AFRO founder's family composed of 10 children in 1892

What kind of a job could a poor, exslave 1980s to support his family?

A LITTLE BOY of the 1890's wore long stockings, high-top laced shoes and a tunic complete with a belt.

John H. Murphy Sr., a whitewasher and father of 10 children, decided he would try a newspaper. He borrowed $200 from his wife, bought meager equipment at auction from a minister - printer and with the help of the family started on Aug. 13, 1892.

Through the five years the five sons and five daughters did everything from writing, working in the plant and selling papers. Carl Murphy, a son, became editor in chief when John H. Sr. died in 1922.

Today the AFRO - AMERICAN chain of newspapers is the largest printed for a predominately black readership.

The BALTIMORE AFRO, issued twice weekly, is beginning its 90th year of publication.

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AFRO FOUNDER John H. Murphy Sr. and Mrs. Murphy had five daughters and five sons. In this photo taken on Mr. Murphy's Dec. 25 Christmas Day birthday are (seated center) Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and (R) their oldest daughter, Susan Murphy Purdy with Noah Murphy Thompson, grandson, whose mother, Lillie Murphy Thompson was deceased; (CLOCKWISE) are a cousin, Martha Howard, George B. Murphy, son and wife, Grace Hughes Murphy; Harriett Murphy Gilbert, daughter; David Arnett Murphy, son; Daniel Murphy, son, the father of the present AFRO Board chairman, John H. Murphy III; John H. Murphy Jr., son; Rose Murphy Oliver, mother of AFRO president John J. Oliver Sr.; Carl James Murphy, son, former publisher; Sarah Murphy, wife of Daniel Murphy and Miss Francis Louise Murphy, daughter and founder of the AFRO Clean Block Campaign 47 years ago.

Warden Howard Lyles gets high honors, standing ovation at banquet here

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MANY HONORS came to Warden Lyles but the highest of all from his wife, Mrs. Shirley E. Lyles, was a plaque with his gold badges earned from 1958 to the present.

Howard N. Lyles; the new warden at the Maryland House of Correction has come up through the ranks in the state's correctional system and at age 47 is one of the few black men in the nation to hold such a post.

He well deserved the banquet given in his honor last week by the Carter Foundation. The foundation has as top administrators, Dr. and Mrs Harold Carter of New Shiloh Baptist Church, the warden's church, so naturally many of the congregation attended.

Also there to heap on high honors and rise to stand ovation were national, state and local officials and members of the new warden's family.

State Sen. Clarence Blount main speaker, lauded Lyles supremely noting his excellent performance since 1958 as correctional officer: sergeant, lieutenant, captain and assistant superintendent.

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THE WARDEN'S FAMILY — (L to R) Robert E. Lyles, brother; Riger V. Lyles, brother; Mrs. Juanita Wood, sister; Mrs. Sara Johnson, sister; Mrs. Mae I. Dickens, sister; Renus E. Lyles, brother; Michael J. Lyles, son; Mrs. Edith T. Clark, sister; Mrs. Dorothy E. Offord, sister; Richard B. Lyles, brother. (SEATED) Mrs. Ianthia M. Lyles, mother; Mrs. Shirley E. Lyles, wife and Warden Lyles. Father, Eugene T. Lyles, is deceased. He and Mrs. Ianthia M. Lyles had 11 children.

SENATOR CLARENCE BLOUNT vice-chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation

SENATOR VERDA F. WELCOME member of Prison Oversight Committee

Praises also came from Sen. Verda F. Welcome. Dr. Weptanomah Carter, foundation president, her husband the warden's pastor, Cleveland Brister, executive director, St. James Teen Center, Mrs. Joann Harris of the White House staff, Mayor Schaefer, the AFRO and most importantly, Lyles wife, Mrs. Shirley Lyles.

Greetings were by Richard B. Lyles, the honoree's brother, McLindsey Hawkins, the assistant warden, Md. Penitentiary and Elmanus Herndon, deputy commissioner of Correction for the state.

Mrs. Hannah Sawyer and Rev. Jimmy Allen Thomas provided music. Many members of Lyles family of over 100 descendants from Howard Country were present.

Throughout the evening Warden Lyles was described as a deeply religious man whose wisdom and knowledge of the needs of human beings qualifies him for his high - ranking post.

Even more noteworthy is Lyles sense of community responsibility and dedication to the work of the church. He is not only a leading layman but also NAACP member and worker in many civic organizations.

Among others present were Lyles mother, Mrs. Ianthia Lyles, his brothers and sister; cousins on the Murphy - Howard side of the family, Frederick A. Howard and Elizabeth M. Oliver of the AFRO and John Michael Lyles, who enters a leading Maryland school of special education this fall.

