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HER ILLUSTRIOUS FAMILY of 14 sisters and brothers includes Miss Young (4th right); Miss Flossie Brown, Mrs. Lillie Walden (Ernest); Mrs. Laverne Kelly (Rufus); Mrs. Joyce Bowman (Stanford); Otis B. Young Jr., the PAN AM 747 jet pilot; Miss Margaret N. Young, Esteri St. C. Young, Mrs. Maisye Y. Moore (Howard); Hezekiah E. Young, Mrs. Etta Frances Young, Miss Young, Mrs. Lizzie C. Peace (aunt); Mrs. Flo Jefferson (Robert W.) and James E. Young.

Baltimore County's Josephine O. Young is Maryland's most honored lady

Gets Doctor of Humane Letters plus 51 plaques and citations

By Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor

Miss Josephine Ora Young, a Baltimore County teacher of over 30 years was retired recently and it came to light at a banquet in her honor last Sunday that she ranks as Maryland's most celebrated woman.

During the affair at Martin's West she not only received the doctor of humane letters honorary degree from Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va., but also over 50 other citations and plaques.

The honors, which were presented to her in person, also included those from the governor of Virginia and the governor of Maryland and granted in the presence of nearly 300 guests and members of her family who arrived from across the nation.

Noteworthy was the presence of Airforce Capt. and Mrs. Otis B. Young Jr., her nephew, who is a PAN AM 747 jet pilot, a graduate of the Airforce Academy in Colorado Springs and a much - decorated pilot of WWII.

Also present were 12 of Miss Young's 14 sisters and brothers, themselves in high brackets of success and most of her 44 nieces and great - nephews.

Miss Young retired from Baltimore County where she taught at Sollers Point Jr. Sr. High, Ridgely Jr. High, Johnnycake Jr. High and Catonsville Jr. High.

Miss Young is one of the 14 children of the late Leah Sykes Young. The 1953 Virginia State Mother of the Year, first black in the Old Dommion, and the late John P. Young of Courtland, Va.

Several national magazines have carried articles about the Young Family such as the Readers Digest, Guide Posts, Crisis, Ebony, Farm Journal, and others.

Dupon's Calvalcade of America Program "Sixteen Sticks in a Bundle" was broadcast over NBC Radio station from Hollywood, California.

Also, U.S. Information Services (USIA) of the Department of State carried the family story and it was translated in 88 countries of the world.

The recognition banquet was sponsored by the Virginia State University Alumni, Metro Chapter, Baltimore and the Sponsoring Committee composed of former students, former co - workers; community associates and civic groups.

In addition to the honorary doctor of humane letters degree presented by Dr. Wilson, acting president of Virginia Seminary, Miss Young has B.S. and M.S. degrees from Virginia University and advanced graduate study at Cornell University, University of Maryland, Indiana University, Loyola College and CCB.

OUT OF TOWN guests included:

ATLANTA
Dr. George B. Thomas

CHARLOTTE
Mrs. Lizzie C. Peace, Mrs. Hazel P. Amos, Miss Gena Amos,

PITTSBURGH
Miss Naomi T. Thomas, Mrs. Josephine T. Kyles, Miss Mia Kyles, Mrs. Athelon Lowman, Miss Nianza Lowman.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Mrs. Ernestine Thomas, Mrs. Betty Y. Miller, Mrs. Willie K. Harmon, Kim Renie Jackson, Ruth Miller, Bob Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Jenkins, Mrs. Odell M. Spruiell, Miss Nicole S. Wilhite, Mrs. Claudine Y. White, Mrs. Etta S. Young.

John Rudolph Young Jr., Miss Donna Young, Mrs. Tanya Brown, Mrs. Leah Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford W. Bowman Sr., Miss Julie Bowman,

Hope E. Bowman, Mr. Steven Bowman, Miss Anita Bowman, Miss Joy Bowman, Al Turner,

Mrs. Carolyn Belton, Mrs. Viola S. Carr, Mrs. Dollye S. Herndon, Miss Barbar Young, Mrs. Doris Moore, Mrs. Maisy Y. Moore,

VIRGINIA
Dr. Ezell S. Antrey, Mrs. Katherine B. Young, Miss Venessa Young, Miss Michelle Young, Windell Young, Marlon Young, Miss Margaret N. Young, Miss Flossie Brown, Miss Angela M. Parker, Mrs. Lucinda Y. Spencer, Mrs. Mable Hart, Kenneth Hart and Mrs. Sandra F. Thoregood.

PHILADELPHIA
Mrs. Fannie Harrison,

ELLICOTT CITY
Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Kelly, Miss Carla Kelly, Miss Chrystal Kelly.

