was arrested March 7 and charged with possession of lottery and setting up and maintaining a lottery operation after police found 6,705 number bets for $9,849 in play and $889.50 in cash.

Police state when they entered Mr. Walker's home around 11 a.m. he was on the phone with a large notebook in his hand that was filled with illegal lottery slips.

Charles Harris Jr. 29, of the 1500 block N. Smallwood St. was arrested March 8 after police found $345 cash and lottery slips in a plastic bag under his bed spread.

A 66-year-old man and 64-year-old woman were charged with possession of lottery and setting up a lottery operation after police found $521 in cash and several lottery slips in their home.

Ms. Emily Keene Halsey, 45, of the 1700 block W. North Ave. had 3,514 lottery bets worth $4,000 in play when police raided her home March 3. She was also arrested and charged with possession of lottery and setting up and maintaining a lottery operation.

Frank Titus Evans, 38, of the 2200 block E. North Ave. had 14 lottery slips worth $80 in play when police entered his home on March 4.

Police state Evans was placing lottery slips in his pocket as they walked in the kitchen.

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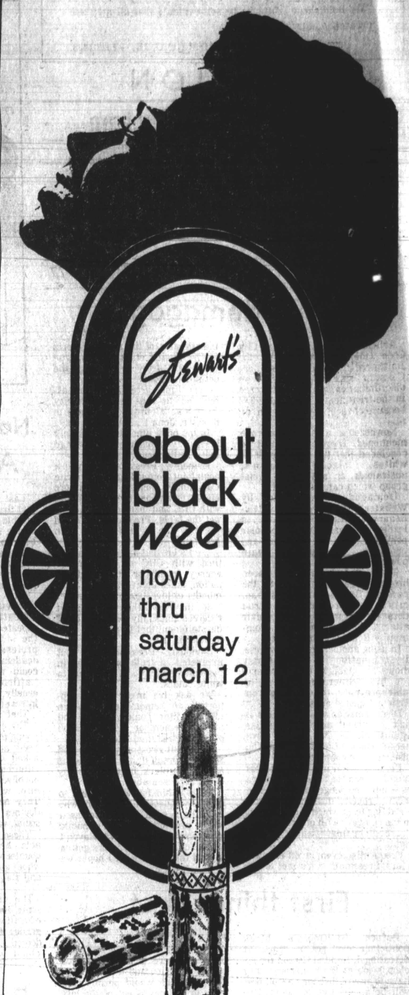

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