The Carter Foundation was established by Dr. and Mrs. Carter to meet human needs in some on - going, meaningfully endowed way. It has in one year opened a Christian Mission in Haiti and has generously supported other Christian causes and scholarships.

HOSTESSES for the banquet were Miss Letitia Dillon, Mrs. Betty S. Boone, coordinator; Mrs. Miriam R. - Dixon and Miss Christine Patterson.

CARTER FOUNDATION executives, the banquet sponsors, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Carter are shown with Warden Lyles (center).

AFRO AWARD was given Warden Lyles by Mrs. Carter M. (Geneva) Puryear.

Home mortgage program monies almost gone

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

Even though the vice president of a black savings and loan firm said she is not accepting anymore loan applications for a section of the city's $43 million home mortgage program, potential homeowners should not be discouraged.

Zelma Brown, of Advanced Federal Savings and Loan Association, said she has scheduled appointments for limited loan applicants into the first week of September.

Ms. Brown said if the loans of all the people who have appointments are approved, the $300,000 Advanced has allocated to the limited income section of the city's mortgage program would be gone.

However, she said some of the people with appointments may cancel and a possibility exists everyone who has applied for a loan may not qualify.

The program Ms. Brown is referring to, began three weeks ago. It is part of a Baltimore City program to help tenants become homeowners. The $43 million available through the mortgage program is divided into four sections: limited income, which features a low down payment for qualified families making $18,000 a year or less.

Standard section loan applicants qualify if they earn $25,000 a year or less and meet other requirements. The new construction and rehabilation sections round out the mortgage program.

Ms. Brown said money still is available through the standard section at Advanced. The savings and loan firm contracted with the city to distribute $1 million of the $43 million program.

Advanced was one of 15 lending institutions who are participating in the program.

Mark Sissman, a deputy housing commissioner, said potential homeowners still have a chance to participate in the mortgage program. He said they should continue obtaining contracts or bill of sales for houses and seek the counseling required for the limited income section.

The applicants will then be referred to Loyola Federal Savings and Loan Association, where they will be placed on a waiting list.

"We expect a sizeable number of people will drop out of the program, so we are encouraging people to still make appointments."

For each person who has cancelled or dropped out of the program, another from the waiting list will replace them, he said.

Sissman said there is a "terrific demand" for loans through each of the four sections and the money is going fast. It takes about six to eight weeks for the entire loan process to be completed," he said.

Baltimore man named hospital administrator

William L. Jews recently was named administrator of Lutheran Hospital of Maryland. Jews will be responsible for all day-to-day operations of the facility.

Under a management agreement with St. Luke Health Resources, Inc., a subsidiary corporation of Lutheran Hospital, he will function as chief administrative officer.

Before being appointed to his new post, Jews served as vice president for operations of the hospital since 1979. He came to Lutheran from the University of Maryland Hospital where he served as administrative assistant for planning and development, assistant director for facilities operations and assistant director of ambulatory services and director of planning.

William L. Jews, Lutheran Hospital administrator.

Jews is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and received a master's degree from Morgan State University.

Secretary-treasurer of the Greater Baltimore Area Hospitals Committee of the Maryland Hospital Association, Jews also is a member of the Governor's Task Force on Hospital Regulations.

He is a past member of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

Jews is chairperson of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and is a member of the Baltimore City Sub-Area Advisory Council and the City Cable TV Health Sub ommittee.

30 injured at Rick James concert

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) - Firecrackers, intense heat and a few fistfights panicked a crowd of 30,000 concert - goers, injuring about 30 young people who were trampled and caught under collapsed stage baarriers, authorities said Monday.

The commotion at an outdoor concert Sunday on the Greater Baton Rouge State Fairgrounds sent injured soul music fans to four area hospitals. Police said the most serious injury was a broken leg.

"There were two or three things, isolated incidentces of pushing and shoving, (that caused the incident)," said sheriff's department spokesman Randy Thompson. "One was people set off some fireworks in the crowd which caused crowd panic.

"Another thing was that there was about a 4 - or 5 - foot hurricane fence erected in front of the stage to keep people off as a barrier. The fence fell down and collapsed and some people were injured that way."

"It was blown out of proportion last night a great deal," he said. "In the calm of the light of day, things have done just that - calmed down."

State police, who were called in to help 60 sheriff's deputies control the crowd, and witnesses said the panic began when concert promoters announced that a performance by singer Rick James would be delayed for 30 minutes.

"Everything went crazy," said Cherul Williams, 14, who was standing next to a stage barricade that collapsed and injured her ankle. "All of a sudden, they just started running.

"I was just screaming, telling them that my foot was under the barricade. They were panicking because they thought something was happening in the crowd."