SEVERN, MD.
Mr. James Artis Jr., Mr. Lionel Artis,

ADELPHI, MD.
Mr. and Mrs. Otis B. Young Jr., Miss Yvette Young, Mr. Otis B. Young III;

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND
Mrs. Annette Taylor, Miss Cheryl Taylor, Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. C. V. Coleman, Dr. and Mrs. John Kelly.

HONORS
Harry Hughes, governor of Maryland; John N. Dalton, governor of Virginia; William D. Schaefer, mayor of Baltimore; State Sen. Clarence Mitchell, III for the Maryland Senate; Del. Troy Brailey for the Maryland House of Delegates;

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Dr. James Calvin Buford, special assistant to the state superintendent and the State Board of Educations;

Dr. Robert Y. Dubel, superintendent, Board of Education, Baltimore County Public Schools; Dr. Rufus Abernathy, president, Maryland State Teachers Asso.;

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Mrs. Pauline Hobbs, elementary supervisor, Baltimore County retired; Edward Young, vice principal, Deer Park Jr. High, Baltimore County, chairman, Howard County Human Relations Commission; Mrs. Edith Clements, co - worker - retired;

Dr. J. Ruppert Picott, executive director, The Association for the Study of Afro - American Life and History, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Elinor Burton (William), president, Virginia State University Alumni Association, Baltimore - Metro Chapter;

Mrs. Johnniemae Thompson, community associate; Miss Margaret N. Young, reference librarian, Virginia State University, Petersburg; Samuel Daniels, Prince Hall Masons;

Angela Walden and LaVerne Kelly, the Young family; Mrs. LaVerne Kelly; Virginia Seminary, Dr. Eddie R. Wilson, acting president, Dr. A.C. D. Vaughn board chairman;

Hezekiah Young, Capt. Otis Young, the Young Family; Dr. Harvey Zorbaugh, executive director, MSTA; John Taylor; Leadenhall Baptist Church; First United Apostolic Church of Christ; Forest Park Reformed Presbyterian;

Rufus Kelly III, the Young family; Dr. Thomas M. Law, president, Virginia University; Edward T. Thompson, editor in chief, Readers Digest; Janice F. Jackson, National Education Asso.; Baltimore County Public Schools; Teachers Asso. Baltimore County, Janice C. Piccinini, American Asso. of University Women; Dr. George Thomas, Interdenominational Theological Seminary, Atlanta University;

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The Readers Digest; The AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, city editor;

The John and Leah Sykes Young NEA Award recipients, Angela Parker;

Baltimore County Council; Emanuel Blow, president, Baltimore Chapter of ASAIH;

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, Jr., Freedom House and the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum; Rev. and Mrs. Kelly Jackson, Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum; Rev. Dr. Eddie R. Wilson, Jr., Leadenhall Baptist Church; Rev. Dr. John Bryant, pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church; Rev. Dr. George B. Thomas, Atlanta; Rev. and Mrs. O. St. Clair Franklin, pastor, Ames Methodist Church; Dr. Thomas M. Law and the Virginia State University Foundation, Petersburg.

FLOWER BASKET OF $100 bills from the Sponsoring Committee went to Miss Young and presented by Mrs. Ethel Gordon.

HER FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA gave Miss Young, their founder, their highest award. Members of the Baltimore County group are Misses Linda Hall, Willa Barber, Wendy Talbot, Glenda Moore, Yolanda Woods, Patrice Hines, Leatrice Coleman, Crystal Conigland, Janine Coleman, David Washington and Mrs. Maurie Colemah, parent. Miss Young stand fourth left.

PRINCIPAL OF THE DECADE Award goes from Mrs. Young to Charles Fletcher, retired principal of Sollers Point Jr.-Sr. High School and her principal from 1953 to 1958.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING went from Michael Zollicoffer, son of the late Dr. Lawrence Zollicoffer, a June 5 UMBC graduate who will enter medical school in the fall with Miss Young's aid.

HER ESCORTS — Miss Young is flanked by (L to R) Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Clarence Mitchell Jr. and her nephew, Air Force Captain Otis B. Young, the first jet pilot who now pilots an overseas PAN AM 747.

AFRO'S CITATION went to Miss Young to be coupled with the newspaper's highest award, an Honor Roll Plaque, given her in 1974. Donor is Elizabeth M. Oliver, city editor.

FHA AWARD given Miss Young by Mrs. Maurie Coleman salutes Miss Young for her services as founder and guardian of the Baltimore County group.

