DROWNED—Mrs. Polly Evans Clarke, one of the people who drowned in Norfolk Va., on June 6 is shown with her husband Bishop Isaiah B. Clarke.

—Bishop's wife

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Clarke, of the 2900 block Woodland Ave. and a close friend of the family, Clarence "Coffee" Heath, 60.

Bishop Clarke said his wife and Mr. Heath, who was a tenant in his home, left Baltimore June 3 to visit relatives.

Mrs. Clarke was planning to visit her sister in North Carolina who is in the hospital and Mr. Heath went to visit his relatives.

Bishop Clarke stated, "My wife never got a chance to see her sister. She and Mr. Heath went with a group on a chartered fishing boat."

Bishop Clarke said he was told by his wife's friends who were on the boat that the group became edgy and nervous and asked the captain to go back.

However, said the clergyman, the captain refused to turn around for shore and just laughed. Some of the survivors tried to hold on to each other and one said she felt like she was being flushed down a commode.

Mrs. Grace Williams of Richmond, Va., cousin to Bishop Clarke, was one of the 14 saved. Norfolk, Va. police report the captain drowned and they have not been able to locate the body of Mr. Heath.

Bishop Clarke says he has not heard from the Norfolk, Va. Coast Guard or police and is concerned about Mr. Heath because, "he was on the boat."

Bishop Clarke is now in the process of taking legal action against the private owners who rented the chartered boat.

The couple had been married for 21 years and his wife has been fishing since she was a child. "She knew what she was talking about when she asked the captain to take the boat back to shore," he said.

"My wife is always going fishing and has been getting on boats for years. I've decided I am not going to do any more fishing or get on another boat," said Bishop Clarke.

The Dixie Lee II chartered fishing boat had been out to sea for 40 minutes when passengers started asking the captain to turn around and go back.

Mrs. Williams of Virginia, who is now confined to the hospital because of the accident, is quoted as saying, "I don't know why he didn't turn around. I had already taken my rod out of the water."

Mrs. Williams said she could not swim but fought frantically for her life and won.

Funeral services were held June 10 for Mrs. Clarke at New Rehoboth Baptist Church, 2504 N. Hilton St.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Freda Diane Booth; a granddaughter, Yolanda T. Jordan; one sister, Lillie Flemines of Nashville, N.C.; a brother, Randolph Evans, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Riggs Ave. resident, 82, wins dough from 'Mr. Fro'

"This is wonderful. I am 82 years old and have never won anything in my life. For 12 years I have been in Baltimore and buy The AFRO every Tuesday and Friday."

Mrs. Mabel Bland, of the 1600 block Riggs Ave. stood on her front steps when she made the above statement to 'Mr. Fro' on Wednesday.

She was one of the six winners who had The AFRO sticker in her window and an AFRO in her home.

It's vacation time and we can all use extra money. 'Mr. Fro' is giving all AFRO readers a chance to win as much as $100. Since Mr. Fro gave away his first $100 he says he is anxious to give away more.

Mrs. Bland won $10 because she had sent in a coupon from the newspaper saying she wanted to play the game and Ms. Fro' called her at home. She was able to answer 'Ms. Fro's questions concerning news in the AFRO.

Mrs. Janie McCellan of 1606 Riggs Ave. has brought the AFRO since 1946 and won $10 by just having the AFRO in her home and a sticker in her window.

When Mr. Fro' arrived in the 600 block Gilmor St. Ms. Theresa Hall was sitting on the steps with friends and shouted to Mr. Fro', "I have my AFRO."

Ms. Hall was given a chance to hit the number with a dart on the chart but missed. She still received $10 from Mr. Fro for having her Tuesday AFRO.

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Mrs. Richard Hargrove, formerly of 634 N. Gilmor St. had also talked to 'Ms. Fro' on the phone. However, when 'Mr. Fro' went to her Gilmor home, she had moved.

'Mr. Fro' was able to contact Mrs. Hargrove at her new address and gave her the check.

Mrs. Hargrove said, "I am not a gambler," but decided to take a chance on getting the $100. She also got a chance to spin 'Mr. Fro's lucky wheel but was not able to hit the winning number on the chart.