In an unrelated but similar incident in Lake Charles, La., on Sunday, six people were injured - including one man shot by a police officer — as they left a benefit rock concert.

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Police in that city said fights broke out in the par-ing lot of a Civic Auditorium and shots were fired when a spectator grabbed an officer's gun.

Concert - goer Steve Guillory, 28, was in serious condition Monday with a gunshot wound in the side, and another man hit by gunfire was treated and released from a local hospital.

Two people were stabbed and two others were hurt in fights. All were in fair condition or were treated and released from hospitals.

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more years. They included George Dozier, 47 years; Mrs. Maggie Peay, 47 years in absentia; Mrs. Eva Burgess, 25; Rev. Eleanor Powell, 22; Mrs. Mary Sue Johnson, 18; Mrs. Annie Thomas, 151 Mrs. Esther Middleton, 15; Mrs. Louise Flood, 15;

Also Mrs. Maggie Quille, 10; Mrs. Berlean Thorne, 10; Ms Khadeeja Fatou Mata, 10 and Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer.

AFRO employees who were honored at War Memorial Plaza and later at a KOOL Cares luncheon at D'Joint hosted by Michael A. Bateman were:

21-25 Years: Mrs. Helen Bacon, Altia Lee, William H. Lewis, Mrs. Doris Robinson, Ellsworth Wilson, Mrs. Margaret Brown and Mrs. Alice King.

26-30 Years: Mrs. Gainor Hackney, Thomas Stockett, Mrs. Eva Barnes and Mrs. Bertha Jordan.

31-35 Years: Leon Brown, William H. Freeman, Joseph Goldman, Freddie Howard, George C. Lottier.

36-40 Years: Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, George Lee, Sam Lacy, and John Quarles.

41 and Up: John H. Murphy III, John J. Oliver, Arthur Carter, Mrs. Mae E. Dyson, Mrs. Ida M. Peters and Medford Reynolds.

Platform guests included City Council president Walter S. Orlinsky, and councilmen Dominic "Mimi" DiPietro, Mike Curran, Frank Gallagher, Michael Bowen Mitchell and Norman V.A. Reeves and Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams.

Birthday citations went to Jack Fruchtman, J.F. Theatres; C & P Telephone Co., Carl E. Smith; Eddie Williamson, Miller High Life: George W. Larkins, Jr., Gino's; Arnold Reynolds, president, Vulcan Blazers.

Entertainers who have helped AFRO Clean Block this year received citations included Mrs. Catherine Orange, Arena Youtheatre; First Class, Rod Armstrong and Ernie Donaldson; Angel and the Body Builders; Larry Middleton and Chico Thompson: Irene Haigh, Free Spirit Theatre; Alice McGill, Actress, the Amazing Josini, magician and ventriloquist: t

Consultants who have worked each meeting with Clean Blockers were also platform guests and were cited. They included:

Ms Helen Stephenson and Clayton Tucker, Self-Help Housing; Leonard Folio, Ed. Moore and Percy Wallington, Bureau of Solid Waste;

M. Jay Brodie, director of Housing and Community Development; Lenwood Ivey, Director of Urban Services;

Samuel Little, Ms Carmelita Mixon, Youth Entitlement; Lenny Moore, Baltimore Colts; Al Bumbry, Baltimore Orioles, Ms Victoria Evans and Tyrone Bell, Animal Control; Ms Pamela King, Urban Gardening;

Mrs. Monica Green, Rat Eradication; Thomas Seabron, Police Community Relations; Sgt. John Broadus, Western Police District; Sgt. W. Gregory, Agent Dickie Burke, Eastern Police District;

Mrs. Julia Woodland, principal Dunbar High School, Mrs. Dorothy Harris, HABC; Miss Shelia Tucker, NAACP.

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Inspection of all 395 AFRO Clean Blocks start Sunday, August 23 at 10 a.m. all day. AFRO Clean Block Awards Sunday for blocks to receive $10,000 in cash awards is Sunday, August 30 at 2 p.m.

—Congratulations

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opposed ordinances to block blacks from moving into areas that were mostly white.

The AFRO, as we have always called it, grew under the founder and under his five sons to become the largest black weekly paper in the South and East.

Today some 163 years later John B Russwurm and the Rev. Samuel E. Cornish published the first issue of Freedom's Journal, the AFRO is in the forefront of those gallant crusaders still seeking equal and full opportunity for America's biggest ethnic minority.

Like your other admirers and supporters I look forward to helping you celebrate your first century of publication.

Very Sincerely Yours,
Samuel R. Pierce Jr., U.S. Secretary of Housing and member of President Reagan's Cabinet.

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