MARYLAND'S HIGHEST from Gov. Harry Hughes is a plaque received by Miss Young on behalf of the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum and given to Mrs. Jackson's daughter and son, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell and Bowen Jackson.

Storm blows roofs off houses city 'improved'

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—2nd racial assault in one week—

White mob strikes before dawn

Roofs blown off, mom, 2 kids hardest hit by storm

By Ann Sagi
AFRO Staff Writer

Any other day, Ms. LaVern Foster would have sent her two children, Antonique and Drenary, upstairs to their third floor rooms at 549 W. Mosher St. to change their clothes.

But for some reason, she didn't Thursday afternoon, June 3.

It is a good thing.

At 4:30 p.m., during a violent flash wind and rain storm, the roof was torn from the house and from Ms. Foster's four neighbor's houses.

"All this water was coming in from upstairs. My daughter said, 'Mommy, you forgot to close a window.' Then the smoke detector went off.

"I went upstairs and water was pouring from the smoke detector. There were big cracks in the ceiling and you could see the sky," Ms. Foster said.

Then, at 5 p.m., the entire roof ripped loose.

"It made a terrible noise, like a loud 'WOOF!' when it went," she said.

And," in April 1979, the roof leaked, soaking the two upstairs bedrooms and causing nearly $2,000 in damage.

When Ms. Foster, director of the James McHenry recreation center, bought the house two years ago, she thought she was dealing with a reputable establishment — Baltimore City.

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VIEW FROM THE ROOF — Ms. LaVern Foster stands in the third floor bedroom and gazes out of what used to be the roof of her house in the 500 block W. Mosher St. The house, renovated by the city two years ago, was one of five in the block which lost roofs during Tuesday's rain storm.

200 stitches needed after bicyclist is beaten on way to work

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

In the second local racial assault in one week, a 21-year-old youth was attacked and beaten by eight whites in South Baltimore.

According to Grace Clark, mother of David Clark, the youth was riding his bike to work when the incident occurred at the intersection of Cross and Light Sts.

"It happened early Monday morning at about 3:30 a.m.," she said. "He was riding his bike to work, (the youth is employed by the Maryland Drydock Company) when these whites jumped him and beat him terribly. They took his bike, and he had to receive 200 stitches in his face."

As a result of the beating, Clark's jaw is wired, and he can barely talk. His mother said that he communicates by writing down information.

Police spokemen said that two arrests have been made. The two suspects are Kerry Kirby and Dustin Brubach.

Clark was treated at South Baltimore General Hospital and, although he was released, he still has to travel to the hospital for treament.

According to his mother, he continue to suffer from the attack.

"They fractured his arm and some of his ribs," she said. "He's still in a lot of pain, and he didn't get any sleep last Tuesday night."

In a related development, four whites were arrested who allegedly participated in an attack against three black men last week in the Hampden area of the city.

Charged are: Robert Herron, 3000 block Huntington Ave. Allen Mazak, address unknown; Harold Williams Jr. and his brother Theodore, 400 W. 24th St.

The four are being held on bail which ranges from $500 to $2,000.

Also arrested was William A. Fox, address unknown.

Court deals rent control advocates another hard knock

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Rent control supporters suffered another setback Tuesday, June 3 as the state Court of Appeals upheld city Supreme Bench Judge Joseph H. H. Kaplan's ruling which voided the controversial rent control amendment.

The ruling, according to advocates of rent control, means that the City Council where a rent where a rent control bill has lanquished since mid-summer, is the only viable route to go if the city is to realize rent control.

According to the Court of Appeals, the ordinance was a legislative action, which would have made it improper material for an amendment to the city charter.

If the bill had withstood the court challenges, it would have been incorporated onto the city charter as a permanent statute.

But the appeals court justices ruled Tuesday that citizens do not have the power to enact legislation, thus dooming the measure.

The only dissenting opinion from the seven - member body was that of Judge Harry A. Cole, who is the only black on the high court.

Cole stated in his minority opinion that "The people of Baltimore have the sovereign right to insert in their charter any provision they desire."

Most of the pro-rent control groups agree that the city council remains the only recourse left.

Mary Slicker, a rent control worker, agreed.

"We've met with (City Councilman Nathan) Irby and others towards having a strong measure. We'll have to have a bill that's strong."

Rent control advocates have been slow to support City Council rent control legislation, specifically the bill introduced by Councilman Nathan Irby in the summer of 1979 because they claim the bill is too weak.