Mr. Fro' gave her $10 because she had the AFRO and a sticker on her door.

Neighbors were leaning out of their windows and sitting on their steps when 'Mr. Fro' arrived in the 900 block Appleton St.

Children gathered around 'Mr. Fro' asking for a sticker to place in their window, while 'Mr. Fro' gave Mrs. Daisy Gilchrist of 914 Appleton St. a check for $10 for having the AFRO.

Mrs. Gilchrist's neighbor Mrs. Tessie Henson of 906 Appleton St. also won $10 because she is an AFRO reader and had her sticker on her door and paper under her arm when 'Mr. Fro' arrived in her block.

Be on the lookout Saturday for 'Mr. Fro' in your neighborhood. He wants everyone to get some of the money and you just might be the $100 winner.

Suspect held in Cherry Hill gym slaying

Charles Davis, 26, has played basketball in recreation centers since he was in elementary school.

He was known to travel alone and was often seen in different centers playing ball.

His wife, Mrs. Charlene Davis, told The AFRO, "My husband loved to play basketball and has never had any enemies."

Tuesday, tragically, was Davis' last game. While playing basketball in St. Veronica's Parish Social Hall in Cherry Hill Davis was slain when a man entered the hall and began shooting.

The gunman fired shots at players five times, hitting Davis in the head and Robert Johnson in the arm.

Davis of the 2700 block Fisk Rd. was pronounced dead at South Baltimore General Hospital.

Johnson, 17, of the 2500 block Round Rd. was treated at the same hospital for a bullet wound of the left arm and released.

William Roland Langley Jr., 20, of the 800 block Seagull Ave. turned himself in around 5 p.m. Wednesday after he learned homicide detectives had issued a warrant for him. He is now being held at City Jail.

Police report nearly 30 persons were in the gymnasium hall in the 2900 block Joseph Ave. for the Operation Champ basketball game. They have no motive for the shooting.

Police state the game was being played between neighborhood teenagers.

The family of Davis will receive friends today (Friday) 7 p.m. at Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, 2718 Harford Rd. Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m.

Born in Baltimore, Davis was in the Navy from 1970 to 1973. He was formerly employed with the Sanitation Department but was not working at the time of his death.

In addition to his wife, Davis is survived by two daughters, Dania and Victoria Davis; his mother, Mrs. Mary Davis; father, Charles Davis; two sisters, Paula Jones and Joyce Jones and one brother, Gary Davis.

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For All We Know

By Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

PRESIDENT CARTER'S Maryland forces are going into the "Big Ball Game" at last. Major appointments are coming through.

FIRST ON THE LIST is Daniel P. Henson, 33, of Strathmore Avenue who has been named regional director of the Small Business Administration for Region III, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Washington, D.C. Heading a staff of 200 persons, the hard-hitting Carter supporter in the Maryland area last year will receive a salary of $54,000 a year.

HENSON thus becomes the first black SBA regional director. Credited with the appointment are Senator Paul Sarbanes and Attorney A. Dwight Pettit who was first to come out for Carter when folks were saying "Jimmy who?"

GUESS WHO IS NEXT on the White House appointments list now that the Green Light is on Maryland? (Tell you later).

MAL GOODE, the ABC United Nations correspondent and super speaker is the Sunday 5 p.m. Leadenhall Baptist main speaker for the Afro American Labor Council's salute to Delegate Troy Brailey, Sen. Sarbanes features again here as his assistant, Norman Brailey, introduces Goode.

CONG. PARREN J. MITCHELL, Sarbanes, Thomas M. Bradley, president, Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO Labor Unions; the Rev. James Carter, New Bethlehem Baptist Church; Brice Stowe, Sunday School teacher, Leadenhall, are mini guest speakers to be introduced by WMAR TV-2's Chuck Richards.

PRESENTATIONS to Del. Brailey, a longtime AFRO Honor Roll member, are from Raymond H. Clark, president of AFSCME Local 44; Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor; Lee F. Lewis, Afro American Labor Council and Alice Faye Bailey Torriente of New York.

Others on the program are William D. Parrish; Dr. Chester L. Wickwire, president, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Harvey Gordon Jr., trustee chairman, Leadenhall; Mrs. Joan E. Cooper, Afro American Labor Council; Mrs. Mary Brown, soloist.

A. Philip Randolph, the nationally noted labor chief, is honorary chairman and Hershey Richardson, head of the Port of Baltimore and Daniel Demby the 1429 Local ILA chief, co-chairmen.

All persons are invited to attend FREE with refreshments following at 6:30 p.m. promptly.

NEXT AFRO Honor Roll member to merit a salute is Samuel Batten of Arbutus who is retiring from 30 years at the Department of Public Welfare. The event at Le Fountaine Rouge Wednesday, June 29 is scheduled to be a memorable one for Sammy and Mrs. Batten who were honored in 1974 by the AFRO for being foster parents over 25 years.

BEAUTEOUS Mrs. Mary B. Hurt, the Dunbar High physical education teacher, retired this week after 30 years service and with excitement announced she is headed for China, Korea and Japan as she continues world travel.

DANIEL P. HENSON
first Carter appointment

MARY B. HURT
retires from Dunbar

SAMUEL BATTEN
30 year retiree

MAL GOODE
Brailey salute speaker

In Japan, she'll visit my grands, Marilyn III, Elmer III, Christopher and Gregory German who are there for vacation from Hawaii with their father, Airforce Capt. Elmer W. German Jr.

Mrs. Hurt served three decades, all at Dunbar where Julia B. Woodland is now principal.

LAST WEEK Dunbar's physical education department under Robert Wade held the Hurt retirement party at Surgi's Ice House in Little Italy.

This Wednesday, Mary was saluted at Gordon's in Pikesville by the Baltimore City Women High School Coaches Association with Betty Reed, chairman.

Mrs. Hurt is the wife of John J. Hurt and daughter of Mrs. Daisy O. Butler and the late Charles H. Butler and member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She was member of the Women's Division of Physical Education at Dunbar for a number of years and served on the Baltimore City Physical Education Curriculum and Advisory Committees.

Her farewell to school days concludes with, "I'm

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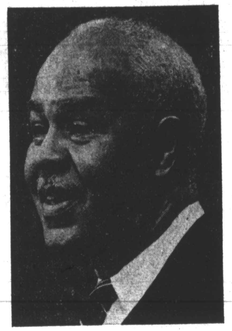
"Fire is the test of gold; adversity, of strong men."
Seneca



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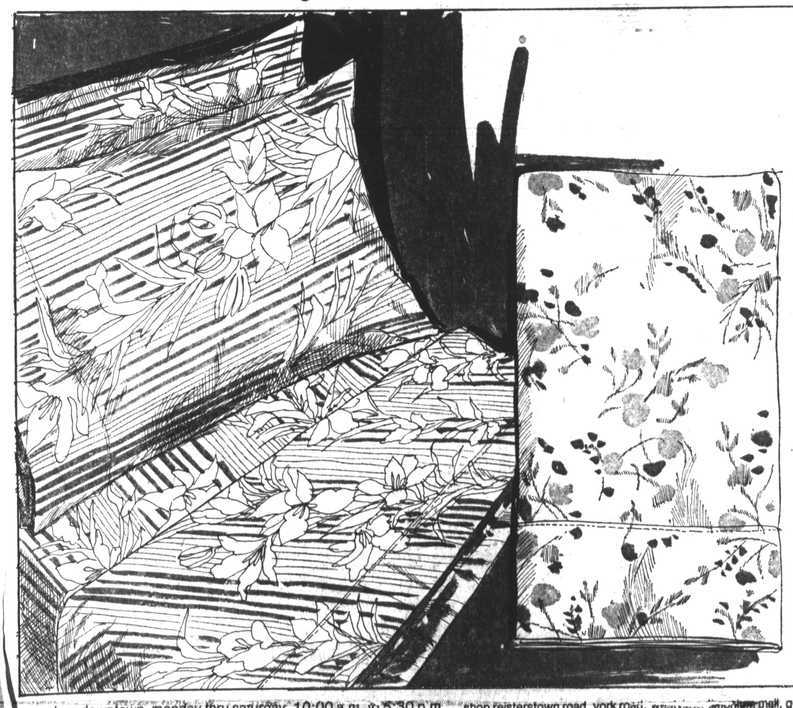

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