Ms. Slicker pointed out that the bill has too many pass-through provisions by which a landlord could circumvent the proposed effect of the bill, and that there is no provision in the bill for a body to enforce the legislation if it is passed

City Council is next step

Ed Taylor, also of the Rent Control Campaign, said that his organization plans a series of rent strikes, as well as a protest demonstration Monday, June 9 at 5 at City Hall to coincide with the scheduled weekly city council meeting.

Although a split has developed between the Rent Control Campaign and the People's Campaign for Rent Control, organized by Bobby Cheeks and the Welfare Rights Organization, members of both bodies have decided to join forces in light of the recent developments.

"We've already started calling our people together," said Cheeks. He added that his group will join the Monday demonstration.

"But we're not putting much faith in the City Council," Cheeks told a reporter. "We're telling our people to withhold their rents and not to avoid confrontations."

Cheeks said that supporters of the measure, as well as many Baltimoreans, feel that their "backs are up against a wall," and that civil disorder may follow in the wake of the reversal of the amendment by the high court.

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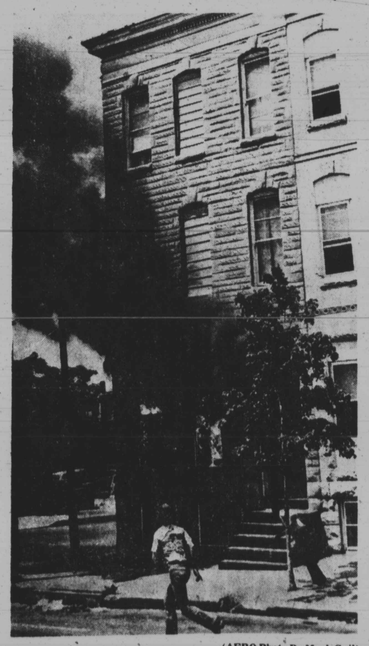

(AFRO Photo By Mark Gail)

BEFORE FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED—AFRO Photographer Mark Gail spotted this fire in the 1000 block N. Calvert St. while enroute to an assignment and pulled the alarm box at 11:35 a.m., Wednesday, June 4. The blaze started in the first floor living room. A. J. Shackleford, first floor resident, escaped without injury. The entire first floor was burned and flames damaged second story windows. It took seven pieces of equipment and 28 firefighters 11 minutes to bring the fire under control. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

Morgan prexy's fate is still on 'hold'

By Portia E. Badham
AFRO Staff Writer

The fate of Dr. Andrew Billingsley as president of Morgan State University will remain a wait and see situation until at least the end of June.

Contents of two evaluation reports conductedto study the embattled president who critics say has improperly administered the predominantly black institution were withheld during a Board of Regents meeting this week. The board was advised by Assistant Attorney General Mary N. Humphries not to release the two reports, prepared by a committee of the board and and an outside evaluation team, because they might contain libelous statements.

In addition, Edna Campbell, who chaired the board's evaluation committee stated that more time was needed for the entire board

Board Chairman G. James Fleming, whose term expires June 30, said that the board will meet in executive session June 16 and that a decision might be made at that time but he was not certain.

He added that he was "pretty sure" that the issue would be resolved before the new school term begins in September.

One of the reports addressed allegations made by Delegate Lena K. Lee in a letter to the governor last November. While Mrs. Lee who was present for the meeting, would not comment on the report she did state that she was satisfied with the progress being made by the board.

David Johnson, who will become the new chairman July 1, chaired the committee investigating Mrs. Lee's charges and stated that the report addressed 16 of the 28 charges made by the delegate.

"We've had extensive examination of records involving the president," he said. "We're even interviewed a member of the board and conducted 10 meetings between Dec. 14 and May 18."

He then added that he exptected the controversy of surrounding Billingsley to be resolved one way or the other by the time he takes charge of the board.

"We need to get the board, the college, the community and the college community back together whatever the decision is.

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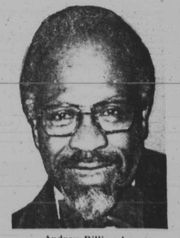

Andrew Billingsley

David Johnson

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Clean Block campaign

The 46th annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign officially began June 4 as captains and advisers met to discuss ways to spruce up and beautify the city's streets.

More than 600 blocks are expected to participate this year. In addition to cleaning the streets, workers will be planting greenery and flowers to beautify the areas.

Those neighborhoods which have special needs, such as rat eradication or increased trash pick - up, will be given attention. Paint will be provided for flower urns, flower boxes and picket fences around trees.

Special recreational activities have been planned for all neighborhood workers throughout the summer, and the campaign will end Aug. 24, with awards going to those neighborhoods which have shown the most improvement.

Any neighborhood wishing to join the Clean Block Campaign should call the AFRO at 728 - 8200.